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Parkin' in the streets

■ Residents temporarily relocate during construction

By Kim Kovelie
STAFF WRITER

For Pat Schafer, the trickiest part of residential roadwork was parking off a main road and carting groceries and four children through backyards for two weeks. "The grocery store and Costco trips were the worst," Schafer

said. "I just parked off of Taft. We got in the routine of leaving a little early. It was (for) a good reason."

But last week, the temporary inconvenience for Schafer and others in the Addington Place subdivision paid off with a new road — and driveways to boot.

Built in 1995, Addington Place was one of four neighborhoods added to Novi's Neighborhood Road Repaving Program. The original list, approved in early June, included six other neighborhoods citywide.

The project is part of a road

"It was inconvenient, but we wanted new roads. You've got to pay the price to get your roads fixed."

Pat Holt
Addington sub resident

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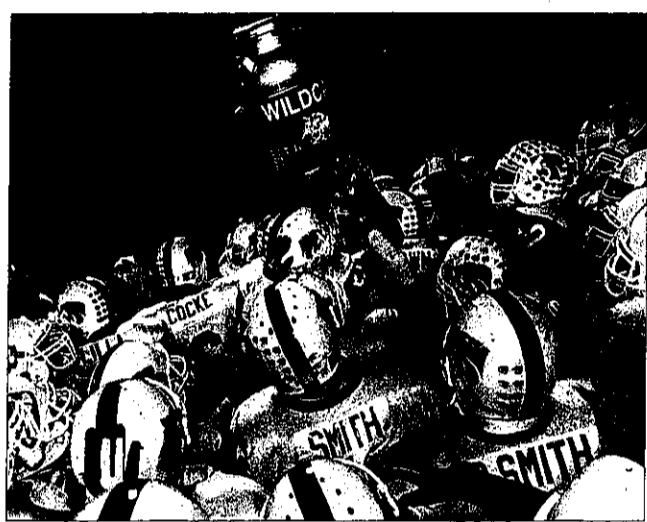


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Go 'Cats, go!

Shouting "We got the jug!" Wildcats celebrate their 35-7 victory over the Northville Mustangs Friday night. The two pair up again tomorrow in the opening round of the playoffs. See page 3B for the details.

TERM LIMITS

How long is enough?

■ DeRoche says some want issue on next year's ballot

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Term limits.

These two words can start a lively discussion in legislative circles. And, according to Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Novi), the issue is being talked about again.

"The rumor in Lansing is that this is something that is being discussed for the future. There's a handful of legislators who want to put this issue on the ballot sometime next year," DeRoche said.

Currently, term limits are six years for legislators in the House of Representatives and eight years for state senators.

Federal term limits were passed by U.S. voters in 1992, but they were subsequently thrown out as unconstitutional by a federal court.

"It's been 12 years since the current legislation on term limits was put in place. There's been

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Contract was awarded "cart before the horse"

■ Law firm's contract will depend on fiscal year money

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi has one more step to complete following the awarding of the bid for legal services to the firm Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampson, Truex and Morley.

Although the Farmington Hills firm won the contract by a 4-3 vote at the Oct. 18 city council meeting, money has only been appropriated through the end of the calendar year.

City council must appropriate funding for legal services through the end of the fiscal year at one of the next four meetings, or the con-

tract will be null and void.

Kathy Smith-Roy, finance director, recently sent a letter informing the firm of the formality.

"We have to appropriate the money for legal services by the Dec. 20, 2004, meeting," councilwoman Laura Lorenzo said.

Lorenzo said awarding the contract Oct. 18 before moving money over to the legal services fund for the rest of the fiscal year was "kind of putting the cart before the horse."

"The awarding of the contract and appropriation of money should have been done at the same time," she said.

In May 2004, Lorenzo said council discussed the fact that if funding was already appropriated

for legal services for the fiscal year, the contract would take four votes. If the money was not appropriated for the fiscal year, it would take five votes.

"The awarding of the contract passed by four votes," she said, "because they were looking at the fact that we have money for legal services right now. However, if you read the city charter, it states that funding must be appropriated for any contract for the fiscal year. It seems that some council members are interpreting the charter in another way."

Lorenzo said another issue is that it's possible that the firm's legal billing could exceed the amount the city has appropriated before the end of the year, especially when the firm has gone over the city's budgeted line item for legal services every year for the past four years.

"The amount over budget totals more than \$500,000 over the four-year period," Lorenzo said.

If that happens, the city council

would have to approve a budget amendment for the amount over budget, she said.

"Is the contract that was just voted on valid?" questioned Lorenzo. "Whether the contract is valid or not depends on one's interpretation of the charter. But the charter states that the money must be appropriated for the fiscal year for four votes to carry the contract, and it wasn't."

Gerald Fisher, city attorney, Secrest Wardle, said the firm will remind the city that the appropriation must be made by the end of December for legal services.

"The city has considerable legal business that they're doing and must do, and I'm confident that they will take appropriate action between now and the end of the year," Fisher said.

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Costumes: Off the store shelf or sewing machine?

■ Halloween costumes run the gamut

By Kim Kovelie
STAFF WRITER

For many Octobers, Lynne Paul has been transforming her three children into butterflies, witches, clowns and even old ladies with the help of her sewing machine.

"It's so much fun to make it special," said Paul, a Novi city councilwoman and interior designer. "They get more excited."

This year Megan, 8, is working on a witch costume; Adam, 12, is undecided; and Natalie, 10, has a shimmering blue-and-gold wizard in the works, patterned off of a

nightgown and complete with a long, white homemade beard.

"It's kind of more special," Natalie said of making a costume. "When you pick out a (store-bought) costume, it's just something that you wear. It's not something you do with your family."

This Halloween, some parents and children also will gear up sewing machines or tap the "dress up trunk" to mesh handmade-downs.

But with school, work, errands and only three days to go, others still will hit the shops for a pre-packaged deal.

Lost art?

At the New 2 You consignment shop in Northville, co-owner Lourdes Weidl said most of the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Lynne Paul does some fitting for her kids' Halloween costumes as daughters Natalie, 10, and Megan, 8, try on their wizard and witch outfits in their Novi home.

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bond passed by voters in 2000 for \$18 million in local funds and \$45 million in county, state and federal funds. This latest effort is estimated at \$2.86 million — a record level, said Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson.

"These were all neighborhoods where the residents had been asking for city assistance," Pearson said. "We're doing a lot of concrete street replacements. A lot of these were built in areas ... where the soils weren't as good (or had) drainage issues."

"It's getting done this year. It's been a huge effort and everyone's being very cooperative."

Roads already complete include Galway and Westmont Drive. Others, such as Chase Farms, and Addington Place, should be done next month.

"That's certainly the goal, by the beginning of November," Pearson said. "It's going to be in place this year and working for us for years to come."

Added Addington

A Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating analysis gave values from one-10 to various roads, with one being the worst.

Roads in Addington received many "two's" and for good reason, attested Pat Holt, a marketing coordinator who lives near the subdivision's entrance.

"Because of what we were built, we became a cut-through for all those subdivisions west of us (and) particularly for high school traffic," Holt said. "Our roads were in horrible condition. At one point, in front of my house, there was a gap of maybe like a foot and a half ... in the concrete."

Pearson said the process is to break up and excavate the concrete, lay new base and drain tiles, and then pour new concrete for roads, driveways and curbs.

Brian Kozlowski, senior soils technician with JCK & Associates, was onsite last Thursday as driveways were being cut. Both roads and parts of drives were torn out.

"Since the driveways butt right up to the road, it's hard to remove the roadway without damaging the driveway," Kozlowski said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Art at the Expo

West Virginian artist Marilyn Holt displays her hand-crafted glass bowls and orbs at last week's Sugarloaf Art Festival at the Novi Expo Center. Artists from all over the United States and Canada displayed their watercolors, sculptures, woodcraft, ceramic tile and fabric art as well as giving many live demonstrations of their craft.

"It's all on schedule. Everything will be back-filled by Halloween."

Contractors supplied the temporary mailboxes where required by the U.S. Postal Service. They also moved garbage to a convenient central spot, so residents could easily get their trash cans after pick-up, Kozlowski said.

The city sent letters and announced kick-off meetings to residents several weeks to months before projects began. Pearson said a new list soon will be released for next year's projects, budgeted for \$1.58 million.

"I think it was very organized," Holt said. "It was inconvenient, but we wanted new roads. You've got to pay the price to get your roads fixed."

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Costumes: Off the store shelf or sewing machine?

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80-100 costumes on hand daily were previously bought from shops like the Disney Store.

"This year, popular picks are Snow White and Cinderella princess dresses, as well as a comeback by Power Rangers attire. Costs range from \$6 - \$20, in Weid's estimate."

"I think 75 percent are already made," Weid said. "Hardly anybody really brings their home-made ones. I don't think most people have the time. They can run in here and buy them."

Nearby, Baby Baby stocks about 500 costumes each year, many \$6 rentals. Owner Diane Wise said the ease of renting is a big draw.

"We do get a lot from the Disney Store and Warner Brothers," Wise said. "The people I see are kind of short on time and short on talent."

Still, amid Sponge Bob, Spiderman and Shark costumes, about half are handmade, she said.

Department stores and seasonal shops like Halloween USA often end up the convenient stop for packaged get-uns, from pirates and ninjas to "ensembles" ensembles like mustard and ketchup.

Novi's temporary Halloween USA sets up shop in the Novi Town Center near Meryns, and another is located in Commerce Township.

"It's just easier for the parents to buy for their kids and ... for themselves," said Amy Gajda, marketing and design manager for Gags and Games. "We offer so many different types of accessories that you could always piece



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Megan and Natalie Paul run through their Novi neighborhood on the way to a nearby home to drop off some goodies on a front porch, all part of their family's Halloween rituals.

a costume together."

Rita Hall of Northville also has sewn many a costume for her two children, from the Statue of Liberty to Albert Einstein. This year, though, her son decided to go as Pistons Center Ben Wallace, complete with a purchased "afro" wig and jersey.

"He just wanted something specific," Hall said. "I think we just all tend to rush out to the store, and I think half the fun of Halloween is preparing the costume."

Boo to you

Have you received a visit from the Neighborhood Phantom this October?

In a tradition that's been "speaking" neighborhoods for years, folks speak over to their neighbors' homes, either under cover of night or when eyes are turned the other way.

Then, on their doors, the culprits leave a bag of treats, a poem letter of Halloween tidings, and a paper "Phantom Ghost."

Once the goodies are discovered, it's up to the recipient to give the phantom away to two or three other neighbors. But, they must hang up a copy of the paper

ghost on their door, or risk another visit from the Neighborhood Phantom.

In Novi's Windridge Subdivision, Kris Wenner said she's joined in the tradition for the seven years she and her family have lived there.

"It was a brand new thing to me," Wenner said. Her three children help to package up Halloween cookies. "Their favorite thing is ringing the doorbell and running." Wenner said. "Just the holiday spirit — it's so exciting for the kids."

The Wenners usually are "hooped" in the evening, just after dinner.

Halloween treats

Trick or treating hours in Novi this year will be 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Don't forget: Daylight Savings Time also begins Oct. 31. Turn clocks back one hour for an extra treat of added sleep time.

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REMEMBER CAUTION!

When heading out with (or as) a little monster, don't forget trick-or-treating safety and practicality:

- Make sure costumes allow free movement and good vision.
- Have children eat dinner before heading out.
- Decide what adult or older teen will accompany children.
- Agree on the route that's not too long and avoids crossing major intersections.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Check the treats for any signs of tampering with the wrappers; don't let children eat homemade treats unless you know and trust the source.

Source: McGriff the Crime Dog/National Crime Prevention Council

REPAVING PROGRAM

In the past four months, Novi's City Council has approved three phases of neighborhood improvements. Here's the breakdown at-a-glance:

■ June 7, 2004: Contract awarded to Al's Asphalt Paving Co., Inc., for work on Lanny's Road, Whipple Street, Pebble Lane and part of Clark Street (Eleven Mile Road to Grand River Avenue).
Cost: \$212,433

■ June 7, 2004: Contract awarded to John Carlo Construction for work on Cider Mill, Gina Court, part of Arcadia (Cordova to the end) and part of Galway (West Ridge to Center).
Cost: \$1,219,043

■ June 21, 2004: Contracts awarded to John Carlo Construction and JCK & Associates for work on Addington Place (Addington Lane, Kimberly Court and Halston Court), Briarwood of Novi (Bramblewood Drive), Westmont Village (Remington Lane, Jeslyn Lane and Westmont Drive) and Chase Farms (Hampshire Drive).
Cost: \$1,426,152

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Novi firefighters are out for blood

Donor center to move in December

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 4, the Association of Novi Firefighters will be the first organization to have a blood drive in the Novi donor center's new location.

The drive is planned from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the center's new site at 31150 Haggerty Rd. on the southeast corner of Haggerty and Fourteen Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

The American Red Cross plans to move from its current location on Ten Mile Rd. east of Meadowbrook Rd. to the new building sometime in early December. The donor center will have a temporary site for about two weeks just a few doors down from the new center before the official move.

The donor center is being moved to provide better access to residents in the northern part of the city and because the new facility is more modern.

"We're still calling it the Novi donor center, even though it's in Farmington Hills," said Andrea Ward, American Red Cross. "Anyone who drives by this area will be able to see the signage. Those who want to donate will be able to find us -- either at the

temporary site during the transition of the new site."

The American Red Cross leased the building on Ten Mile Road, and the owner wants to sell the building, according to another spokesperson for the Red Cross.

The Red Cross has 11 donor centers in southeast Michigan. Two centers are located in Ann Arbor with others in Bloomfield, Dearborn, Detroit, Livonia, Oak Park, Port Huron, Riverview, Warren and now Farmington Hills.

"We've been hearing for a year that the Novi donor center was moving, and they kept postponing it," said Joann Lindquist, donor resources representative, southeast Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross.

Jerry Holtzman of Farmington Hills, president, Association of Novi Firefighters, encourages area residents to come out, see the new donor center and give "the gift of life" on Dec. 4.

"It's our first blood drive. The paid on-call firefighters and auxiliary members want to give back to the community," Holtzman said. "We're going to try to have a cake and maybe some cider for people who come to the drive."

Holtzman said the Association of Novi Firefighters is a new organization. "We just formed in July. There was an election of paid on-call and auxiliary firefighters. We have about 60 members. In the election, we won by a vote of 4-1 to be unionized," he said.

The Michigan Association of Firefighters is the name of the

"The paid on-call firefighters and auxiliary members want to give back to the community."

Jerry Holtzman
President, Association of Novi Firefighters

new union, headquartered in Southfield. The local organization is known as the Association of Novi Firefighters.

"I work as a physician's assistant for a local hospital and know that there is a shortage of blood right now in the southeast Michigan area," Holtzman said.

Those interested in signing up for the blood drive on Dec. 4 can call (248) 909-9269.

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Gas main break snarls traffic

Subcontractors hit an eight-inch gas main just before 2 p.m. Tuesday during construction of the new intersection at Grand

River Ave. and Novi Rd.

The event forced the full closure of the intersection, with traffic being diverted to Crescent Boulevard, Main and Flint streets.

Novi police department and fire department personnel were on the scene to evacuate businesses at Wonderland Plaza, the Fidelity

Investments building, Mobil gas station, City Center Plaza and businesses on the southeast corner of the intersection.

Consumers Energy was able to isolate the damaged section of the main and cut off the flow of gas to it. The damaged section will be replaced by boring under the road, which was reopened.

COURT REPORT

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Aug. 30.

- Thomas Franklin Stover (Ted Stoffer): Armed robbery, weapons-felony firearms.
- Rajesh Muniraj Pillai: Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, assault and battery (two counts), sentence enhancement (second offense).
- Nashir Uddin-Mahmud Qureshi: Embezzlement more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Aug. 31.

- Francine Steelman: Larceny in a building, larceny over \$200 but less than \$1,000.
- Kyle Andrew Yanez: Breaking and entering coin operated device (four counts), false report of a felony, larceny from a motor vehicle.
- Sean Edmund Johnson:

Uttering and publishing.
• Jodie Lynn Whitlock: Felony assault.
• James Michael Duncan: Larceny in a building.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Sept. 1.

- Michael John Hamel: Assault with intent of gross bodily harm, malicious destruction of property \$1000 to \$20,000, malicious destruction of personal property more than \$200 but less than \$1000, sentence enhancement (second offense).
- Francisco Leyva: Operating under the influence of alcohol per se (third offense felony).
- Verena Denise Clark (Verena Denise Dawson): Attempted false pretenses, carrying a concealed weapon.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1

District Court for Sept. 2.

- Donald Clifford Mayville: Fraudulent detention by contractor.
- Kevin John Pilley: Controlled substance-delivery and manufacture (narcotic) Less than 50 grams, controlled substance-possession of marijuana, sentence enhancement (second offense).
- Michael Anthony Dzon: Stalking -- aggravated, domestic violence (second offense notice), sentence enhancement (third offense), witness bribery with intent to interfere, sentence enhancement (second offense).
- Jennifer Lynn Elko: Non-sufficient funds check -- \$500 or more.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Sept. 3.

- Duane Allen Mills: Criminal sexual conduct first degree (two counts).
- Brian Darrell Davis: Breaking

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POLICE REPORT

Wrong lane, no signal

A 60-year-old West Bloomfield man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 7:18 p.m. on Oct. 19 at Novi and Fourteen Mile roads.

An officer was on patrol driving north on Novi Road from Twelve Mile Road when he noticed that the driver of a 1992 Green GMC Jimmy had veered into the left turn lane but continued to drive north on Novi Road. He later changed into the right through lane without signaling.

After pulling the driver over, the officer could smell intoxicants. When asked how much he had had to drink the man said that he had had two glasses of wine.

A breath test revealed a blood alcohol level in the driver of .16 percent.

Farmington Hills woman were arrested for retail fraud at 5:26 p.m. Oct. 23 at Lord & Taylor department store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

When police arrived at the scene, a loss prevention agent said store staff advised him of a suspicious woman in the store. He then began monitoring the woman on closed circuit television.

The woman selected a man's Claiborne shirt valued at \$69.50. She then took the shirt to the children's department and quickly looked around.

The woman then removed the full-price ticket, replacing it with a clearance ticket. Both women then selected a Batman toy and gave it to their children with the items still

in the box.

The woman then went to a register and paid for the shirt with the switched price tag. She paid \$26.50 for the shirt, representing a loss of \$43 for the store.

The women then went upstairs and removed the Batman toys from the boxes and gave them to their children. They then went back downstairs and left the store without paying for the toys.

One of the women refused to sit down once in the loss prevention office. She was told that if she did not sit down, she would be placed in handcuffs, at which point she backed herself into a wall.

The loss prevention agent subdued the woman and placed her in

handcuffs until police arrived.

The Batman toys were valued at \$13 each.

Homeward bound

A 22-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:18 a.m. Oct. 24 at Georgetown and Congress roads.

An officer was patrolling the parking lot at Gus O'Connor's restaurant and the Post Bar, watching for disorderly patrons, when he heard a vehicle with a loud exhaust.

He noticed a 2002 black Pontiac Grand Prix with an Iowa license plate accelerating rapidly on southbound Market Street. The officer

estimated the speed of the vehicle at 30-40 mph in a 25 mph zone.

The policeman followed the vehicle into the Mainstreet Apartments complex, activating his overhead flashers. The vehicle, however, continued into the complex. The officer then shined his patrol vehicle spotlight on the suspect vehicle. Still, the driver continued on to the end of Georgetown, turning into the alley that goes to the rear garage entrances.

The driver finally stopped, at which time the officer requested that another unit meet him at the complex.

When asked why he did not stop earlier, the man said because he was going to his house. The officer

explained that he should have pulled over immediately upon seeing the flashers rather than continue on several hundred more feet to his residence. The man then said that he had not seen the police flashers.

The officer then noticed that the man smelled of intoxicants and his eyes were red and glassy. His speech was also slurred, and he acted somewhat lethargic. When the officer asked the man if he had been drinking any alcoholic beverages, he replied that he had "had a few."

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level in the man of .14 percent.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

Driver arrested off Nine Mile

A 46-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 7:47 p.m. Oct. 19 at Chase Drive and Nine Mile Road.

A policeman was on patrol southbound on Meadowbrook south of Ten Mile Road when he saw a silver GMC pickup weaving slightly. The man then turned right at the light at Nine Mile Road without signaling.

The driver of the truck then turned left onto Chase Drive without signaling, at which point the officer initiated a traffic stop.

The officer could smell intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle. The officer also noticed that the driver's speech was slightly slurred and his eyes were glassy.

When asked if he had been drinking any alcoholic beverages, he replied, "Yeah. I've had a couple of drinks."

A breath test showed a blood alcohol in the man of .13 percent.

Where's the hotel?

A 23-year-old Brighton man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:48 a.m. Oct. 22 at Too Chez restaurant at 27155 Sheraton Dr.

An officer was dispatched to the restaurant in reference to an alarm. When he arrived at the scene he found two men standing outside the floor of the front of the restaurant. Another officer arrived on the scene at that point.

The man told police he was trying to get into his hotel, thinking that the restaurant was his hotel. He was staying at the DoubleTree Hotel, which is the building to the west of the restaurant.

When asked how they arrived at the restaurant, the passenger said that the Brighton man had driven and was dropping him off at the hotel.

The driver confirmed that he was dropping off his client at the hotel. The officers noticed that the man's speech was extremely slurred and that there was an odor of intoxicants coming from his body. The man's eyes were also extremely bloodshot, according to police.

When asked if he had had anything to drink, he said that he did not.

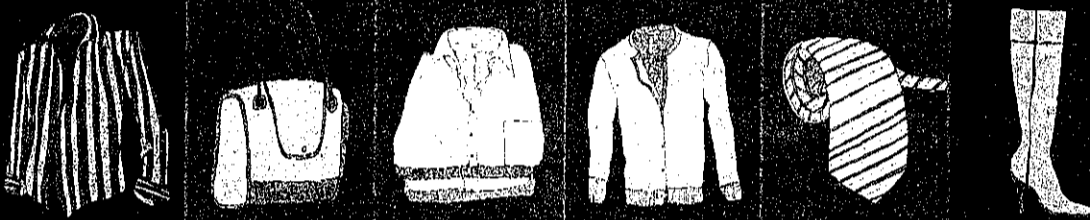
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Women arrested for theft

A 29-year-old West Bloomfield woman and a 25-year-old

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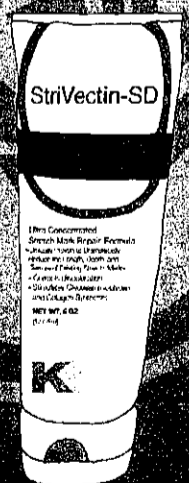
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and entering, breaking and entering a coin operated device, controlled substance-possession of marijuana, malicious destruction of property \$1000 to \$20,000.

• Jose Flores: Breaking and entering (five counts), unlawful driving away automobile, breaking and entering a coin operated device.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Sept. 7.

• Christine Ann Eaves: Operating under the influence occupant under 16.

• Eric Michael Lowman: Possession of controlled substances under 25 grams, delivery and manufacture of marijuana.

• Lary Wade Ray II: Embezzlement more than \$1000 but less than \$20,000, sentence enhancement (second offense).

• Lawrence Robert Yates: Second degree criminal sexual conduct (under 13), first degree criminal sexual conduct (under 13), aggravated assault.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for Sept. 8.

• Gregory Wallace Shaw: Possession of controlled substances under 25 grams.

• William Gohl: Possession of controlled substances under 25 grams (third offense felony).

BUSINESS

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New menu, decor

Italian Epicure has different director, chef

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The location may be familiar to those who live in the Novi area, but a lot has changed at Italian Epicure.

The longtime dining establishment, which opened as Country Epicure in 1985 and was changed to the name Italian Epicure in 2001, is under new management. Now known as Italian Epicure: An Italian Steak House, it also features a new menu and updated decor.

The business is owned by Grand River Avenue Restaurant, Inc., with Cheryl Khalife of Bloomfield Hills serving as president of the corporation.

As of July 2004, the operation at 42050 Grand River Ave. between Novi and Meadowbrook roads has also been undergoing a much-needed uplift under the direction of Ramzi Naber.

Naber, director of operations, formerly with the Golden Moustroom restaurant in Southfield, has joined forces on the project with Executive Chef Roberto Caceres, formerly of El Cid & La Palma restaurant in Coral Gables, Fla.

Laura Fox, formerly of the Caucus Club in Detroit, serves as general manager of the new Italian Epicure.

The restaurant, which seats 227, offers gazebos and patio dining during warmer months. Banquet facilities can serve up to 150 guests.

"Our niche really has been banquets. Nobody can really accommodate several parties of between 40 and 100 people at the same time like we can," Naber said.

New menu items include Four Cheese Bacci, a 16-oz. New York Steak, Veal Osso Buco, Chilean Sea Bass, Beef Carpaccio and Mozzarella Caprese.

Naber said a grand opening celebration is planned at the restaurant around the middle of November.

"We are awaiting chairs, new bar stools and lighting, which are all scheduled to be here in a week. We're still open for business Monday through Saturday, and we are continuing to do the remodeling as we enter to the community," he said.

The entire menu reflects the European flair of Chef Caceres' cuisine served in a family-friendly atmosphere, Naber added.

Naber also formerly worked for HDS Service, a contract management company with more than 200 accounts in several states. He was the regional director of operations for the country club and business and industry division.

A resident of South Lyon, Naber said he had been looking for a restaurant to manage in the area for a long time.

"We found out that Karen Angelosante wanted to retire, which was a perfect opportunity, because the restaurant was already a well-established, family-run business. She wants to take care of her kids. They're teenagers now," Naber said.

Live entertainment will include such groups as the Billy Rose Trio, which used to play at Excalibur in Southfield.

"The most important thing is the food. Number two is the new atmosphere we are providing that is very comfortable, casual and friendly. We have the Chiari Room, which has a lot of booths, and all the walls have hand-painted murals," Naber said.

Naber, a native of Jordan, came to the U.S. in 1980 to pursue his education. He studied hotel and restaurant management at Golden Gate University in San Francisco and graduated from Canada College in Redwood City, Calif.

DETAILS

Business: Italian Epicure: An Italian Steak House
Location: 42050 Grand River Ave. between Novi and Meadowbrook roads
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday, and 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. Saturday. The restaurant is only open on Sunday for private functions.
Contact: (248) 349-1770.



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Italian Epicure Executive Chef Roberto Caceres, left, and Director of Operations Ramzi Naber have combined forces to revamp the longtime Novi restaurant. A grand opening celebration is planned for the middle of November.

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Council denies Thai liquor license

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Taste of Bangkok Cuisine, a new Thai restaurant scheduled to open soon in Novi, will not be serving alcoholic beverages to diners.

Members of city council denied the business' request for the city's first Class C liquor license at their Oct. 18 meeting.

The restaurant will be located in the building formerly occupied by the Oxford Inn restaurant and then the Novi Bistro at 43317 Grand River Ave. on the south side of the street just east of Novi Road.

The building is owned by well-known local businessman, Victor Cassis, of Novi, who is also a member of the Novi Planning Commission.

The business will be owned and operated by Yong Seng Yue and his son, Fae Yue. They currently own and operate Taste of Thai at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights.

Sahad Yang, D.C., a chiropractor, is a major investor in the family-run business.

Council members denied the request because they said that the business was not unique, which is one of the requirements in granting a liquor license in the city of Novi.

"I don't find this particularly unique and would not support this as I did not support the last request [the Mixx Lounge martini bar],"

said Mayor Pro Tem David Landry.

"The menu does look wonderful, but I'm wondering if the building would be better served as something other than a restaurant. I don't believe this is unique, and I don't think this type of restaurant will benefit the city," said Councilwoman Toni Nagy.

Member Laura Lorenza said she didn't believe the restaurant's menu seemed different from other restaurants like it and that granting a liquor license to Taste of Bangkok would be unfair to other Thai restaurants in the area that don't have a liquor license.

Cassis sold the liquor license along with the business when it was the Oxford Inn.

Members Kim Capello and Bob Gatt voted in favor of granting the license, with Lorenza, Lynn Paul, Nagy, Conrath and Landry voting against the request.

"This is the most important corner in the city, which the police refer to as 'Four Corners.' This area needs businesses, every bit as much as Main Street," Gatt said.

"We need a business in there that's going to survive," Capello said, noting that having a liquor license would improve the restaurant's chances for success.

The owners plan to open before Christmas and are waiting for work to be completed on Grand River Ave.



Courtesy photo

Novi Middle School students pose with the limousine that they won a ride in and its driver on Oct. 8. Pictured from left to right are seventh graders Mark Gardner, Ashley Lopez and Ashleigh Bowne. On the other side of the driver are eighth graders Nick Gardner, Adam Middelendorf and Mark Haddad. Bowne and Nick Gardner both won a drawing they entered because they participated in the American Publishers magazine fundraiser. They each got to choose two friends to take along on the ride.

Ridin' in style

Middle schoolers get pizza and pop in a limo

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Participation in school-sponsored events and programs has its rewards. Just ask Novi Middle School seventh grader Ashleigh Bowne and eighth grader Nick Gardner.

For participating in the American Publishers First Publications magazine fund-raiser, they both won a tour of their city in a limousine - complete with free pizza and pop - and they were allowed to bring along two friends each on the ride.

All of this happened on Oct. 8 during the student's lunch period. There were three different limo lunches for students who were top sellers, according to Mike Letscher, district manager for American Publishers First Publications. Every student who participated on a given day had a chance to enter, and there was a drawing of two names.

Though Bowne had been in limousine during a birthday party before, she was still excited about the experience. "This was something I was trying for," she said.

"I'm really excited because I get to spend an hour out of school with my friends, and we're going to tour the city."

One of the friends that Bowne chose to bring along was Ashley Lopez, who's also in the seventh grade. "This is fun because I'm with both my friends," she said.

Bowne's other friend was seventh grader Mark Gardner. Nick Gardner chose to bring eighth graders Mark Haddad and Adam Middelendorf.

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Village Oaks student Robby Hill poses with Ronald McDonald as everyone enjoys the annual McDonald's Family Fun Night held at the McDonald's restaurant at the corner of Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. Village Oaks Elementary staff prepared food and served while families and friends enjoyed dining out and the Ronald McDonald entertainment. A portion of all sales during this event were donated to Village Oaks.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CORNER

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DATE: Oct. 28-Nov. 3
TIME: 7-8 p.m. Beginner
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LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 522
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Planners contemplate Novi schools in 2010

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

If students in the Novi Community School District wanted where most of their teachers and parents were during the days of Oct. 19 and 20, they had good reason. A combination of over 80 teachers, parents, administrators and students packed the district's Instructional Technology Center Forum for over eight hours each of those two days as the long-range planning committee continued its plans for the district's future. The group, which had been previously broken up into eight sub-groups, met separately throughout the month of September to discuss different profiles, which included economic, demographic, technology, social, government/political, community/cultural, education and competition.

By the time the second day ended, a first draft was produced, which will be finalized first thing in the morning when the whole group will once again come together on Tuesday, Nov. 9. "We spent a major part of the day narrowing down those pictures of what we want the district to look like in the year 2010 and beyond," Gerard said. "We came up with a list of about 60 items, and within that, we pinpointed the ones that stick out, but we haven't done any formal decision making yet. By the end of next meeting, we will be able to announce what the group came up with, after we make the final decisions."

Proposal could cost school district roughly \$600,000, says Koster

District needs citizens to vote no on Prop I

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

As if the Novi Community School District didn't have enough financial issues to worry about, now a new one looms on the horizon. On Tuesday, Nov. 2, Novi residents will flock to precincts to vote on the presidency and two proposals. If Proposal I passes, it would mean a deduction of roughly \$600,000 from the district's budget. The proposal is to amend the state constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new state lottery games. It would:

- Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after Jan. 1, 2004.
- Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing "table games" or "player operated mechanical or electronic devices" introduced after Jan. 1, 2004.
- Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in the city of Detroit.

meeting that the proposal is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2004. The Keno game, which generated roughly \$100 million for school districts in Michigan, came into effect after that date. "Therefore, would that money be taken away from us?" Koster asked. "That's the big question, and I've heard some people say it will."

VO students learn Michigan history

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Students at Village Oaks Elementary School sang, listened to stories, were entertained and, most importantly, were taught about our beloved state of Michigan last month as songwriter Kitty Donohoe came visiting. Donohoe performed her show, "Bunyan and Banjos," which contains a variety of original songs, folk tales, instruments and a small wooden man, who likes to dance. She used a guitar, banjo and a humming dulcimer among other instruments during the show. "My presentation is all Michigan," Donohoe said. "Fourth graders in Michigan usually study Michigan as a part of their curriculum during the 5th year, so they already have a lot of interest in it. It's just a chance to give kids an insight on the culture and the history of the state that they live in. Even the smaller kids get excited about the two peninsulas."

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IN THE SERVICE

Kay A. Lawrence, of Walled Lake, has graduated from the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The camp is a five-week leadership internship for cadets who are normally between their sophomore and junior college years.

Lawrence is a student at Central Michigan University and is the daughter of Pearl Lawrence. She is a 2003 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Troy Tapley

Sarah Elizabeth Schmidt and Troy Ryan Tapley were married Oct. 16, 2004, at Rio Hotel, Las Vegas.

The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Margaret Schmidt of Novi. She is a graduate of Novi High School and Michigan State University. She is currently attending Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Novi Parks and Recreation.

The groom is the son of Joel and Frankie Tapley of Novi. He is also a graduate of Novi High School and is attending Schriber College. He is employed by Apco Doman Land Surveying Company.

A dinner was held at P.F. Chang's in the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas, following the ceremony. A local reception was held at the groom's parents home on Oct. 23, 2004. The couple will make their home in Livonia.

ENGAGEMENTS



Stirling-McSweeney

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stirling of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann Stirling, to Daniel Christopher McSweeney, son of Joseph and the late Connie McSweeney of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Mercy High School, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1997 and a master's degree in curriculum and teaching in 2003 from Michigan State University. She is currently employed at St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills as a fifth grade teacher.

The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of Catholic Central High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1998 from Michigan State University and a master's degree in business administration in 2002 from Wayne State University. He is employed by Infocent Technologies, Farmington Hills.

A May 2005 wedding is planned.



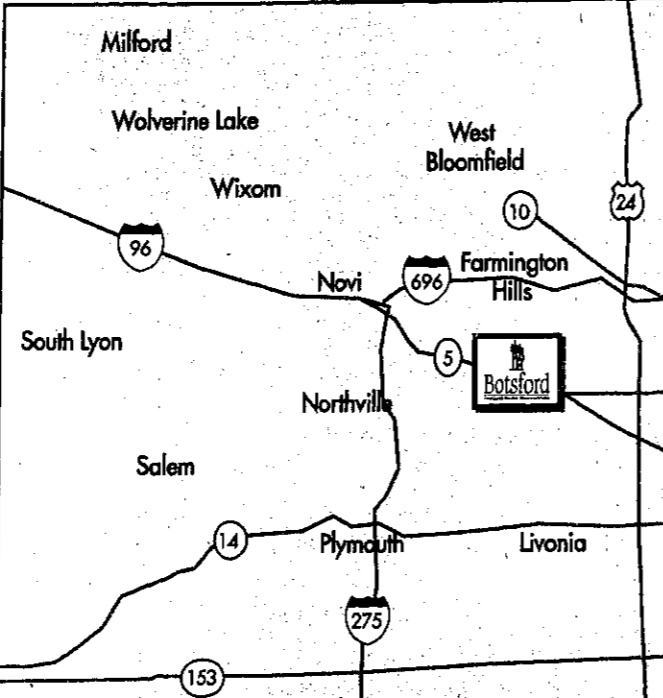
Snow-Swalberg

Neil and Leslie Snow of Novi and Allen and Jan Swalberg of Northville announce the engagement of their children, Bethany Snow and Justin Swalberg.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Novi High School and is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, majoring in vocal performing. The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Northville High School and is also attending Brigham Young University, majoring in economics.

A Dec. 23, 2004 wedding is planned.

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OBITUARIES

Charles Walker

Charles Walker, husband, father, entrepreneur, inventor, and a man who could see possibilities where others could not, died Oct. 13, 2004, at the age of 88.

Though not formally educated, he became a master brewer of beer from the Sichel Institute in Chicago. 1933. Charlie's training would have little to do with what would be his main contribution to the electroplating industry, later in his career.



Charlie founded Universal Corporation in Detroit, which is today a world-class supplier of copper and nickel anodes for electroplating.

Charlie took a hands-on interest in the application of Universal's products while working directly with the people on the line that used his products. He was not trained as a chemist, but after accumulating many years of experience and knowledge of plating systems, customers who needed solutions to their plating problems called Charlie first. If Charlie had listened to the experts, he never would have invented and patented the Titanium Basket for holding copper anodes in electroplating systems. The Ph.D.'s said it could not be done in theory, but Charlie never learned theory; he was a practical man who would prove them wrong.

Later in life, when most businessmen look toward retirement, Charlie embarked on a new venture. Putting his insights into solutions and formulae from his former brewing days, Charlie created a new business manufacturing high quality chemicals for electronics and automotive plating. Universal has now recently entered the 21st century with a major expansion in mainland China.

Charlie valued learning and continued to learn his whole life. As a legacy, he and his wife, Myrtle, made a substantial gift to the Novi Public Library. He deeply believes libraries are the primary resource for those who could not pursue formal studies to get what they needed for success on their own.

Charlie enjoyed being at home with his family, Cherry Festivals in Traverse City and summer vacations at his northern Michigan cottage. He loved birthday parties and recently celebrated his 88th on October 5. He was particularly fond of babies, who seemed to understand him best.

Charlie will be missed and remembered by his wife, Myrtle; his sons Terrence, Clary, Wayne, Carl and Paul; his daughters Stephanie and Tina; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Please do not send gifts or flowers. At Charlie and Myrtle's request, please make a donation to The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 1169 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Private services were held online; sympathy message at www.obitvillanovifuneral-home.com.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice A. Wesner of Northville; four children, David (Dr. Catherine Upton) Wesner of Ann Arbor, Janice (Michael) Linek of Fenton, Susan (David) Szizik of Novi, and Keith (Karen) Wesner of East Hampton, Conn.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two siblings, Frank Wieszowski of Northville and Stella Wieszowski of Allen Park.

Memorials may be made to the Oncology Department of Cancer Research at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

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

Stanley P. Wesner
Stanley Wesner of Northville died Oct. 10, 2004. He was 79. Mr. Wesner was born on Sept. 11, 1925, in Detroit to the late John

Wieszowski and Antonie Gileski Wieszowski.

He and his brother owned and operated Tops Market in Detroit for 25 years. He then owned and operated Stan's Meat Market in Detroit from 1974 to 1989. He served with the Marines during World War II in the South Pacific. He was a member of the VFW, Post in Dearborn Heights, the Polish League of American Veterans and Msge. Hunt K of C Council.

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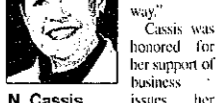
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Sen. Cassis honored

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit on Friday named state Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Now) Legislator of the Year.

"This award is particularly special coming from such a prestigious organization," Cassis said. "It is very affirming to have my hard work recognized in this way."



Cassis was honored for her support of business issues. Her work towards economic and job recovery and her opposition to the early collection of the county property tax.

"We applaud Senator Cassis for her long service to the people of Michigan," said Bruce Bahartz, co-chair of the BOMA Government Affairs Committee. "She has demonstrated leadership and, perhaps more importantly, backbone by standing by her convictions on important issues even when they

went against the party line. We thank her for supporting BOMA on key issues in Lansing."

The award was presented at the Third Annual BOMA Awards Gala Friday night in Troy.

City hires new engineer
Aaron Staup joined the City of Novi staff on Monday as a construction engineering coordinator. Staup replaced Haim Schlick, who recently left his position.

The West Bloomfield resident was most recently director of engineering services at CK & Associates in Novi. He had been with the local firm for more than 13 years, where he gained experience in construction and contract management.

A native of Pontiac, Staup grew up in Davidsburg, and graduated from Holly High School and Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, where he earned degrees in environmental science and engineering, chemistry and psychology.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Fox Run Village resident Edward Patelian, right, returns a serve as he and others, including Peggy Arlon (left) play a game of pool volleyball last Friday afternoon.

Seniors serve, spike and smile

Group enjoys water volleyball at Fox Run

By Kim Kovelte
STAFF WRITER

The weather's getting chilly, but unlike seven senior citizens were their best swim attire and set up some nice serves - and plenty of laughs - last week.

In the pool at the Fox Run retirement community, the group took back and forth in one of their two weekly games of water volleyball.

The players span in age from their 60s to well in their 80s. Fun and exercise are their main motives, but these amateur athletes weren't afraid to stretch a bit and chase stray serves.

"This is great. I'll live," 88-year-old Edward Papelian said. "We're all having fun. It's good exercise. It's like heaven," he said of Fox Run.

At 5:30 a.m. every morning, Papelian heads over to work out. He admits that he often uses the pool as his hot tub.

The group, which now has about 15 volleyball players, first joined up last October. They meet for about an hour on Wednesdays and Fridays, and typically play to about 15 points.

The staff keeps a watchful eye, but Fox Run Wellness Coordinator Andrea Vergine said, the seniors are on their own - unless they challenge staffers to a game.

"They really make it grow into what it is today," Vergine said. "It (has)... that community aspect. It's their enthusiasm's kind of contagious. I usually get in there with

them whenever I can."

The pool, open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily, also hosts casual swimmers and other events such as water aerobics and swim lessons.

A swimmer when he attended Eastern High School in Detroit years ago, Howard Hiving, 77, swims a few laps each morning and joined the group after moving to Fox Run about three months ago.

"They invited me down to play," Hiving said. "I'm a regular now. I enjoy it just being with people, and I need the exercise to keep my heart going."

Today, the group will hold a game during Fox Run's "Tailgate Party." Held to kick off the upcoming University of Michigan vs. Michigan State University football game, it'll include a pep band, visit from MSU mascot "Spartan," a bonfire and, of course, water volleyball.

"I really like it," Vergine said. "It's fun. I usually get in there with

Some will play on the "State" side, like Sharon Pearson, 68, whose three children graduated from there. Others will represent the "Amazing Blue," including Bill Miller, 80, who received his mechanical engineering degree from the university.

Even so, the group plans to keep its games fun and healthy option for any Fox Run senior interested in jumping in.

"A good game is if I have some good serves and some good returns and a lot of laughs," said Ned Brade, 78. "To me this is a group-up camp. It's like going to a camp as a senior citizen. It brings out the kid in (you)."

Kim Kovelte is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at kkovelt@ht.homecomm.net.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Friday 10/29	
9 a.m.	Parera Bread
9 a.m.	Stretch & Strength
10 a.m.	Body Recall
noon	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Bingo
noon	Clogging
12:30 p.m.	Dupl. Bridge
Monday 11/1	
9 a.m.	Stretch & Strength
9 a.m.-11 a.m.	Creative Memories Beginning Scrapbook
10 a.m.	Body Recall
11:30 a.m.	Goodie Lady
noon	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Pinocle
1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Senior Stars Rehearsal
12:30 p.m.	Healing Touch
6:30 p.m.	Clogging*
Tuesday 11/2	
9 a.m.	Parera Bread
9:30 a.m.	Line Dance cancelled
10 a.m.	Asian Pacific
11 a.m.	Karmanus Breast Care Awareness, Jan McAlpine
noon	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Bingo
Wednesday 11/3	
9 a.m.	Stretch & Strength
9 a.m.-11 a.m.	Massage
9 a.m.-11 a.m.	Creative Memories Beginning Scrapbook
10 a.m.	Body Recall
11 a.m.	Blood Pressure
11 a.m.	TOPS Class
noon	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Clogging*
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4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	20200 Meadowbrook Road
9	The Grand Court Novi	45192 West Park Dr.
10	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
11	Novi Christian School	45301 Eleven Mile Road
12	Novi Meadows School/ITC	25649 Tart Road
13	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
14	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
15	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
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17	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road

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Absentee Ballots are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 2004. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2004. A ballot obtained on November 1, 2004 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

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FAITH

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Crosspointe Meadows Church of Novi presents an Alpha Course exploring the Christian faith on Sundays at 6 p.m. There are over 28,000 Alpha courses running all over the world. Check out the Alpha Course Web site at www.alpha.com. Program includes workbook and light supper. There is no fee for this program.

CMC offices are located at 39830 Grand River Ave. - Suite B1-C (west of Haggerty). Phone (248) 427-2700. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month. Masses begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays in the church Oct. 30 and Nov. 27.

Church of the Holy Family is offering "Theology on Tap." This is an opportunity for anyone with an interest in joining theological discussions of faith reflection. Lively conversation, an informal setting, and excellent facilitation will combine to create an environment for formation that will reach a generation seeking to learn more about their Catholic heritage and tradition. Theology on Tap will hopefully create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for younger and older parishioners who want to learn more about their Catholic faith and feel "at home" with the

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Theology on Tap will be held at Gus O'Connor's Irish Pub on the corner of Grand River and Market Street in downtown Novi from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Other events include:

- Monday, Nov. 1 - "Liberal & Conservative Catholics: How Can We Seek Unity in Our Church?" Fr. John Budde, pastor, Holy Family
- Monday, Nov. 8 - "Prophecy in Our Own Land: Can There Be a Loyal Opposition in the Church?" Joseph Gall, member of the pastoral staff, Holy Family

The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., between Ten Mile and Grand River Ave. Call (248) 349-8847.

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Worship Service of Communion is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner followed by 7 p.m. Youth Worship Service (held the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome to attend).

Church of the Holy Cross is located at 46200 W. Ten Mile Rd. (between Beck and Tart roads). Novi. Call (248) 349-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com.

Novi United Methodist Church is holding a Halloween Party for all ages Saturday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. There will be food, games, prizes and fun for all. The church is also holding its

annual silent and live auction with plenty of great items to bid on including restaurant gift certificates, hotel packages, entertainment packages, movie theater tickets, household items and vacation packages. The silent auction starts at 6 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 6, followed by dinner at 7 with a live auction to follow. There is a \$25 donation for dinner; advance tickets required. Call (248) 348-2652.

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A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 3, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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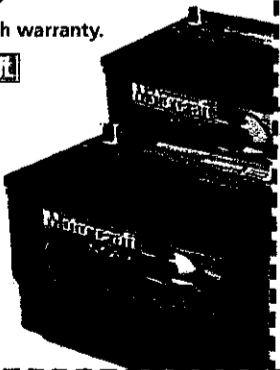
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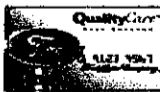
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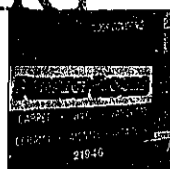
Quick Hits



Four straight!
The Novi Wildcats football team blasted out another victory over Northville, marking the fourth year in a row they have won the Baseline Jug — but the two teams play again Friday in the playoffs.
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Fitness Together
Located in the Briar Pointe Plaza at Beck and Ten Mile roads, the three-studio fitness center has attracted about 16 Novi and Northville residents since opening Sept. 30.
— Page 5B



Regional Marketplace
Perfect Floors, in the former Serra Floor Covering store in South Lyon, is a Mohawk Carpet Center dealer and represents other carpeting mills such as Beaulieu and Shaw.
— Page 10B

Battle of the best

The Milford Mavericks were the top-ranked team in the state last week. The Novi Wildcats cross country team was ranked second.

See the nice use of the word "was?" That means something has changed. Even if the coaching polls were to dispute the facts, Novi is ranked first in every one's minds after beating Milford in head-to-head competition last week.



What does this mean? Most likely nothing whatsoever. The Wildcats are such a breed of cross country runners that they know the Mavericks will be out to get them when they end up squaring off in the state meet.

But, bragging rights don't hurt and it's always nice to be the king of the hill.

Just what team was that?

The Novi Wildcats basketball team knew going into Pinckney that to earn a victory was to step up and play the most remarkable game of their season. Fortunately, they did just that and ended up toppling the Pirates.

Sure, Pinckney is still in first place in the Kensington Valley Conference, but it's nice to know they aren't unbeatable.



If Novi keeps playing like that, who knows where they might end up when everything is said and done. With the districts quickly approaching, it shouldn't be too much of a surprise to see Novi make a run for the finals game if they don't revert back to their old style of play.

Check out our preview for the district tourney in this week's sports section.

Now that's team unity

Talk about enjoying each other's company. Not only did the entire Novi football team attend a screening of the movie "Friday Night Lights" together, they also made the trip to Ensign Theater to eat pizza and watch the playoff selection Sunday.

Pizza and television? Packed into a theater together? Waiting on pins and needles to find out just who it is they are going to play Friday night? Sounds like a team event to us.



And why shouldn't the Wildcats like being together? For the past five seasons, Novi's football team has made the playoffs every year. Each of those years found a close team and guys happy to be around each other.

Keep it up, Novi. It sounds like you have a winning tradition going.

Smells like school spirit

Real fans don't shrink away from their responsibilities no matter what the weather is or where the game is held — which indicates the Wildcats faithful are indeed true fans.

The "White Out" pack into the stands every game. Rain or shine, they are there cheering their team on to victory and wearing white shirts. The end result is impressive, with half the stands a glaring white even in the strange lands of an away game.

Eight female fans have even been known to bare their bellies with the letters W-I-L-D-C-A-T-S written across them.

That's school spirit. Too bad every team across the state didn't have such a following. Friday nights would be the greatest thing to happen to some towns in a long time.

In the wrong shirt at the wrong time

Novi News sports writer Sam Eggleston made the mistake of wearing a Novi Wildcats sweatshirt to Northville High School last week leading up to the Baseline Jug rivalry game.

To say glares were cast in his direction is an understatement. Several students mentioned that he "made a mistake" by wearing it to their school. One even took the time to belittle in the hall and shoulder his way past him despite there being plenty of room to go around.

His response? "Hey, if you guys win the Jug this year, I'll be more than happy to wear one of your shirts instead." (He just wouldn't wear it to Novi High School.)

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I WANT MY KVC!

Novi boys win cross country title, girls take third

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Monday marked the silver anniversary of the Kensington Valley Conference championship meet, but the Novi Wildcats were looking for gold.

The boys found it, taking first place over Pinckney and Milford to seal the KVC title. The girls took third overall behind powerful squads from Milford and Brighton.

"It was an amazing day," boys coach Bob Smith said of ending Milford's streak of three-straight titles and earning one for Novi. "The boys did a phenomenal job."

Novi took first with 45 points while Pinckney finished second with 58 and one-top ranked Milford was third with a 64.

Though Mark Moore and Amol Huprikar finished in their normal position in the top five, it was another harrier that deserved accolades after the race.

Mike Wheat made all the difference in the world for the Wildcats, finishing in 17th place to seal the major victory for his Novi squad.

"Mike Wheat sealed the deal for us," Smith said. "That was Mike's best race by far. He has been the seventh man all year and now he really stepped up to the plate."

Justin Namm and Spencer Ornes had great races too in the victory. Ornes ran a 16:42 for 10th and Namm was 11th with 16:45.

Bobby Watts and Kip Miller ran their average times.

"You can't have average in the KVC meet," Smith noted. "If Wheat would have run his average race, we would have still won by one point, but that would have been crazy. It would have been the tightest meet ever."

Novi knew heading into the meet it would be the third through fifth runners that decided how the chips fell. Every team has a strong one and two runner, but the herd thins out in a hurry from there down.

"We've got the best three through five runners around," Smith noted.

And Wheat has made a name for himself as a runner who doesn't shy away from adversity.

"He's really what a coach

hopes for and dreams of," Smith said. "He ran a great race."

Smith has made a habit out of telling his runners their places on the team weren't set in stone when it came to position. Sure, Moore and Huprikar always seem to come across the line in first and second, but the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh positions are never guaranteed.

A runner isn't only as good as his last finish.

"Wheat took that to heart," said Smith. "He was really motoring."

The top 16 runners were awarded All-KVC honors with Wheat missing out by just one spot. He is, however, only a sophomore.

Novi was ranked second behind Milford in the state coaches' poll. That may change.

"I would think so," Smith said. "It's nice to have that ranking moniker, but there's a lot more to the analysis than that. We know we may not be the top team in the state, but we know we're one of the better teams in the state. We just have to keep pushing it for the next two weeks."

Novi will be back in action when they run the regional tournament at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road Saturday at 10 a.m.

The top three teams will advance to the state finals the following week and the top 15 individual will earn a berth as well.

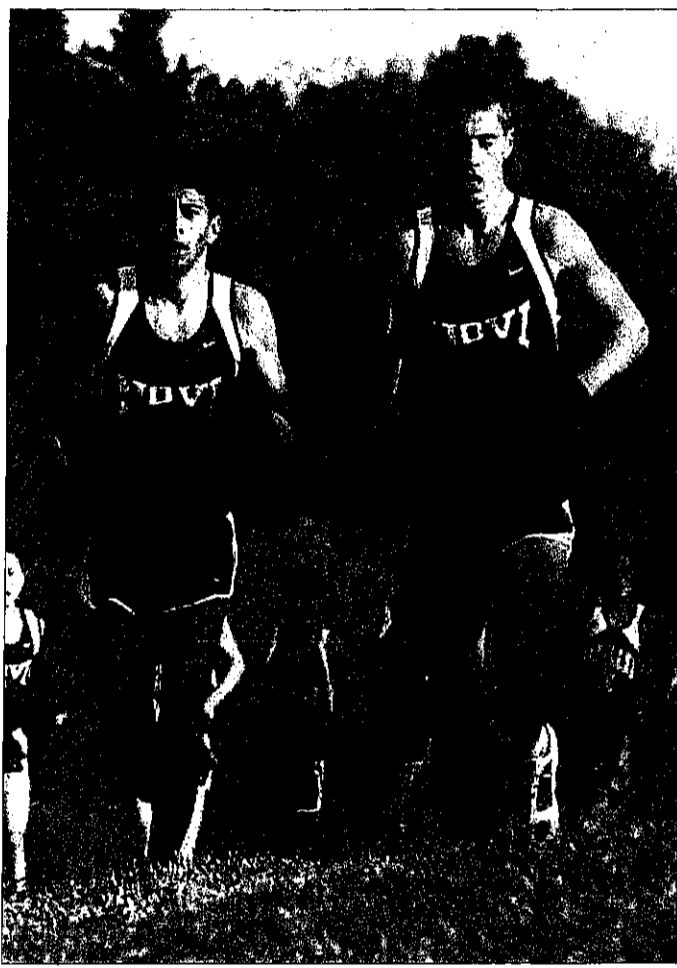
"We've got to keep pushing ourselves for the next two weeks," said Smith. "We have to."

Girls take third
Novi knew they would have to shake off their less-than-average performance from last week if they hoped to run well in the Kensington Valley Conference championship meet Monday.

They did and took third overall with some impressive runs.

"The girls ran with confidence and really worked on the pack," said Norm Norgren, Novi's coach. "With the third place finish and a third place standing for dual meets, Novi finished all alone in third place in the ever tough Kensington Valley Conference."

Novi took third with 83 points while Milford dominated with an amazing 29. Taking second was



Submitted Photo

A familiar view indeed as Novi's top runners Amol Huprikar (left) and Mark Moore climb over a hill against Hartland recently. The duo helped Novi to the KVC title, ending Milford's streak of three-straight.

Brighton with 63. Katie Shannon was the first Wildcat across the line in the race, taking ninth with a time of 20:06. Patti Ramos wasn't far behind, taking 10th just two seconds later. Both harriers earned

All-KVC honors for their performances. Taking 17th was Meghan Bannatz — which was just one spot shy of All-Conference. She finished in a time of 20:31. Andrea Kramer had a strong race

as well, finishing in 22nd in 20:53 while Lainey Sekoloski took 25th in 20:57.

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Wildcats in hunt for another major title

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The goal is simple in the regional cross country tournament: Take one of the top three spots or go home.

The Novi Wildcats girls and boys harrier squads will be looking to do just that when they compete in a very strong regional to be held at Schoolcraft College Saturday at 10 a.m.

The top three teams will advance to the state finals the following week while the top 15 runners automatically earn a berth as well.

"We'd like to win it," Novi coach Bob Smith said. "Some years I might say we just want to qualify for states and I wouldn't care if we were first, second or third. This year, we want to win it. I think that is a very achievable goal."

Mark Moore and Amol Huprikar will be shooting for the top two places in the region, but they are well aware there will be a lot of competition along the way.

"Churchill has a very strong team," Smith said. "And then there's the kid from Northville,

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Bob Smith
Novi Boys Cross Country Coach

Jasen Tumbull. He's pretty solid."

Novi will not, however, be looking to run their legs off. The boys know they stand a solid chance at the top spot, but if they are lagging slightly they aren't going to push themselves to the bring to take first place over second.

The girls, however, will have more of a handful of competitors to deal with. Northville, Stevenson and Churchill are the teams to beat in the region this year.

This season marks the first time in a long time Novi has raced away from Milford and the other top schools.

"All they needed to do was shuffle the deck," said Smith. "Some of the seeded teams have been dispersed, but I don't think that was the main attempt by the state. I think they were truly shaking things up a bit, which is just fine with me."

Both the girls and the guys will have plenty of challengers throughout the meet Saturday, but if they succeed and advance to the state finals they will run in Brooklyn, Mich. for the state finals November 6.

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BOYS KVC CROSS COUNTRY STANDINGS

1. NOVI (6-1)	45
2. Pinckney (6-1)	58
3. MILFORD (6-2)	64
4. Howell (4-3)	121
5. Lakeland (2-5)	122
6. Brighton (3-4)	128
7. South Lyon (1-6)	138
8. Hartland (0-7)	209

GIRLS KVC CROSS COUNTRY STANDINGS

1. Milford (7-0)	29
2. Brighton (6-1)	63
3. NOVI (5-2)	83
4. Lakeland (3-4)	114
5. Pinckney (3-4)	134
6. Howell (0-7)	162
7. South Lyon (1-6)	171
8. Hartland (3-4)	182

AND DON'T MISS OUT...

It never hurts to have plenty of fans cheering a team on to victory. The Novi Wildcats cross country team will be the only show in town Saturday morning, so don't miss out on a chance to see the girls and boys make a run for the state finals. The course at Schoolcraft is flat, which means plenty of speed and low times across the boards. The meet is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the college, which is located on Haggerty Road in Livonia between Seven and Six Mile roads.

'Cats go down fighting in soccer district

The Novi Wildcats boys soccer team went down swinging last week, losing to district tournament champion Livonia Stevenson in the district final, 1-0.

"It was a game that we dominated," Novi coach Brian O'Leary noted. "We had possession of the ball 65-70 percent of the time."

Novi had 10 shots on goal to Stevenson's three, but the Spartans knocked their only tally of the night with eight minutes left in the contest.

"They took advantage of their scoring chances and we didn't," O'Leary said.

They have been credited by O'Leary for playing a "third team" game as he shut down and frustrated Stevenson's All-State forward Jordan Forsythe, A.W. Stancik and Jason Sierra were also said to have had impressive games.

Novi took their season with a 13-5 record. They were runners-up in the KVC as well as in the district tournament.

"I am very proud of the way we played at the end of the season," O'Leary said. "For the last two weeks, we have played the most focused soccer of our entire season and as we will only graduate three starters we should have a very good season next year as well."

Earlier in the week, Novi topped Farmington 4-0. It was a 0-0 game at the half, but Stancik fired in a Colin Cody rebound to take the 1-0 lead before Matt Crawford scored on a corner kick by Stancik. Novi also added goals from Neil Keenan on a penalty kick and Cody from a pass from Matt Simpson.

Senior goalie A. J. Glubinski earned the shutout.

Cagers top Pirates

It was all about teamwork when the Novi Wildcats girls basketball team took on and defeated the top Kensington Valley Conference team in Pinckney, 49-42.

"It was a good game," Novi coach Bill Kemp said. "We shot well and we played good defense. That's what we need to do to win."

The Wildcats spread the wealth in scoring as stellar junior forward

Rachele Ivodno poured in 13 points to lead her squad to the conference victory. Nicole Stephen wasn't far behind, netting 10 points.

Freshman Jamie Fratto shut down and frustrated Stevenson's All-State forward Jordan Forsythe, A.W. Stancik and Jason Sierra were also said to have had impressive games.

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Novi's Nicole Stephen appears to be landing a knockout punch to a Pinckney Pirate during last week's Wildcat 49-42 road win. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Can't stop Howell hoopsters

The surging Howell girls basketball team won its fifth game in a row Thursday, shutting down Novi 40-24 to move into at least third place in the Kensington Valley Conference.

"The girls are starting to believe what I've been telling them all year," Howell coach Lee Phipps told the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus. "I've been telling them that we are good, and their confidence is starting to come around."

The Highlanders (9-6 overall, 6-3 KVC) shut Novi down with an 11-2 first quarter and led 23-10 at halftime.

"The girls came out focused and executed, defensively, really well," Phipps said. "Novi's a good team, but we did well on the boards in terms of limiting them to one shot every time down the court."

Anna Parrino paced the Highlanders with 12 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Heather Hatter had eight points and 11 rebounds and Betsy Barlow pulled down seven rebounds to go with four points. "Everyone is contributing," Phipps said. "That's the main thing. Everyone is contributing, offensively and defensively."

Harriss prove to be the best

The Novi boys had little trouble convincing themselves they were capable of beating the top-ranked cross country team in the state in dual meet action last week.

Novi went out and proved they

CC girls fall to Mavericks

Spencer Ornes, Justin Namin and Bobby Watts proved to be the best combination of the day in taking fifth, sixth and seventh overall to secure the victory.

How much of a role does intimidation play in a meet? Quite a bit, it seems.

Milford, one of the top ranked teams in Michigan, pounded out a 19-41 victory over the Novi Wildcats girls cross country team last week. The meet was one of Milford's best and one of Novi's worst.

"The girls had a bad meet collectively," Novi coach Norm Norgren said. "We hope that is now out of our system and we can look forward to the rest of the season."

Milford (7-0 dual meet) ran to the first, second, third, sixth, seventh and eighth place places while Novi (5-2) took fourth, fifth, ninth, 11th and 12th.

Taking the top spot out of Novi runners was Meghan Bamartz, who ran a 20:37, while Katie Shannon took fifth with a 20:48. Patti Ramos had an uncharacteristic ninth-place finish in a time of 21:05 while Andrea Kramer was 11th in

Tankers edged by KVC rivals

The Novi Wildcats just couldn't get the best of KVC rival South Lyon and fell, 95-91, in swimming action last week.

The squad cut it as close as possible, but didn't have enough to notch the victory.

The Wildcats had plenty of strong performances though. The 200 medley relay team of Julia Schramm, Mary Rudzinski, Jen Ma and Dana Hapanowicz took second place in a time of 2:09.88 while Laura Lynch swam to second in 2:07.48 in the 200-yard freestyle.

In the diving portion of the meet, Novi was golden — and silver for that matter. The squad took first with 176.85 points off

the diving of Amy Glubinski while Rachel Warnowicz took second with 147.65 points.

Schramm was simply fantastic in the 100 butterfly, swimming to a first-place finish in 1:06.69 while Ma notched a third in 1:10.87. In the 100 freestyle, Hapanowicz notched a second-place finish in 59 seconds while Megan BuWald took third in 1:07.60.

Novi wasn't finished with their impressive swims. In the 100 backstroke, Schramm took first in 1:05.40 while the 100 breaststroke found Nicole Patton taking third in just 1:17.42.

The final event of the night was won by Novi as Schramm, Lynch, Emily Erickson and Hapanowicz combined their always-impressive swimming abilities for the top spot in the 400 free relay. The squad earned the win in 4:00.18.

Novi (5-5 overall, 2-3 KVC) is back in action today when they visit Milford.

—Compiled by Sam Eggleston

NOVI GOES FOR THE JUG-ULAR

'Cats win Baseline prize again

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Despite police being on-hand at the crime scene last Friday night, no arrests were made following the Novi Wildcats assault of the Northville Mustangs.

Novi pummeled the Mustangs early and often, 35-7, and took home bragging rights and the Baseline Jug trophy for the fourth-straight year.

By the third quarter, it looked more like a Baseline mug.

But Northville wasn't robbed. They merely forgot to show up.

The first play from scrimmage for the Wildcats resulted in a 56-yard punt by running back Jorell Woods. He broke four tackles without even stumbling.

"They came out ready to play, punched us square in the jaw and we didn't respond," Northville coach Clint Alexander said.

The second and third scores of the game came from Woods as well, both on three-yard runs and both before Northville could even sustain a drive.

By the end of three quarters, Novi (15-0) thanks to Chris Dalton ending a 28-yard reception from quarterback Kevin Cisto midway through the stanza. Cisto added a running touchdown of his own, sprinting 64 yards for the score and the 35-0 lead.

"He's been playing some good football," Novi coach Tab Kellepporey noted. "But he wouldn't be able to do those kinds of things if it weren't for his teammates."

Northville added a taken touchdown with 6:55 remaining in the game. Junior quarterback Charlie Thomas tossed a 28-yard pass to Richie Nejmian. It was Nejmian's first touchdown of the year despite being the second-leading receiver on the team.

"I was surprised," Alexander said of how his team played. "I thought we were ready. I thought the kids were excited. We made mistakes we hadn't made all year. We've got to work hard this week to correct it."

Northville dropped to 7-2 with the loss while Novi climbed to 7-2 with the victory. The Wildcats lead the all-time series between the two squads, 18-16.

Of course, the two teams will be able to try it all again tomorrow night when they square off against each other in the first round of the playoffs. Novi will visit Northville again at 7 p.m.

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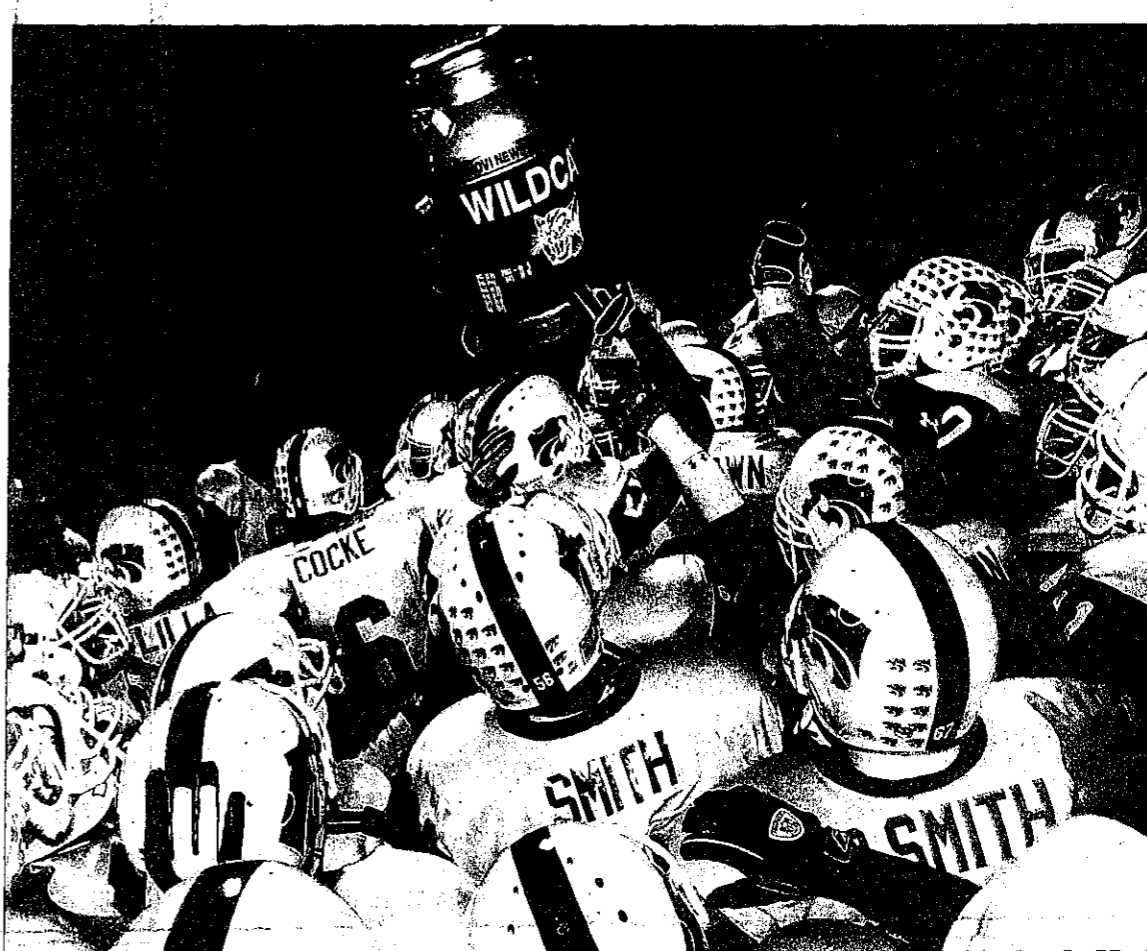
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Shouting "We got the jug!" Wildcats celebrate their victory over the Mustangs late Friday night. Novi leads Baseline Jug series 18-16. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville draws Novi in playoff opener

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

For the Northville Mustangs, the road through the state playoffs travels through a small town called Redington and is paved with second chances.

The 7-2 Mustangs will take their first step tomorrow night toward averting their only two season losses when for the second straight year they will take an cross-town rival Novi (7-2) during the first round of the playoffs.

Novi won last week's match-up in convincing fashion, grinding through Northville's defense for a 35-7 win.

"We've got to come with the game we've come with throughout the rest of the year," Northville coach Clint Alexander said. "We've got to execute, and we've got to play with some enthusiasm."

The Mustangs, who are the host team for the 7 p.m. kick-off tomorrow, chose to play Friday instead of Saturday for a single reason.

"We want to re-live it like it's last Friday again," Alexander said. "Of course, they'll want a different ending."

"That's up to the kids," Alexander said.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

The Novi Wildcats and the Northville Mustangs will have a pre-sale on tickets until 1 p.m. Friday. Tickets are available at either school's athletics department.

The cost to enter the game is \$5. Because it is a Michigan High School Athletic Association event, passes of any kind will not be accepted.

"The team that wants it the most is going to win Friday night."

Last Friday it was Novi who wanted it more, and it showed. Novi knows tomorrow is a whole different ball game.

"We're going to have to play our best game of the season," Novi head coach Tab Kellepporey said. "Nothing is harder than trying to beat a good team twice."

If the Mustangs scrape past the Wildcats, the other team that beat them this year will likely be waiting.

Plymouth-Canton takes on Belleville on the other side of the district bracket. The Chiefs are currently undefeated.

"Everyone is beatable," Alexander said. "In high school sports if one or two kids get hurt, the entire complexion of the game changes a lot."

But Northville isn't looking past the Wildcats. They can't afford to.

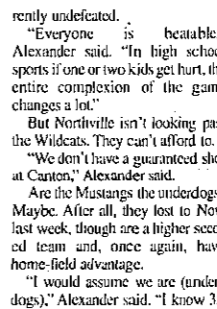
"We don't have a guaranteed shot at Canton," Alexander said.

Are the Mustangs the underdogs? Maybe. After all, they lost to Novi last week, though are a higher seeded team and, once again, have home-field advantage.

"I would assume we are (underdogs)," Alexander said. "I know 35 reasons we are."

Alexander said he believes he had a different team last Friday compared to the team he has brought out in other contests. Individual players agree and have already taken steps to rectify the situation.

"I came in Saturday and the kids were already having a meeting on their own, going over goals and making plans," Alexander said. "That's one of the things that have made them special all year. They know what they've done to get here and they know what they have to do to win. They have to believe in each other."



Wildcat BJ Chaktos is brought down by a host of Mustangs including Shadi Deabbes, Rick Birdsall, Joe Prain, and Jared Krause (#44). Photo by JOHN HEIDER

And believe they do, Alexander said.

"They say adversity doesn't build character, it reveals it," he said. "Walking in and seeing them have their own meeting was great. It told me if they've learned nothing else in football that they can carry through the rest of their lives, they've learned they have to hold themselves accountable."

Alexander said the coaching staff holds themselves accountable too. At Northville, everyone feels responsible for last week's loss.

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Wildcat Stephanie Crawford tries to get away from a Pirate double team during an away victory for Novi at Pinckney. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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Breast Cancer Facts

Women who have had no children or who had their first child after age 30 have a slightly higher breast cancer risk. Having multiple pregnancies and becoming pregnant at an early age reduces breast cancer risk. It is still not certain what part oral contraceptives (birth control pills) might play in breast cancer risk. It has become clear that long-term use of hormone replacement therapy after menopause, particularly estrogens and progesterone combined, increases the risk of breast cancer. Use of alcohol increases the risk of breast cancer. One mammogram exposes a person to the same amount of radiation as flying from New York to California on a commercial jet. If you have a breast lump, have it checked by your doctor, even if your mammogram is normal. Medicare, Medicaid, and most private health insurance plans cover mammogram costs or a percentage of them.

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Election day rules: No Mulligans

Charlie Birney knows a thing or two about the game of golf. He should. After all, this Maryland small-business owner operates three golf courses.

He also knows that in an election, unlike golf, there are no "mulligans." You only get one shot on Election Day. No "do-overs" or make-good swings will be allowed.

As one of America's 25 million small entrepreneurs, Birney believes that the backbone of the nation's economic system is its

free-enterprise structure. He's proud of the fact that he and his peers represent more than 99 percent of all U.S. employ-

ers, provide jobs for half of all private-sector employees and generate nearly 45 percent of the total private payroll. Small-business owners are motivated risk-takers who burn the midnight oil in their search for the American Dream. Rarely do they find enough hours in the day to finish their "to do" lists. The last thing they need is more work and more responsibility.

But that's exactly what Charlie Birney has volunteered for. In the spirit of participative democracy, he has taken on what amounts to another full-time job and loads of additional responsibility.

Determined to help elect candidates who support small business, Birney is hard at work personally registering voters for the upcoming election. And, he's hosting training days at his business to help voters become familiar with electronic voting machines before stepping behind the curtain.

That's not all. He believes so strongly in political involvement that he's offered his employees several hours a week of paid time off if they decide to volunteer for a campaign.

What's more, Birney provides a newsletter to help educate his employees about key small-business issues and inform them of the stands taken by candidates who will appear on their ballots. He wants to make sure those who work for him know that their livelihoods are directly linked to such things as the tax and regulatory hazards his golf business must avoid to score profits. He is determined to share his ideas and opinions on the challenges confronting the nation's entrepreneurs today.

Small-business owners all across America should seriously consider following Charlie Birney's example in the precious few remaining days before Nov. 2 so they, too, can have a major impact on the outcome of the election. By educating their employees as well as their customers about the challenges facing one of America's most vital economic resources, those 25 million entrepreneurs could help elect candidates who will support free enterprise and fight against tax-and-spend legislators and over-regulators who think profit is a dirty word.

Like Charlie Birney, American small-business owners who are concerned about the future of their businesses should act now to encourage voters to pull the lever for candidates who vow to simplify the tax code and reduce taxes, reduce excessive regulation and intrusive labor laws, make health care more accessible and affordable, curb frivolous lawsuits and end government competition against small businesses.

There will be no "mulligans" after Election Day, Nov. 2.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB.com.

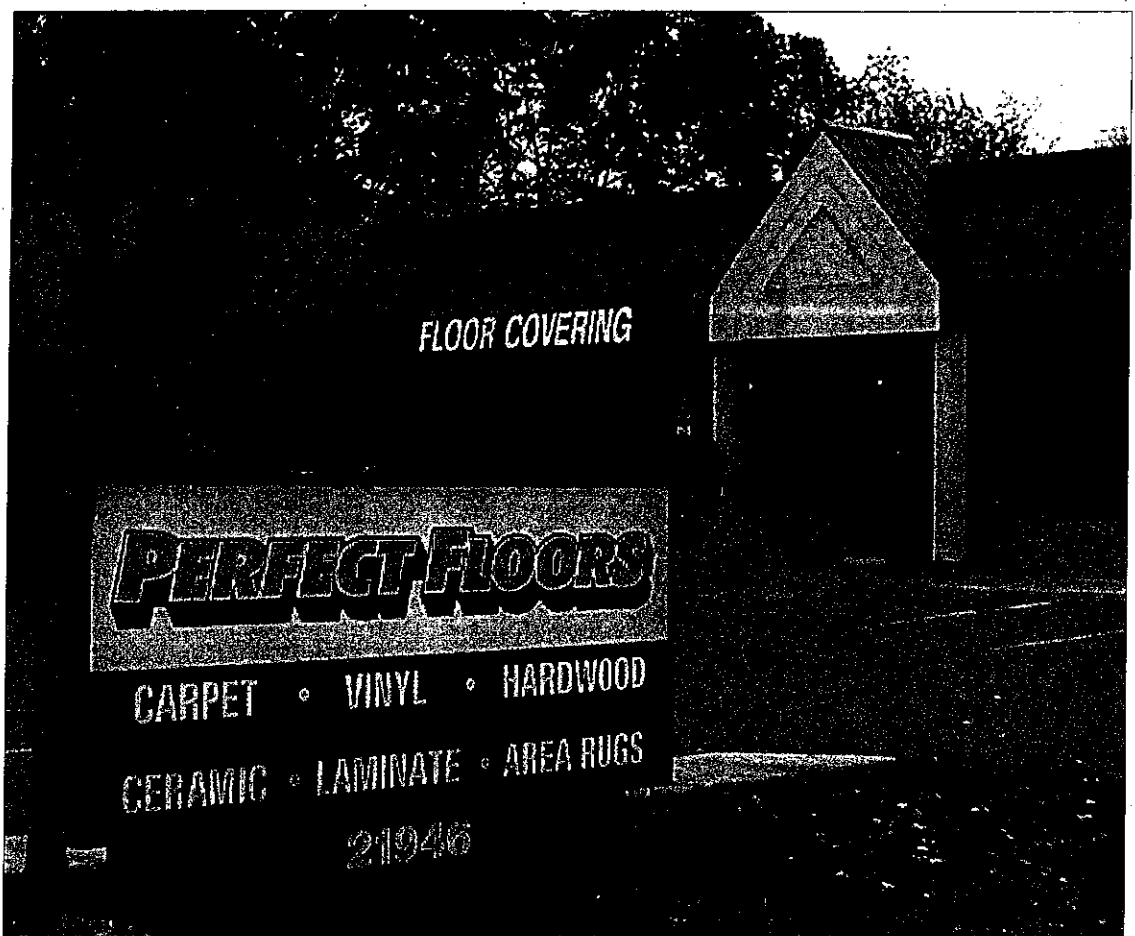
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Advertorial



Perfect Floors is located in the former Serra Floor Covering store on Pontiac Trail in South Lyon pictured here.

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Perfect Floors opens in South Lyon

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Perfect Floors is a new floor covering business that opened Oct. 4 in the former Serra Floor Covering location on Pontiac Trail just south of Nine Mile in South Lyon. The newly remodeled showroom features a large selection of area rugs, carpeting, vinyl, ceramic, hardwood and wood laminate floor covering products.

Perfect Floors purchased the business and location from its former owner Jim Serra. Based in Rochester Hills, Perfect

Floors is a family business operated by the three Williams brothers, John, Michael and Ron, and their brother-in-law Craig Colpean since 1995.

"We have operated the family business with a hands-on approach and with direct accountability for customer service," Ron Williams said.

Ron is managing the new location of Perfect Floors in South Lyon and is available during business hours. Williams said that Serra is still involved in the business and they have retained the office, sales and installation employees from the previous

operation.

Perfect Floors has a full-time staff of installers that do all floor covering installations sold in the area. Serra, the staff and installers know the local community from working in it for many years.

"We have established a name for ourselves and get a lot of walk-in trade from local families in Rochester Hills," Ron said. "We want to carry it over to this side of town with the new location in South Lyon. We invite families to visit the showroom here."

Williams said that Perfect Floors can offer better prices, from 10 to 20 percent lower than the previous business, because of their larger overall operation.

"We have always been very competitive matching the lowest prices available in the area," Ron said. "We don't use any gimmicks like some of the large chains. We sell quality products at the right prices."

Perfect Floors offers complete flooring covering service to both commercial and residential customers.

Williams said about 75 to 80 percent of their business in Rochester Hills is residential with the remainder of it going to builders and contractors, and expects their local business to continue in that range.

Perfect Floors is a Mohawk Color Center dealer and represents other carpeting mills such as Beaulieu and Shaw. The business offers Armstrong, Congoleum and Mannington vinyl flooring; Armstrong, Mannington and Pergo laminates; and Bruce, Mohawk and Somerset hardwood floors. They are also offering ceramic products for the first time at the South



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Lyon showroom.

The new owners expect to serve customers in South Lyon, across Oakland County, places like Northville and Livonia, and extending out toward Ann Arbor, Brighton and Howell from the new location.

Williams said that they will maintain the former business' membership in the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce. He intends to get to know the local community and support it through the floor covering business.

Ron and his family currently reside in Livonia, so he is closer to the South Lyon area than he was to the original location in Rochester Hills.

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Perfect Floors offers a large selection of carpeting in the showroom, which includes a Mohawk Color Center. It also offers a variety of ceramic, hardwood, laminate and vinyl floor-covering products pictured here in the showroom.

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