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District dollars amount to less than Novi Schools expected

BY CHRIS JACKETT
STAFF WRITER

With the state's kindergarten-12 funding set and the first Student Count Day of the school year complete, Novi Community Schools district has a better idea of where it stands financially — holding less money than expected. The district budgeted an increase of \$71 per pupil to be received through the State Foundation Allowance just before its June 30 budget deadline.

The \$71 figure was based off a number approved by the state Senate at the time.

Two months later, Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the state's 2009 K-12 education budget into law with a \$56 increase for Novi Schools, the minimum amount awarded to the top-tier schools across the state.

The \$56 increase will now earn the district \$8,751 per pupil. The district had planned on receiving \$15 more for each student enrolled.

"We're disappointed. Even

at \$71, that's not enough to adequately fund education. It's better than zero," said Bob Schram, assistant superintendent of human resources. "We notice the state's constraints. They can't make money like the federal government can. We ask the state that they (prioritize). We need, at least, a rate of inflation increase. That's \$200-250."

The state had until Oct. 1 to set a budget, while the school district had until June 30. It's become an annual process of amending the district

budget mid-academic year to match the State Foundation Allowance awarded later in the fall.

Last year, the district budgeted for a \$50 increase and received a \$48 increase instead, offsetting the 2007-08 budget projections by more than \$12,500.

"It causes a lot of difficulty," Schram said. "This year, the board is going to take it out of fund equity. They took \$3 million out last year."

Although an allowance of more than \$55 million is

expected, the \$94,000 could have gone toward educational materials and improvements for students in Novi.

With Student Count Day occurring Sept. 24, 75 percent of the enrollment figure sent to the state is nearly set. The remaining 25 percent will be determined by the Feb. 11, 2009, Student Count Day. The numbers need to be converted into the Full-Time Equivalent, but already give the district an idea about enrollment.

Schram said the district is doing what it can to

make up for the lost money. Implementing an energy-conservation program throughout the district and allowing staff members' children to attend the district has helped, but not enough to offset the costs.

"There's not a lot of ways to bring money in," Schram said. "People with school-aged kids want to move here, but, with the real estate market, people can't sell their homes and move here."

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Shop dog Brody may often be seen on his second floor perch overlooking Old Novi Road.

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BY CHRIS JACKETT
STAFF WRITER

In an ever-changing Novi community, one face steadfastly shines on Old Novi Road — Brody.

Passersby surely have noticed the 3-year-old white Labrador mix regularly perched on the second-floor stairway platform at A-1 Radiator Sales & Service.

Brody has been keeping watch on the radiator business the past 2½ years, since the business' owner, Dave Jackson, brought the then-six-month-old pup home from the Humane Society.

"He goes where I go. He's my shadow wherever I go," said Jackson, a Novi resident who lives in a building down from his business.

Brody can often be seen napping on the stairwell outside the door to the business' office. Jackson said Brody regularly greets customers and follows him around the two-story, 1,800-square-foot building on a daily basis.

His sharp ears at everyone that



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A-1 Radiator Sales & Service shop owner Dave Jackson hangs out with his dog, Brody on a recent afternoon. Brody is a well-known icon to motorists passing by the shop on Old Novi Road.

comes out. Once they pet him, he lays on his back with his legs in the air," Jackson said.

Brody not only gets along with adults, but their children and pets as well. Brody is so playful that Jackson takes him to the Wixom dog park to get his dose of exercise.

Although Brody has been on site for less than three years, the business is one of the few remaining from Novi's earlier

years.

Servicing radiators, fixing heating and cooling problems and also selling the key automobile component, A-1 Radiator Sales & Service will celebrate its 50th anniversary Nov. 29, 2009.

Founded by Virgil Jackson, Dave's father, the business started in 1959. Dave took over when his dad died in 2001. He brought in a business partner

in 2004, but he died in 2006, leaving Dave alone at the reins again with the exception of his furry, constant companion.

"I just always worked and spent my childhood here. It's been good to me. It's a way of life," Jackson said. "In '96, they put Novi Road in and now we don't get any traffic. No one knows we're here."

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Novi library provides students free online tutoring

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Public Library recently launched HelpNow, an online tutorial program designed for students grades three-12.

Created by Brainfuse Inc., one of the nation's leading online tutoring providers, HelpNow tutors communicate with students through an instant messaging-style forum. All tutors possess at least a four-year college degree.

"There aren't too many libraries in Michigan who have it yet," said Betty Lang, collections specialist of the Novi Library. "We're very anxious to get (the word out) to the schools."

The program, which is easily accessible for library patrons either from home or from the library computers, offers assistance in math, social studies, English, science, reading and writing.

"We're especially intrigued with it because it's free homework help," Lang said. "The economic situation in Michigan is very bad, this might help those parents whose kids need help and they can't

afford to pay for it."

In order for students to connect with HelpNow tutors via www.novilibrary.org they must be Novi Public Library cardholders and log on between the hours of 2-11 p.m.

"We wanted to choose (hours) for when the youngsters get out of school," Lang said of the daily nine-hour time block.

Along with the interactive tutorial sessions, HelpNow offers a 24-hour writing lab, where students can submit their papers through a secure file-sharing system to trained writing instructors.

"In their tutoring sessions, they give positive feedback," Lang said.

Parents also have the ability to use HelpNow in assisting their children with their homework.

"If parents feel they can't help their kids with their math, they can go in and learn how to help them," Lang said. "There are so many ways to use this that will be beneficial to the community."

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Novi Public Library Collections Specialist Betty Lang demonstrates the HelpNow tutorial program. The online system uses tutors to help students with their homework questions.

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Fall for Novi, with an International Flair, fares well

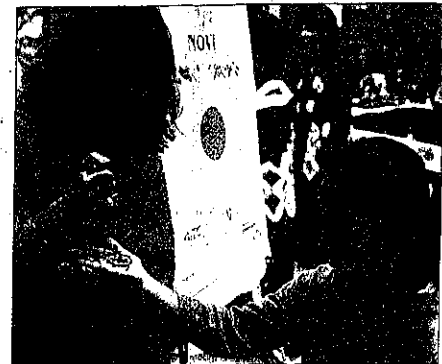
BY KELLY MURAD
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Droves of people flocked to the Novi Civic Center Saturday to attend the city's annual open house event. For the first time, the city combined the event with its annual International Festival to bring community members Fall for Novi, with an International Flair.

"I think it was a better turnout," said Novi resident Anne Huang of combining the International Festival with Fall for Novi. Huang's son Mitchell, 9, is involved with the Martial Arts program through the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and participated in a demonstration as part of Saturday's activities.

"I have a lot of fun doing Martial Arts," Mitchell said. "My teachers are really nice and they're really patient." Other cultural performances taking place throughout the day included, Polynesian dance, Japanese choir, American dance, Mexico Lindo and an interactive story time. Representatives from countries/regions such as Taiwan, Japan, China, Africa, Spain, Germany, India, the United States, Latin America, Greece, France and Mexico introduced members of the Novi community to art, entertainment and cuisine, specific to their culture.

"It's such a diverse cultured community," said Novi resident Rima Roychowdhury. Roychowdhury and fellow Novi residents Sumita Ghosh and Pali Talapatra, are from India and were applying henna, a form of body art, to attendees' hands. "The henna is a big hit," Roychowdhury said. "It's a beauty thing, for weddings we do it." On display was an artifact of an ancient travel ship, made of traditional Indian spices such as cardamom, cloves and bay leaves.



Anindita Talapatra puts a henna tattoo on the arm of a visitor at Saturday's Fall for Novi, with an International Flair event at the Novi Civic Center.

The University of Michigan Survival Flight landed in front of the police department, which was also holding an open house. Other Fall for Novi happenings included fire safety demonstrations, the Fall Perennial Exchange and kids' activities. Fire Department representatives were on hand to provide information regarding city departments and community organizations. Numerous residents seemed interested in inquiring about the proposed signature park and Furst Park. "Everybody coming by us said 'This is awesome and when can you build it?'" said Randy Auler, director of the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Auler is encouraging community members to share their input, regarding the

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Novi business; 10 years and going strong

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Ten years after opening the Sports Club of Novi, owner Mark Pinchoff wants to say thank you to his loyal customers.



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"It's been a great 10 years, and we've been able to grow every year," Pinchoff said. "We've done really well in Novi. Fourteen hundred of our members have been here since we opened. In this business, that's hard to do." And what better way to express his gratitude to the more than 4,000 members, than with a weekend-long celebration. Oct. 3-5 members are invited to experience complimentary massages; blood pressure, body fat and bone density screenings; yoga and pilates demonstrations; tennis, swimming, dance, martial arts and gymnastics exhibitions; and food and beverages free of charge. Guests are also welcome, free of charge. "For me it's a thank you to the members, but certainly anybody's welcome to come in," Pinchoff said. "I think that working out is one of those things that you need to have in your life, but a lot of people

Sports Club of Novi employee Kasey Bojanowski dukes it out with an on-screen opponent in the club's new XrKade featuring interactive video games.

need to be convinced. "It's important for us to make sure we're providing a great service for what we charge, in this economy we have to." The 130,000-square-foot wireless facility features a fitness center, exercise and yoga rooms, 12 tennis courts, indoor and outdoor pools, dance, gymnastics and martial arts studios and a cafe, among other things. "The fitness business is getting very competitive here," Pinchoff said. "Being in Novi, we wanted to compete a little more on the higher end of things. There is more activity as a family in Novi. Our customers participate in all the things we do."

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The XrKade will be open 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and staffed at all times. "The XrKade will be open all weekend for people to try for free," Pinchoff said. "I really want to run this, not as an arcade, but more as a fitness facility." ARCADE MEETS FITNESS Friday marks the grand opening of the Sports Club of Novi's latest addition, XrKade. "It's a combination of an arcade and a fitness center," Pinchoff said.

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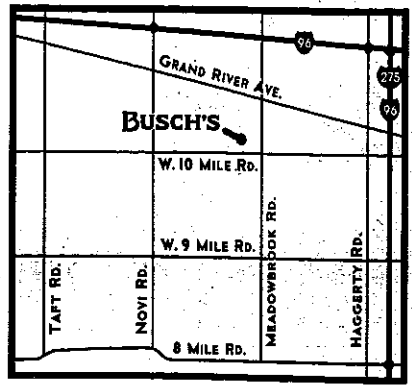
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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Pumpkin thrown through window

Between 11 p.m. Sept. 19 and 6:30 a.m. Sept. 20, a softball-sized pumpkin was thrown through a window of a Novi residence, reports said.

Police found the broken pumpkin inside the house and glass from the arch-shaped window over the front door, lying on the floor.

The complainant does not know who could have broken the window, but said he has had similar problems.

Missing garbage can

A brown plastic 50-gallon garbage can on wheels was allegedly stolen from a residence on Fairway Hills Drive, near 10 Mile and Taft roads, reports said.

The victim said she put the garbage can out at the curb at about 6 p.m. Sept. 17 and when she left for work the morning of Sept. 18 it was missing.

According to the report,

the woman and police separately looked for the garbage can, but were unable to find it.

There are no suspects at this time.

Stolen tabs

According to a recent police report, the tabs were stolen off the license plate of a vehicle while parked on Juniper Circle, near 14 Mile and Novi roads, Sept. 20.

The victim said he noticed the dealership frame around the license plate was bent, and upon further investigation he discovered the registration tab had been scraped off.

The victim's son said he heard a car door close at about 4:30 a.m.

Tools, equipment taken from job site

Equipment was reported stolen from a job site on Northaven Street, near Pontiac Trail and West Park

Drive, between 5 p.m. Sept. 18 and 9:30 a.m. Sept. 19.

A Pro 3 aluminum brake, 24-foot Werner extension ladder, Porter air compressor and aluminum scaffolding were among the items reported stolen.

According to the complainant, he tied down some of the tools and equipment at the location overnight, but the suspect(s) cut the cable to gain access to the materials.

The victim has been working at the site, which reports said is at the rear of Northaven and not very visible from the street.

Windsurfing equipment found

A resident of Cordoba Drive, near 11 Mile and Taft roads, found a large red and gray duffel bag filled with windsurfing equipment in his yard at about 6 a.m. Sept. 19, reports said.

Unsure of where it came from, the resident left the

bag outside in case the owner came back to claim it, but no one did. The resident then asked neighbors if the bag belonged to them, but reports said it did not.

The equipment was handed over to the Novi Police Department, located at 45125 W. 10 Mile Road, for safekeeping.

Rocks thrown through windows

Between Sept. 20-24 two complaints were made for rocks thrown through windows, reports said.

At about 9:30 p.m. Sept. 20, a rock was thrown through the bedroom window of a residence on Brentwood Court, near 10 Mile and Taft roads.

According to reports, a one-inch hole was made in the lower pane of the first floor window and a small rock was found between the glass and screen. Police said kids were seen in the area, but it is unknown if they were

related to the incident.

Between 5-10 p.m. Sept. 24, the back window of a silver Toyota was smashed while parked in the driveway of a residence on Westminster Circle, near 10 Mile and Haggerty roads, reports said. The victim said his son drives the vehicle to school, but does not have enemies or any idea who might have thrown a rock through the window.

Yard statues found

A resident walking near Sunrise Boulevard and Shady Brook Sept. 24 found two piles of yard statues about 10 feet inside the wood line, reports said.

According to the complainant, the statues were not there when he was walking the previous day.

The officer contacted dispatch to find out if anyone had recently reported missing statues, and discovered there was one report of a missing blessed statue.

According to the report,

the statues were placed into evidence.

Stereo equipment gone

According to recent police reports, a pick-up truck was broken into between Sept. 23-25, while parked on Wellington Drive, in The Springs Apartment complex located near Pontiac Trail and Beck Road.

The suspect gained entry to the locked vehicle by prying open the driver-side door and damaging the front and rear doors, reports said.

A stereo, global positioning system and digital video disc player was stolen, along with a speaker box, reports said.

Although the speaker box was stolen, the amplifier, which was located right next to it under the rear bench seat, was not taken, reports said.

The victim believes his vehicle was specifically targeted because his wife's car, which was parked next to his, was left unlocked and nothing was tampered with.

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Low-price window companies on the rise

According to the July-August 2008 issue of "Replacement Contractor" Magazine, the traditional way of buying and selling replacement windows is changing rapidly.

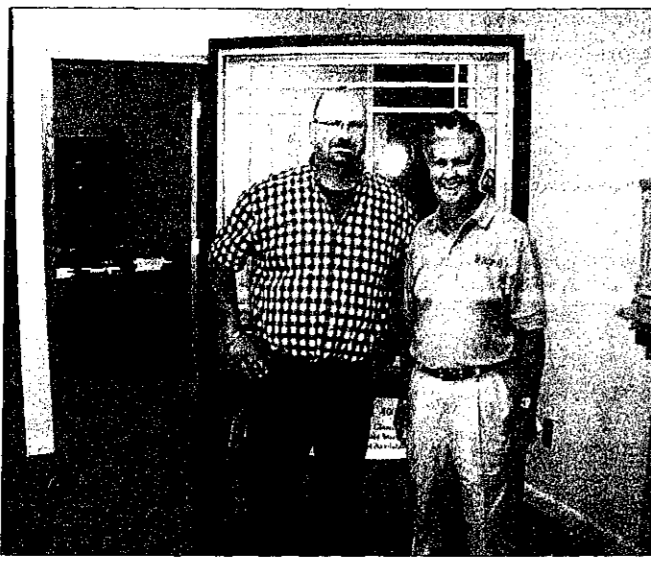
Window World, the pioneer among low-priced window retailers and the leader in the market, is riding high on the new trend with the debut of the new Window World in Novi. Historically, traditional window replacement companies implement two-to-three-hour, in-home presentations to demonstrate products, using multiple sales methods with complicated pricing structures. The price is usually not advertised because it is determined by the "sale of the day" or "large discount" taken from an inflated price.

Enter Window World, the company that turned the replacement window industry upside down.

In 1999 Leo Whitworth in a roadside stand in Wilmington, N.C. decided early on that he wasn't going to be like everyone else.

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His plan worked, and in 2007, Window World dealers



Window World of Novi manager Roger Williams (left) and owner Fred Moran celebrate the grand opening of their new Novi location.

installed 1.1 million windows, more than any other window replacement company in the United States.

Father and son team, Fred and Pat Moran bought into Whitworth's new business model in 2003, opening a Window World in Youngstown, Ohio.

The following year, they opened locations in Pittsburgh and Erie, PA. Locations in Toledo, OH and Ann Arbor soon followed.

In July, the Morans opened their sixth Window World at 48651 Grand River Ave. in Novi with high expectations of success.

"The secret to our success is our value. Our \$189 priced window is the window we sell the most," said Fred Moran. "It's fully welded frames, 7/8-inch double pane insulated glass and has a lifetime warranty. Because of the large volume we do, nobody can touch our price."

WINDOW WORLD OF NOVI OPENING CELEBRATION

Window World of Novi invites residents to celebrate its Grand Opening Oct. 3-5. Festivities will begin at noon Friday with the Novi Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and a \$3,000 donation for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. On Saturday, the "Appliance Doctor" and consumer advocate Joe Gagnon will be on hand to answer home related questions. Free food and giveaways will take place all weekend. Visitors can register to win the grand prize of six custom made white double hung windows installed. Grand opening hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-3 p.m. Sunday. Window World is located at 48661 W. Grand River Ave., between Beck and Wixom roads. For more information, call (248) 347-0100.

Window World windows and other products are manufactured by AMI, Akron, Ohio.

This past year, Window World received the prestigious Good Housekeeping seal on its full line of windows, only one out of five replacement window companies in the country to do so.

And sales at Window World don't seem to be effected by the economy's slump, as the Morans are experiencing double digit increases for 2008.

They expect greater gains this year, as energy conscious consumers are looking to improve the efficiency of their homes by replacing their windows with more energy efficient windows, as recommended by ENERGY STAR. ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy, helping people save money and protecting the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

What makes a window energy efficient? According to the Fred Moran, of Window World, the fully welded frame and double pane glass of their 4000 series window reduces heat loss in winter and heat gain in summer.

The showroom is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free in-home, no obligation consultations are available daily and weekends and may be made by calling Window World at 1-800-NEXTWINDOW (639-8946). (An optional add-on package includes Solarban 60 Low-E

Glass, a special coating that reflects infrared light, keeping heat inside in the winter and outside in the summer. The package also includes argon gas, filled between the panes for better insulation than regular air.

The energy efficient glass package usually reduces heating bills by as much as 35 percent," said Moran. "So the windows pay for themselves."

Another energy efficient option also available by Window World is Prodigy insulated home siding. Designed with an R-value of 5.0, the siding offers five times the energy efficiency of ordinary siding. The insulation is 1.5 inches thick and wraps the home in an unbroken blanket, yet Prodigy breathes freely to resist water retention.

Interested homeowners can see the windows, siding and other products from Window World by visiting their new showroom at 48661 Grand River Avenue in Novi, between Wixom and Beck roads.

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CLASS NOTES



Yvonne Pallone, of Novi's Famous Dave's BBO, dishes out a serving of Texas beef brisket during Friday night's Taste of Novi event before Novi High School's football game.

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On-site college admissions

The following schools have agreed to send an admission counselor to Novi High School this fall. Representatives will sit down with students to review applications, transcripts and test scores to provide an immediate admissions decision.

To sign up for on-site admissions, see Michael Zelinski in the Student Services Center.

Students must sign up at least one week prior to scheduled on-site meetings. On-site admission appointments are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

Once an appointment is scheduled, students are responsible for turning in their completed paper application and fee (if applicable) to their counselor a minimum of three school days prior to their appointment time. Additional applications should not be submitted to the university.

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Oct. 7 - Western Michigan University
Oct. 16 - Grand Valley State University
Oct. 21 - Central Michigan University

Oct. 21 - University of Detroit Mercy
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Michigan-Flint
Oct. 28 - Ferris State University
Oct. 30 - Oakland University
Nov. 6 - Eastern Michigan University
Nov. 11 - Saginaw Valley State University
Nov. 11 - Northern Michigan University
Nov. 13 - Davenport University
TBD - University of Michigan-Dearborn

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The Novi Athletic Boosters are again selling the All Sports Pass, which entitles entrance to all regular season home games for the entire school year. Cost is \$50 for individuals or \$140 for a family pass.

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National Coney Island presents Take a Lion to School contest

From Oct. 7 through Nov. 11, six lucky students will win a classroom visit by a Detroit Lion, playing an exciting "winners" letter, number, and football, four tickets to an

upcoming Lions home game, their face on the Ford Field jumbotron, as well as other prizes and gifts. The contest is open to students in third-sixth grades by going online to www.nationalconeyisland.com to enter.

Probst awarded memorial academic scholarship

Senior and football player Austin Probst is this year's recipient of the 2008 Walled Lake Western Tuss Marinetti Memorial Academic Scholarship, sponsored by Hines Park Ford. Probst is a running back for the Warriors and also runs track. He has the top GPA of any senior football player at Western; over a 4.0. Probst is looking at Albion College and other division 3 schools where he will major in psychology and political science. Probst plans on running track and possibly playing football in college. Hines Park Ford supports athletics at Walled Lake Western and volunteered to sponsor this scholarship to emphasize education and athletics. This is the fourth year the scholarship has been awarded.

Russ Marinetti was a former football coach at Western who passed away in 2003. He began coaching in the early 90s.



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Helping Hands

Deerfield Elementary School students have been busy collecting stuffed toys, blankets and books to donate to Project Night Night, a non-profit company that provides goods for children living in homeless shelters in the area. Students Amir Ashiani, Henriette Lucas and Jason Zhang have been filling bins during the first community service project of the year.

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Saturday, October 11	Event	Location
Throughout Day	Haybale Maze, Kids Rides, Inflatables, Arts and Craft Vendors	Village
Noon - 2:00 pm	Die Rheinlanders	Beer Tent
Noon - 3:00 pm	Petting Zoo & Pony Rides	Village
Noon - 4:00 pm	Free horse-drawn wagon rides	Village
Noon - 6:00 pm	Classic Car Show	Village
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Wavel Folk Ensemble Dancers	Beer Tent
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Oehlein Bavarian Dancers	Village
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IN OUR OPINION

Continue input on Fuerst Farm property

One week from today at 7:30 p.m. The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission will hold a public input meeting regarding conceptual plans for the Fuerst Park at the corner of 70 Mile and Tatt roads - the site of the former Fuerst Farmstead.

Members of Novi's city council were pleased with initial concepts and design elements for the property presented by Hamilton Anderson Associates, Inc. during last week's meeting.

The firm was awarded the \$31,350 contract for professional design services for the initial development of the Fuerst Park, a multi-phase project.

The presented design includes natural elements such as pathways and seating to create an informal, more passive park.

The plans also include an amphitheater seating up to 150 people, utilizing the Township Hall as a backdrop for performances.

But now it is your turn to sound off. The city is offering three options to voice your desires:

- fill out a comment card, located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center;
- complete an online survey by visiting www.cityofnovi.org; or
- attend the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission meeting 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9 in council chambers.

It has been a short time since "Save the Fuerst Farm" signs filled neighborhood landscapes throughout the city. And as we know, it was decided the national historical site, including barns and the Fuerst sisters' home, was to be eliminated. This was a decision not embraced by all, but believed as best by your elected officials.

We now encourage all residents, including those passionate about the cause, to utilize one of the three options offered to help shape the property's future.

The buildings may be a memory, but the future of the property is still up for discussion.



PHOTO BY JOHN HEDER/NOVI NEWS

Fall has arrived

A kayak fisherman takes to the waters of Walled Lake on Sept. 24. The lake should remain good for fishing for awhile as it cools down from summer.

LETTERS

Vote for Zyczynski

Robert Fulgham wrote, "All I really need to know, I learned in kindergarten." Karen Zyczynski spent 35 years as a teacher, and most of them were teaching the fundamental values of life to children as a kindergarten teacher. She also brought those values to a responsible role as board member and then leader of the Livonia Education Association where she was its longest serving president. Karen also served for four years on the teacher examination advisory committee of the Michigan Department of Education. She has served the City of Novi on its parks and recreation commission.

I first got to know Karen Zyczynski as a neighbor on Heartwood in Novi. Years later, I found myself on the opposite side of a bargaining table from Karen as she worked with others to bargain for the wages and working conditions of the teachers she represented. Karen was always firm, reasonable and open-minded. She always kept in mind the overall mission of our school district as she worked for contracts that benefited everyone.

Karen Zyczynski is now running for Oakland County Commissioner representing District 9 in Novi and the Oakland County portion of Northville. Karen is retired from teaching and she is seeking to bring her problem-solving skills to serve her community as a County Commissioner. Karen is a Democrat.

As we ponder the tough economic

times that are appearing before us, it will be important to have open-minded problem solvers willing to devote all of their time and energy to making our county a better and more caring place in which to live. Karen Zyczynski is the right person for the job.

Please vote for Karen Zyczynski for Oakland County Commissioner.

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

Lynda Favorite and Kara Mandeville
Novi Wildcat Tasteoff co-chairs

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DoodyCalls: It's a dirty job, but somebody's gotta do it

Northville duo answers the call

BY PAN FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It's a fact of life for most dog owners - picking up what Fido left off, that is.

Now a Northville Township couple, Rob and Marcia (pronounced Marcee) Burdick, own and operate a full-service pet waste removal business, DoodyCalls, to help pet owners with this rather unpleasant task. The Burdicks opened their franchise in January.

"I read an article that the Detroit Free Press ran from USA Today in October 2007," Marcee Burdick said. "I was looking for a career change, and I love dogs, so this was a perfect fit."

Jacob and Susan D'Aniello founded DoodyCalls in 2000 and began franchising the business in 2004. The company provides year-round professional pet waste removal service to residential yards, apartment communities, homeowner associations, and more.

The Burdicks' franchise serves residents in Oakland and Wayne counties.

Equipped with rakes, shovels and bags, the Burdicks let pet owners wash their hands of the whole cleanup business.

Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly and one-time cleanups are provided for about \$16 per visit for an average-sized yard. Rates are based on the number of dogs, size of area to clean, service frequency and amount of waste. The professional scoopers can also clean and deodorize decks, patios, dog runs and kennels; provide brown spot treatment to eliminate damaged areas of homeowners' lawns caused by pet waste; and even deal with litter boxes from cat owners' homes on a weekly basis.

LIVED HERE FOR FOUR YEARS

The couple moved to Northville Township about four years ago from the Chicago area. Rob is originally from Kalamazoo, and Marcia is from Springfield, Ill.

They were looking for an opportunity to go into business for themselves and have more control over their future.

After reading about DoodyCalls, they were convinced this was the opportunity they'd been seeking.

The business fit into their lifestyle as well as their love for the outdoors and animals. Rob also works as a managing director for Homecomings Financial, while Marcia handles the DoodyCalls paperwork and associated responsibilities.

"They saw the need for a pet waste removal service in the area and were inspired by the growing and profitable business. Advantages include the ability to work from home and being involved in an environmentally-friendly business.

They market the business by such methods as direct mail, newspaper advertising and coupons.

"Business is picking up," Marcia said.

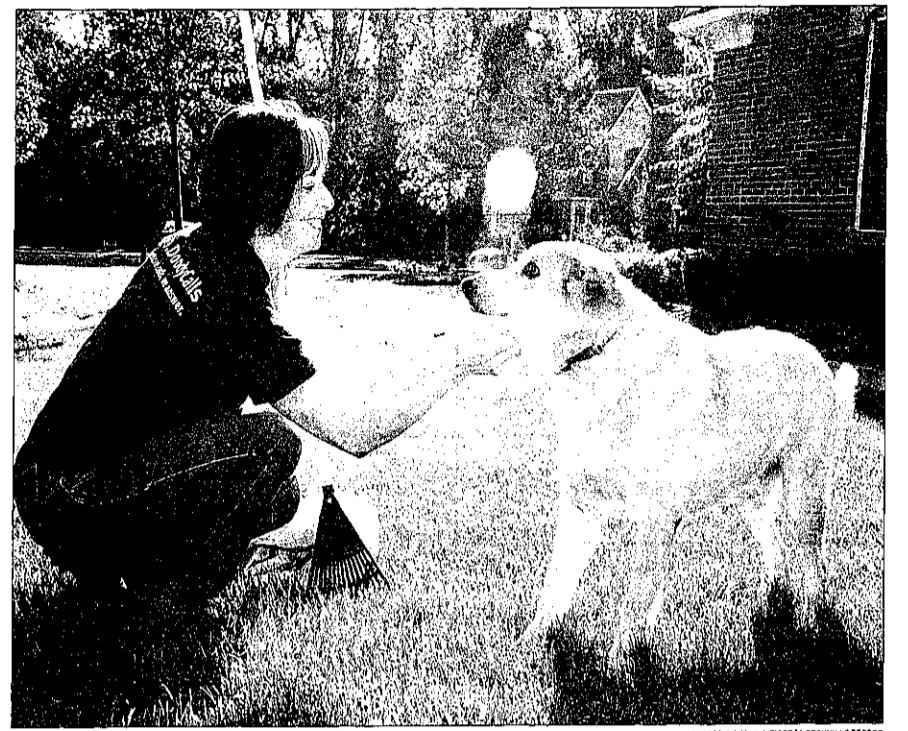
"People don't realize the harmfulness of pet waste in our environments," Marcia said. "Despite popular belief, pet waste is not fertilizer, and if not properly disposed can remain in the soil for up to 10 years. In fact, pet waste is one of the most common carriers of diseases such as heartworm, ringworm and the parvovirus. It can also cause intestinal and kidney problems in humans, with children being most susceptible since they spend so much time in the yard."

In addition to residential services, DoodyCalls offers a wide array of neighborhood pet waste removal options.

Homeowners associations, apartment complexes, parks, and municipalities don't own pets, but they do own the problem of pet waste.

DoodyCalls professionals can clean and disinfect common areas such as playgrounds, pool areas, paths or any place frequented by dogs.

To help keep communities sanitary and safe, DoodyCalls also provides



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Marcia Burdick of the dog waste pickup service DoodyCalls greets one of her clients, Rev, in his Canton yard during a recent visit.

LEARN MORE
For more information about the pet waste removal service, call the Burdicks at (734) 254-0299. For information about franchise opportunities, visit www.DoodyCalls.com.



The personalized license plate of Marcia Burdick's pickup truck for her DoodyCalls pet waste pickup service.



Marcia Burdick of DoodyCalls cleans up a Canton lawn of pet waste as her client Rev trots along near her.

pet waste stations offering communities a cost-effective solution to managing pet waste on their property, working with property managers to develop pet waste management plans and even assisting with the planning of a new dog park.

"America's love for pets is undeniable," Rob said. "There are more than 65 million dogs in the United States, and nearly 60 percent of households own at least one

dog. DoodyCalls is answering the call of doody for owners throughout Wayne and Oakland Counties, offering a service in a widely untapped market base."

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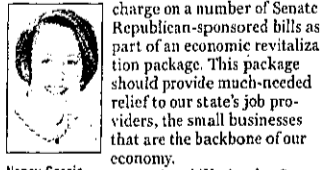
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SEN. NANCY CASSIS LANSING CONNECTION

Economic revitalization package will help us live within our means

The recent news from Wall Street on the economic crisis should remind us yet again it is imperative we get our own economic house in order here in Michigan. To address these economic concerns, as the Chairwoman of the Senate Finance Committee, I am leading the charge on a number of Senate Republican-sponsored bills as part of an economic revitalization package. This package should provide much-needed relief to our state's job providers, the small businesses that are the backbone of our economy.



Nancy Cassis

Two key bills in the Senate Republican Economic Revitalization package, which the Finance Committee approved last week, would amend the Michigan Business Tax Act to save the state tens of millions of dollars and help remove barriers to job and business retention and stimulate economic growth.

Senate Bill 1242 phases out the 22 percent MBT surcharge throughout three years beginning Jan. 1, 2009. This past spring, the Senate MBT Impact Assessment Subcommittee held hearings across the state. Everywhere we went, we heard the same thing: the MBT surcharge is onerous and burdensome. A phase out of the surcharge was the primary recommendation. Under the bill, the surcharge would be reduced from the current 22 percent to 14.66 percent in tax year 2009 and 7.33 percent in tax year 2010 and fully eliminated in tax year 2011. While I never voted for the

The resolution is truly a common-sense proposal. On average, the amount of revenue the state takes in is 96 percent of the January Consensus Revenue Estimate. But the governor typically recommends spending 100 percent of that estimate. This resolution would help ensure we do not spend money we don't have. It would result in a more positive cash flow for the state budget, and it should lessen the amount of short-term borrowing the state needs to maintain cash flow.

surcharge in the first place, the phase out is desperately long over due.

Senate Bill 1535 is aimed at capping Michigan's film credits available under the MBT. The measure places a \$50 million yearly limit on the credits, beginning in calendar year 2008. I was the only Michigan legislator to vote against the bill that created a 42-percent refundable tax credit for filmmakers. Since the bills were passed, concern about the overall costs of the program have greatly increased.

According to Michigan's nonpartisan Senate Fiscal Agency, the credit will bring \$26.6 million into Michigan through income and sales taxes. Yet due to the payouts to film companies, which are now up to \$148 million, it will result in a net loss of \$122 million to the state. Once again, Michigan's small businesses are being asked to pay the freight. The very job providers, whose taxes were increased last year, are now footing the bill for the film tax credits.

The Senate Republican plan to cap the film credits at \$50 million will save the state tens of millions of dollars and offer broad-based tax relief to small businesses and job providers.

Another key measure aimed at helping

small businesses and job providers save more of their hard-earned taxpayer dollars is Senate Bill 1038, which I sponsored. This bill exempts sales taxes, fees and surcharges from the MBT's gross receipts and exempts interest and dividend income from tax-exempt federal or state securities. Importantly, it ends the tax on a tax which is in the current MBT calculation. Passage of this legislation is essential in order for Michigan's small business owners to receive true tax relief.

To meet our goal of providing fair, balanced broad-based tax relief, we must also work to restrain spending and reduce the size of state government. Senate Joint Resolution E does just that and currently awaits passage by the Senate.

SJR E amends the Michigan Constitution to place limitations on the level of appropriations that can be recommended by the governor and enacted into law by the Legislature. Specifically, the governor's annual General Fund and School Aid Fund budget recommendations would be limited to 96 percent of the January Consensus Revenue Estimate.

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At a time when Michigan's unemployment rate is the highest in the nation and our economy continues to struggle, we must reign in spending. I recently voted no on a supplemental bill, Senate Bill 1111, which increases the State's General Fund spending by \$83 million. As Michigan families tighten their belts, state government must tighten its own.

This much is obvious: Michigan simply cannot continue business as usual. We have to change direction with tax policy and contain spending. Our economic revitalization package is a first step to help the state do what all Michigan citizens already know they must do: live within their means.

For more information, visit my Web site at www.SenatorNancyCassis.com. Or contact me toll free at (888) 38-NANCY.

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

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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Today
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DATE: Friday-Sunday
LOCATION: Borders Books and Music, Borders Express and Waldenbooks
DETAILS: Current and retired educators save 25 percent on purchases for personal or classroom use.

Mile Road
DETAILS: This six-session workshop is for those who wish to reminisce and reflect on their life, and put on paper (scrapbook or journal) their best memories and lessons learned in life.

Plymouth Road
DETAILS: Families are encouraged to participate and kids under age 8 are invited to join a free 100 yard Kids Race at 10 a.m.

TIME/DATE: 6:30 Social, 7 p.m. Program
Monday, Oct. 13
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Speaker is Mary Spencer. Public welcome.

LOCATION: Carrabba's Italian Grill
DETAILS: Pre-registration \$20, at the door \$30
Business to Business Breakfast and New Member Reception
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15
LOCATION: Citizens Bank, 40020 12 Mile

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the Woodland Permit for 21000 Turnberry Boulevard, Turnberry Estates, Section 36, Sidwell 50-22-36-451-009 (Case W11B08-01).

Woodland Conservation Fall Tree Sale
DETAILS: Previously ordered trees are available to pick up Friday, Oct. 3 at the Michigan State University Tollgate Farm, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads, in Novi
CONTACT: www.osuandconservationdistricts.org or (248) 328-0594 for more information.

Fraser Market - Walled Lake
TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday through end of Oct.
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Event Field on E. West Maple Road between Decker Road and Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.230
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.230 to amend Ordinance No. 97-18 as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance at Article 2, Subsection 201, "Definitions" in order to modify the definition of "Floor Area, Gross Leasable" to remove the area of auxiliary basements and mezzanines limited to storage only from the gross leasable floor area calculation and to remove unnecessary language.

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Newcomers & Neighbors set to embark on busy schedule

Area residents welcome in club

BY PAN FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

The Northville Newcomers & Neighbors club is what one would term a flexible group.

In fact, members don't even have to live or work in the community to participate.

The president, Judy Robbins, lives in Ypsilanti Township, and members hail from Novi, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, South Lyon and other sites.

The only criteria to be a member are a desire to meet new people and to have fun.

With the slogan, "Where Friends Come Together," the organization was organized at least 30 years ago and currently involves about 170 individuals or families. Colleen Nemetz serves as the membership chair, with Pam Grigsby and Helen Wotherspoon handling daytime events, and Claudia Snyder and Kathi Brandt organizing evening events.

The kickoff event for the 2008-09 season took place Sept. 10 with a breakfast at Northville Hills Golf Club.

The organization was originally established to help acclimate new families to the Northville area. Today, it's a social club that welcomes longtime residents as newbies from Northville and surrounding communities.

Annual dues are only \$25 per person and must be paid by Oct.

15 for members to be included in this year's directory.

Activities include a Book Review Club, Beach Read Book Club (that features light reading), a Book Exchange that meets in the evening, Bowling, Bunco, Chat & Stitch, Chick Flicks, Couples Enchre, Dining Lite, Golf, Help Your Neighbor, Mah-Jongg, Memory Makers/Paper Crafting, Out to Lunch, Road Trips, Walking and Wine Tasting.

TOURING STATE CAPITAL

A day trip on Oct. 22 will include a tour of the State Capital Building and lunch at Clara's Restaurant in Lansing. Members will meet in the parking lot across the street from the Northville Post Office at 10:30 a.m., with reservations required by Oct. 15 by e-mailing Grigsby at pam.grigsby@yahoo.com or Wotherspoon at hwotherspoon@comcast.net. Cost is \$18 per person.

A cookout, visit to the corn maze and hay ride are slated for 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 at Maybury Farm. To sign up, e-mail Snyder at khunclaudia@hotmail.com or Brandt at kbrandt@twm.com. Cost is \$8 per person.

The activities calendar for the club runs primarily from September through May. Members receive a monthly newsletter to inform them of events. For more information, go to www.northvilleneewcomers.com.



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The officers of the Northville Newcomers met at the Northville Hills Golf Club on Sept. 10. Pictured are Kathy Lee, Jeanne Loehreke, Suzanne Haberstroh, Colleen Nemetz, Karla Ninivaggi, Pam Grigsby, Helen Wotherspoon, Kathi Brandt, Claudia Snyder, Nancy Murphy, Paula Smith and Patsy Mousseau.

DINING LITE EVENT SEPT. 27

The next Dining Lite event will take place Sept. 27 and feature Mediterranean cuisine. Hosts will provide the main dish and beverages, with all costs to be shared equally by attendees.

The next Meet and Greet will take place Oct. 7 at a member's home. A Christmas event will feature a tour and luncheon at The Henry Ford with a docent presenting herself as Clara Ford, Henry Ford's wife.

A native of Chicago, Robbins became involved with the club when she and her husband, Fairol, moved to Northville from Tuscaloosa, Ala., where she had been a board member of a newcomers club there.

"I knew how important it was to meet new people when my husband's firm transferred us up here," she said. "We were at the corporate apartment, and I got on the Web site right away."

She said as 25-30 people usually join the Out to Lunch gatherings each month. "We've got 71 people coming to one of our events," Robbins said.

Robbins said some people join when they experience a change in lifestyle, such as retirement, a move, a divorce or the loss of a spouse. But a

lot join just to make friends.

"The club was a lifesaver for me," she said. "I've met some really close friends."

The club does donate some money at the end of each year to local charities, but it's more of a social club.

PAESANO'S IN ANN ARBOR

"In November, we are going to Paesano's Italian restaurant in Ann Arbor, which will include a wine tasting," Snyder said. In January, a night out at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Dinner Theater is planned. "We're planning a hockey night at Compuware in the spring and possibly a dinner at the presidential suite of the Marriott Hotel in the Renaissance Center in Detroit."

"We're trying to focus on things in and around the community," Brandt said.

Grigsby said a trip to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and lunch is planned in November. In February, the club will have a women's heart health lecture and tour at Providence Park Hospital in Novi's new Cardiovascular Institute.

She has been a member four years and became involved after moving within Northville. "Our children went away to college, and we wanted to downsize, so my husband and I moved into a condominium," Grigsby said. "My new neighbors suggested that we join the club."

It's a diversified group, according to Grigsby. Members range in age from those in their 30s to those in their 70s and include working women, stay-at-home moms and retirees.

"That's another benefit because women who are decades apart become close friends," she said. "We all enjoy each other's company. This is a great way to meet and make new friends."

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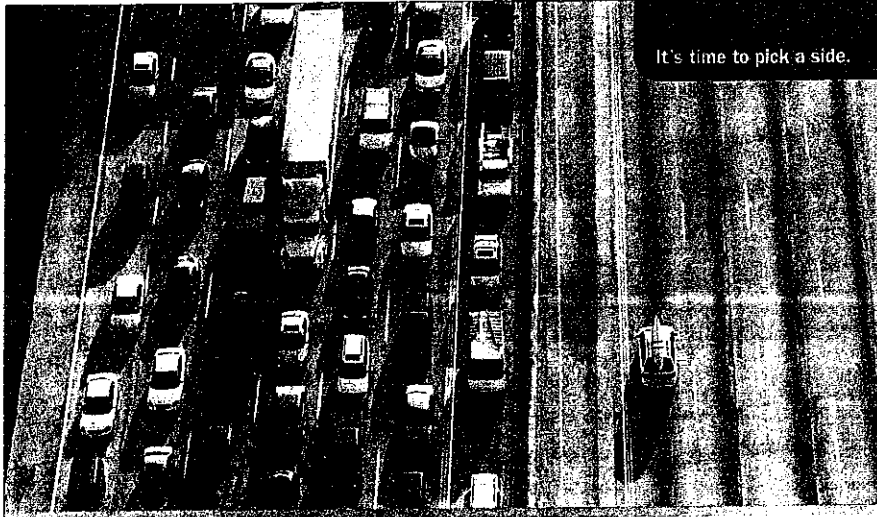
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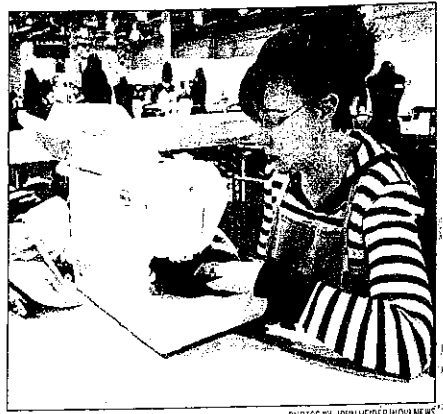
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Project Rock Financial

Karen Whitehead works on a sewing machine at the "Baby Lock Passion Fashion Challenge" at last week's American Sewing Show at Rock Financial Showplace. Given limited material and a machine, contestants were asked to create original fashions for an open contest.

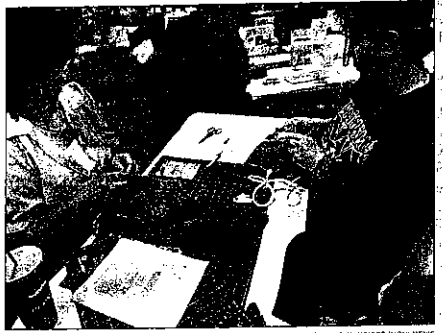


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Crafty

Bethany Krish, left, and Teri Bueche work on jeans at last week's American Sewing Show at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. For \$5, visitors to the show received a pair of jeans and a pattern to turn the pants into a purse or handbag. This booth's sponsors urged its visitors to "Go Green with Bluejeans."

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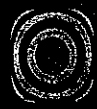
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Wildcats pounce on Lions in second half

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi trailed 14-7 late in the first half, but went on to score the next 28 points to take control in a 35-21 victory Friday night at home.

Novi improves to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLA. South Lyon falls to 1-4, 0-3.

Wildcat Paul Favorite scored four touchdowns, three from a yard out and one from six, to lead the Novi offense.

"I've never had four touchdowns. I've had three on JV, but never four," Favorite said. "We had to play power football the whole game. We fired off well and we just got steady yards."

It was the Lions that struck first on a Will Marnell 7-yard run with 8:43 left in the first half.

Novi scored the equalizer with 2:25 left in the second when Favorite scored from the 6. The touchdown started a wild run in which the teams combined for 21 points in 1:20.

South Lyon's Jake Geise scored from 34 yards out for a 14-7 lead with 1:20 left in the half.

It took the Novi offense one play to answer back. Brandon Bradford got behind the defense on a deep pass to the right and took it in from 64 yards out to tie the game at 14.

"I that we knew that they were going to throw deep and try to give it a shot at the end (of the half) like that, and they beat our guy. There's no doubt about it," South Lyon head coach Mark Thomas said. "Novi played well both ways. My hat is off to Novi."

South Lyon had a chance to score again just before the half ended, but Brandon Bryant snatched a would-be touchdown pass out of a receiver's hands in the endzone.

"I was not letting them score. I'm like, I've got to get it. He



Wildcat Will Mikkelsen takes a reception and heads upfield.

isn't getting it from me," Bryant said. "That gave us a real motivational boost."

"Right now, our confidence is so high."

Kellepourey knew Bryant's interception was a game-changer.

"The quarterback put that ball on the money," he said. "Brandon Bryant went over the receiver and stole that thing. That was exceptional. We needed a huge play to save us, and really that was probably one of those turning points."

The pick proved big as the Wildcats went on to score the next 21 points, all 1-yard runs by Favorite to break open a close game.

The first score came with 3:07 left in the third. The next two came with 10:50 and 1:31 left to play.

South Lyon scored late on an Anthony Baskin 10-yard run with 30 seconds remaining.

"We got a lot of good stats, but we don't have anything in the endzone," Thomas said. "We didn't tackle real well in the second half. We didn't tackle like we did in the first half."

Favorite led the Wildcats with 152 yards on 25 carries. He also caught three passes for another 43 yards.

Chris Bellamy had a strong



Wildcat Krister Engja wraps up a South Lyon running back.

game at quarterback, hitting seven of 12 passes for 141 yards and a score. He also ran seven times for 51 yards. Bradford led in receiving yards with 88 on just two catches.

South Lyon's Baskin led all rushers with 154 yards on 22 carries. Quarterback Justin Butler finishes 5-for-8 passing for 91 yards with an interception. He was sacked three times.

The Wildcats suffered some tragic news this week, learning that teammate Ricky Enright has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Kellepourey dedicated the win to Enright.

"Our kids are rallying to his cause right now," Kellepourey said. "I think that was part of tonight's atmosphere."

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Record setter

Novi's Krick sets new golf standards

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi's Natalie Krick set a new school record at the Sept. 24 Oakland County golf tournament.

Krick set a new nine-hole record of 37 and an 18-hole record of 76 to tie for third overall out of 80 golfers. The previous records were 38 and 82 by Jessica Westfall in 2005.

"She's been chipping away at records. Finally, she broke it on both nines," Novi head coach Deb Harris said. "She smashed the 18-hole record. It was pretty exciting for her and for us."

Harris said she didn't know what kind of score Krick was putting up. Harris watched a bad shot and made a suggestion that Krick was aiming wrong. Little did she know Krick was well on her way to putting up the best round ever at Novi.

When Harris caught back up with her later in the round, Krick said she was doing better.

"It was never going bad in the first place," said Harris with a laugh. "She's been hitting the ball very well. She's been right on the verge, hitting 40, 40, 40. She just couldn't get in the 30s."

"She works really hard at her game." Krick's record performance helped the Wildcats to a fourth-place finish, their best ever at the county tournament.

Rounding out scores for Novi were Kellie Timar (97, career low), Brooke Collins (98, career low) and Megan Henry (101).

Harris said the goal for Krick



Novi's Natalie Krick tees off. She recently set a new Wildcat record score for nine and 18 holes.

and the team is to make it to states.

Krick came close once, cracking the top 10 at regionals. The top three individual not on a qualifying team make the state cut, but it was an unusual year where the top 10 was loaded with individuals not on a qualifying team.

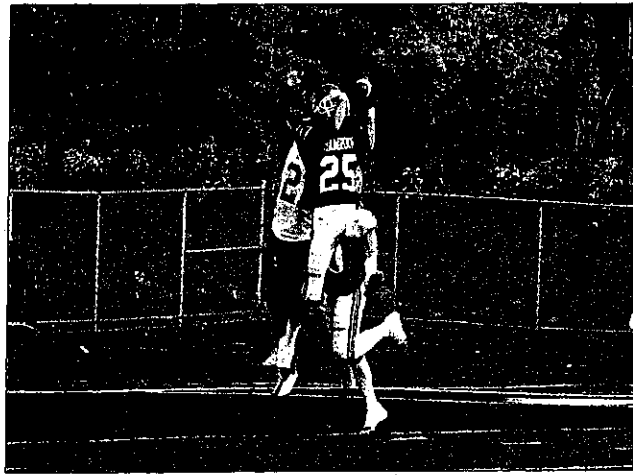
Last Thursday, the Wildcats rolled past South Lyon East 196-249 with Alyssa Miller earning medalist honors with a 47. Alex Palmer and Timar were one stroke back at 48.

Novi sits at 6-2 in league play with two matches and a conference tournament remaining on the schedule.

"They're doing well," Harris said. "We have a chance to get out of the regional to state if they all have a good day. It's tough, but it's not that we can't in the top three."

The regional tournament is Oct. 10 at Tanglewood, home course of Northville and a course the Wildcats are familiar with.

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Catholic Central's John Jakubik makes an interception near the goal line.

CC loses Boys' Bowl 12-7

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Boys' Bowl turned into the defensive brawl Sunday at Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks (2-2, 0-2) fell 12-7 to undefeated DeLaSalle (5-0, 2-0).

"We're just having a hard time finishing," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "We're playing very hard. But we're having a hard time finishing games on the win-side of it."

"We put ourselves in position to win. We just didn't make the plays that were necessary at the end to win."

The Pilots struck first on a Chet Privett 2-yard run with 6:48 to go in the first half. The score was set up by a long return off an interception that left the Pilots at the Shamrock 7.

"The first half was kind of a toss-up, except for the interception," Mach said.

Catholic Central answered back through the air early in the second half. A fumble recovery gave the Shamrocks the ball at the Pilot 26.

Sam Landry capped off the score with a 23-yard pass to Steve Harding for the lone CC lead of the game.

The final score came off ensuing drive, a 75-yard drive that took 16 plays.

Privett again scored, this time from a yard out. The two-point attempt failed, leaving the Shamrocks down 12-7.

Catholic Central had a couple more possessions but were unable to get anything going. The Pilot defense allowed just two second half first downs.

Anthony Capatina led the

Shamrocks in rushing with 39 yards on 18 carries. The Shamrocks managed just 72 yards on the ground. Landry threw for the lone Shamrock score, but he was limited to 4-for-17 passing for 72 yards with an interception.

The Pilots used 10 different running backs to gain 204 yards on the ground to go with 6-for-11 passing for 72 yards with one interception.

Niko Palazeti was the man on the spot for a pair of fumble recoveries. John Jakubik snagged the interception.

"The defense is coming around very well," Mach said. "They're playing very hard. We haven't given up a lot of points."

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Shamrocks look to end skid

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The schedule continues to throw tough teams the Shamrock's way.

Catholic Central, fresh off of games against Brother Rice and DeLaSalle, will travel to Orchard Lake St. Mary's for a 1 p.m. Saturday contest.

Both teams will need a win to stay above the .500 mark. The Eagles are 3-2, while the Shamrocks enter 2-2.

The Eagles are fresh off a 31-28 victory against Brother Rice, following a loss to

SATURDAY'S GAME

Who: Catholic Central (2-2, 0-2)
Ol. St. Mary's (4-1, 1-1)
Where: Away
When: 1 p.m. Saturday

DeLaSalle

"When you come up on the wrong side, you have to keep building up for the next week, and again this week we have another great opponent," Mach said. "They started out slow and had a couple of kids hurt. They seem to be gathering momentum. They played a real good game against Brother Rice."

The situation this Saturday is eerily similar to last year. The Shamrocks were headed into the St. Mary's game riding a two-game skid and needed a big win to get back on track. Catholic Central pulled off what was considered an upset and rode the momentum all the way to the final four.

"I hope history repeats itself," Mach said with a chuckle. "We caught a break and beat St. Mary's (last year). From that point on, we kind of caught fire and got better and better."

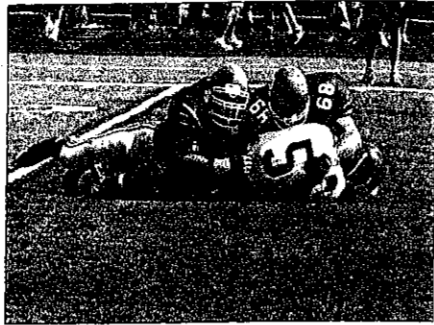
The Eagles are a strong team on both sides of the ball, featuring speed and athleticism.

"They have the weapons to put a lot of stress on you," Mach said. "We've just got to try to hang in there and win one of these big games."

Mach knows what is riding on this game.

"This is a big game," he said. "This is a game that really could tell you what is going to happen the rest of the year."

"You want to come out and play the best game of your career. This is the time to do



Two Shamrocks share in a sack against DeLaSalle.

it and the next 48 minutes will tell us a lot about the rest of the season."

Kickoff is 1 p.m. Saturday at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

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A bunch of Wildcats try to bring down Lion Anthony Baskin during Friday night's game.

Battle of the KLAA Central leaders

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi will definitely remember Friday's opponent.

The Livonia Stevenson Spartans ended the Wildcats season at the same place during the playoffs last season: The Spartans went on to finish state runner-up.

"I know it wears on our coaching staff, and I hope it wears on our guys," said Novi head coach Tib Kellepoury, referring to last year's playoff loss.

The two teams enter Friday's game with identical 4-1, 3-0 records, knowing full well the winner has the inside track at the first KLAA Central Division championship. Novi still has to play Northville, while the Spartans shouldn't have much

FRIDAY'S GAME

Who: Novi (4-1, 3-0) vs. Stevenson (4-1, 3-0)
Where: Stevenson
When: 7 p.m. Friday

Novi

a problem with 0-5 South Lyon East.

One key to winning and losing rests in how to handle the highs and lows, according to Kellepoury.

"In football there is going to be momentum on their sideline and back on our sideline," he said. "There is going to be adversity throughout the night. How you handle that is really the character of your team."

The Spartans graduated quite a few stars from last year, but



Novi's Sam Vakanos tries to hold off South Lyon linebacker Anthony Baskin.

that doesn't mean they are all gone.

Anstin White and Wade Stahl return as two of the leaders for the Spartan offense.

White ran for 133 yards and a score last week against Northville. Stahl also crossed the goal line.

"We faced them last year in the playoffs. Those two great running backs are still coming

back," Kellepoury said. "We know that we're going to have to play top-notch football in order to compete with them."

Wildcat running back Paul Favorite had his best performance last week, crossing the goal line four times and getting more than 200 all-purpose yards.

"He can have four touchdowns every week as far as I'm concerned," Kellepoury said with a laugh.

The teams have a couple of common opponents in South Lyon and Salem. Both teams won convincingly against South Lyon.

The Salem game was quite different though. Novi won 17-14, holding onto a late lead. The Spartans won going away, 51-15.

Stevenson's lone loss came 35-

Novi freshmen are top cats as South Lyon falls, 27-21

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The two undefeated freshmen teams of the Novi Wildcats and South Lyon Lions met expectations as Novi's toughest game so far this year. Novi surged early then maintained a one touchdown advantage to advance their record to 5-0.

Novi established the tone for the game by scoring the first three touchdowns of the game behind the blocking wall of Alex King, Justin Michael,

Chris Diacono, Josh Feight, Derek Poppenger and Ryan Thomas. The first opportunity came as the first Novi possession as Adam Haynes hit an open hole, found himself in linebacker territory then ran away from the defenders for a 53-yard TD dash.

The defensive line of Michael Jocz, Josh Feight, The Harlin, Thomas, Nick Abboud and Poppenger help keep South Lyon's offensive series brief and provided clean shots at the runners for the line-

backer corps of King, Diacono, Cormac Littleton and Jimmy Eloff.

Field position proved key, as punts from deep in Lions territory set up the Spartans offense. A couple of Brandon Watkins runs set up a 15-yard pass from Derek Ince to Jocz for a 13-0 lead after a blocked extra point attempt.

Another Lions punt started a 64-yard drive for the Wildcats, which produced a 37-yard run for Haynes and another Ince to Jocz connection for 15 yards.

Then it was Zach Masserant's turn to find the endzone from the 10. The extra point team made it 20-0 with almost half of the second quarter gone.

An Alejandro Albuera interception stopped the next Lion drive but the Wildcats could not convert. South Lyon lead the endzone as the second quarter was running out to narrow the deficit to 20-6 after a failed extra point.

Novi wasted little time to regain the point spread as the Lions opened up the second half with an inside kick. Poppenger fielded a high bounce and charged 38 yards up the side line passed the Lion kick off coverage before being ridden down at the 12-yard line. Two plays later, Watkins scored and Haynes made it 27-6 with the PAT.

This was to be Novi's last touchdown of the day as the defense became the focal point. A surprise 64-pass play and a blocked Novi punt provided two scoring opportunities for the Lions. The defensive play

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CC ROUNDUP: Shamrock tennis reaps awards

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central tennis had little trouble with Saline, winning 8-0.

Joe Dubé earned the win at No. 1 singles, 6-3, 6-0. The Shamrocks improved to 5-2.

The Shamrocks grabbed Catholic League awards. Dubé, Jack Snyder and Willy Wilson

(No. 1-3 singles respectively) received All-Catholic status.

No. 4 singles Erig Guindri received All-League. Derek Tuzowski from the No. 4 doubles team received All-Academic.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Shamrocks brought it's B-team to the Haslett Invite and were able to place seventh of 21 teams.

Mackenzie Boyd crossed the finish line in 16:32 to place 17th overall to lead the CC charge.

Rob Mengel (17:00) and Michael Dompiere (17:01) were 25th and 26th, followed by Peter Cernak (52nd, 17:45) and Brian Kempa (68th, 18:01).

Ann Arbor Huron (74), St. John's (109) and Holt (132) rounded out the top three spots. The Shamrocks finished

with 188 points.

SOCCER

The Mustangs suffered a pair of losses to League foes.

DeLaSalle pulled out a 1-0 home victory against the Shamrocks on Sept. 23. The lone goal came in the first half.

The Shamrocks (6-5-3, 3-3-1) lost to rival Brother Rice 4-1. The final score was a little misleading.

The Warriors took a 2-0 lead before Brandon Hess found the back of the net with Kick Kristock getting the assist.

Catholic Central pushed everyone up to try and get the equalizer, and the Warriors were able to get behind the defense for a pair of goals to finish out the scoring.

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Home Owners Do You Know... Mold, Mildew & Moisture?

Mold, mildew, and moisture are found virtually everywhere in our environment. They are a subgroup of the fungi family. Mold is a microscopic organism consisting of tiny spores that are everywhere. Mold spores are a natural part of our environment and normally do not have adverse effects unless they are growing in a concentrated form in a confined space that is being occupied by humans or one of a toxic species type. Mold is growing in your building as a result of changes in construction practices.

Some of these changes have been:

- WALL CAVITIES CONTAINING CELLULOSE MATERIALS AND INSULATION THAT ARE DESIGNED TO LIMIT THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AIR EXCHANGE.
- WALL CAVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN WRAPPED IN PLASTIC THUS ALLOWING CONDENSATION AND MOISTURE TO BE CREATED AND TRAPPED.
- INCORRECTLY DESIGNED EXTERIOR WALL SYSTEMS ALLOWING WATER TO INTRUDE THE ASSEMBLY AND TO BE ABSORBED BY THE WALL STRUCTURE.
- WATER PENETRATION AS A RESULT OF ROOFING, WINDOW OR FOUNDATION LEAKS.

Mold needs the following conditions to grow:

- MOISTURE OR WATER INTRUSION (DAMPNESS, CONDENSATION, HIGH HUMIDITY - 40%)
- BUILDING MATERIALS (WOOD, DRYWALL, INSULATION, CARPETS, etc.)
- LIMITED VENTILATION AND/OR LIMITED SUNLIGHT
- SUFFICIENT TEMPERATURE FOR MOLD GROWTH ABOVE 50° F (Optimal 68° - 82° F)

Under optimal conditions, mold spores will germinate within 24 to 48 hours. Mold growth is most noticeable by a fuzzy, green, black, or white form of discoloration that has a musty or earthy odor. It may also be black, green or red, etc. (Do not touch!)

TYPES OF MOLD:

Allergic molds - are common molds that we normally find in the air we breathe. They become a problem when the concentration of mold spores in a home becomes significantly greater than the mold spores we would commonly find outdoors. Approximately 50 million Americans are affected with allergies to mold. When these individuals are exposed to indoor air that has a high level of allergenic mold spores they become ill and start showing symptoms such as fatigue, chest and sinus congestion, skin and eye irritation, and headaches.

Toxic molds - such as Stachybotrys or black mold are called mycotoxins used to inhibit or prevent the growth of other organisms. Over 27% of homes tested nationally, where mold was present, revealed the presence of black mold. Black mold from these molds can cause many of the same health issues as allergenic mold but, in addition, the exposure to toxic molds can cause neurological damage and is a known carcinogen. It is a serious system causing constant and mold changes.

HOW TO TELL YOU HAVE A MOLD PROBLEM:

1. LOOK FOR VISIBLE MOLD (GREEN, BLACK, OR WHITE) APPEARING AS DISCOLORATIONS
2. SPOTTED STAINING OR FUZZY AREAS WITH AN EARTHY OR MUSTY ODOR
3. SEARCH AREAS WITH EXCESSIVE MOISTURE OR WATER DAMAGE
4. LOOK FOR SIGNS OF DISCOLORATION ON CEILINGS AND WALLS
5. SEARCH BEHIND & BENEATH MATERIALS (REFRIGERATORS, CABINETS, CARPET, FLOORING)

Statistics show mold growth is hidden behind walls and difficult to locate. In such cases, mold testing is the only way to determine the extent of contamination and type of mold that is present.

MINIMIZING MOLD GROWTH:

Once a mold problem has been detected, the two main courses of action are to eliminate the mold conditions and allow the mold to grow and to remove any mold that has grown. A number of allergenic molds can be removed by using an anti-fungal solution or chlorine bleach solution by scrubbing the mold if it has been contaminated. If the property is contaminated with a toxic mold it is necessary to remove all porous materials such as drywall, insulation, carpet, etc. (depending on the amount of contamination and the type of mold). The structural system it may be necessary to also remove and replace the framing system to take full effect.

- DRAIN AND VENTILATE AREAS UNDER & AROUND THE HOUSE, ESPECIALLY THOSE RUNNING THROUGH HOT ATTICS
- DECREASE MOISTURE AND KEEP HUMIDITY LEVELS BELOW 40%
- REMOVE OR REPLACE SOAKED CARPETS AND FURNITURE
- REPAIR ALL WATER-DAMAGED AREAS
- USE DEHUMIDIFIER DURING HUMID MONTHS
- SEAL LEAKY A/C DUCTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE RUNNING THROUGH HOT ATTICS
- PROVIDE ADEQUATE VENTILATION WITH EXHAUST FANS IN KITCHEN & BATHROOMS
- DO NOT CARPET BATHROOMS OR BASEMENTS
- ADD MOLD INHIBITORS TO PAINT BEFORE APPLICATION

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NOVI ROUNDUP: Novi V-ball knocks off Northville

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats improved to 2-0 in the KLAA Central Division by knocking off rival Northville 3-1.

The Mustangs ran away with the first game, 16-25, before things turned around for the Wildcats.

Novi won the next three - 25-17, 25-14, 25-22 - to win the match.

"I have to say it was an evening of great volleyball," Novi head coach Julie Fisette said. "I think both teams are highly competitive and the match up was fun to view."

"It's been so long since we have had the opportunity to play Northville in the league or the season for that fact."

Sarah Robb smashed 14 kills, and Dawn Buelow churned up 18 digs for Novi. Erica Robb and Julia Thomas both had 9 kills.

Latif Alashe scored and assisted on Alex Marilley's goal to put the Mustangs up 2-0 about halfway through the first half.

Miles Reichley set up a Garrett Gauderer goal 10 minutes later to pull the Wildcats within 1-1.

The teams traded goals in similar fashion.

Alashe notched his second goal off a header from about 30 yards out. Gauderer did the same moments later off a free kick from Max Wujczyk to pull within 3-2.

Alashe recorded the hat trick with a tally of a penalty kick to restore the two-goal lead.

Less than two minutes later, the Wildcats answered back with a goal by Roland Razburgaj off a free kick.

The Wildcats threw the kitchen sink at

the 200 and 400 freestyle.

Other first-place finishes went to Meredith Cote in the 200 individual medley, Sara Maason in diving, Kerry Abel in the 100 butterfly, Ashley Bush in the 100 backstroke and Lauren Kalinsky in the 100 breaststroke. The 200 medley relay team of Kalinsky, Mary Anolik, Cote and Madalyn Buba also swam to victory. The 200 and 400 freestyle relays included Cote in the 100 backstroke, Abel in the 50

and 100 freestyle.

Novi tennis continues to move through league opponents, picking up three dual wins, including two within the league. The Wildcats also competed in an extremely tough home tournament.

In dual matches, Novi knocked off Livonia Stevenson 8-1, Salem 9-0 and out of league, Ann Arbor Greenhills 7-1, improving to 10-0 overall and 8-0 within the league.

The home tournament featured several of the top teams in the area and in the state.

Ann Arbor Huron showed why its the top-ranked team by taking 22 points to win the tournament. Huron won six of the eight flights. Brother Rice was second with 15, followed closely by Novi with 14, Seaholm with 13 and Troy with 12.

All of the Novi flights contributed points, including a pair of wins by Mani Mahadaven at No. 1 singles, Gouthan Kondapi at No. 3 singles, Carson Crandell at No. 4 singles, the No. 1 doubles team of Justin Farooq and Ameya Sohani, the No. 2 doubles team of Greg Richard and Peter Zhang and the No. 4 team of Nikhil Devanarkonda and Nathan Farooq.

"There wasn't a better tournament being run in the state as far as competition," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "It had the atmosphere of a state tournament."

"I thought you kids did extremely well. Everybody contributed."

The Wildcats will compete for the conference crown Saturday at Canton.

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Late Stallions TD spoils Novi Varsity Bobcats Homecoming

STORIES SUBMITTED TO THE NOVI NEWS

A late touchdown pass by the Northville Stallions capped off an exciting see-saw fourth quarter and spoiled the Novi Varsity Bobcats homecoming resulting in an 18-14 Stallions victory.

The Bobcats had a pair of drives end deep in Stallion territory with no points being

added to the scoreboard. Kyle Matel started one of the drives by snagging an interception.

The Stallions finally broke the ice by scoring on a short TD pass late in the second quarter. A blocked extra point by Carston Cook kept the score 6-0 heading into the half.

The third quarter was highlighted by strong defensive efforts by both teams as

neither had much success in moving the ball. The hard-hitting Bobcats defense was led by the efforts of Lucas Buck, Mitchell Pinkerton and Matel. The teams headed to the fourth quarter with the Stallions holding onto their slim 6-0 lead.

The defensive struggle during the first three quarters turned into an offensive explosion in the fourth quarter.

An exchange of possessions early in the quarter lead to a Bobcats drive deep into Stallions territory highlighted by the running of Grant Wheeler. The drive was culminated by a Phil Ritchie 10-yard TD run. Ritchie also made the two-point kick making, it 6-6 Bobcats.

The Stallions answered the Bobcats score with a drive of its own and scored on a long pass play, resulting in a score

to make it 12-6 with less than two minutes to play.

The never say die Bobcats however weren't finished. Quarterback Blake Boron completed long passes to Grant Wheeler and Mario Ferrini and drove the ball deep into Stallions territory as time was running down.

The Bobcats crowd exploded when Boron connected with Wheeler on a screen pass that ended up in the

endzone, giving the Bobcats a 14-12 lead with only 40 seconds left.

The Bobcats celebration was short lived however as the Stallions again connected on a long touchdown pass to cap off the scoring, making it 18-14 with only 23 seconds remaining.

The 1-2 Varsity Bobcats take on the Livonia Falcons on Sunday at Novi Middle School.

LOCAL PERSONALITIES GO HEAD TO HEAD


								
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