

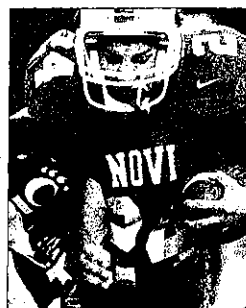
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## NOVI NUTSHELL

### Library drive

The main library driveway will be closed all day today. During this time, please enter and exit the library parking lot via Wildcat Drive, observing the one-way route. The main driveway will reopen on tomorrow. Additional parking is available in the High School lot, accessible from Ten Mile Road via Novi Way. Walkways connect the library and High School parking lots.

### Dyslexia Awareness

Information for adults and children with reading problems will be presented at the Dyslexia Awareness Event at 7 and 8:30 p.m. tonight at the Novi Public Library. The event, sponsored by the Michigan Dyslexia Institute, Inc., is free to the public. The library is located on the southeast corner of Ten Mile Road at Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 658-0777 or e-mail midetroit@att.net.

### Avoid swine flu

Swine Flu is expected to reach epidemic proportions this winter, especially in K-12 schools and college campuses. Well-known wellness doctor and chiropractor Dr. Andy Roberts, will host an information packed seminar on what people can do to prevent and avoid Swine Flu altogether in the home and protect children while at school. This seminar will take place at Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River, on Saturday at 1 p.m. Seating is limited and reservations are strongly suggested - call (248) 735-8100 for seating.

### Boys' Bowl

The 65th Annual Boys' Bowl game between Detroit Catholic Central and St. Mary's Prep will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4. Anyone interested in advertising in the program, with a circulation of more than 2,000 copies, should contact Susan Larsen-Heise at (313) 350-9153 or Mary Nagrocki at (248) 719-1700. The program is distributed at the game, during November Open House and is used as a promotional vehicle for future CC students.

## Seeing orange: City approves road work for fall

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

More orange construction barrels will be lining the streets of Novi after the Novi City Council approved funding for three new road projects on Monday.

The projects, which are being funded under an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant and local cost share agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation, call for the repaving of:

\* Meadowbrook Road from Eight

Mile to Nine Mile Road,  
\* Nine Mile Road from Haggerty to Meadowbrook Road, and  
\* Nine Mile Road from Novi to Taft Road.

Rob Hayes, director of public services and city engineer, said he understands people might be starting to get frustrated with all the road work in the area, but it's necessary. "There is a lot of short-term pain for long-term gain," he said. "It is just part of being in a city that sees a lot of traffic and has a lot going on. The corollary would be much worse (if we didn't do the work)."

These three sections of road were chosen based on a rating system the city has to evaluate the condition of the pavement on city roads. Hayes said the roads in question were rated in poor to fair condition.

The city applied for the federal money in the spring and were awarded \$1,008,000 in grants toward the project. The total cost for all the roads will be \$1,542,000 with the city kicking in the remaining \$534,000 from its major road fund.

Originally the project came in at a budgeted cost of \$1,156,250, but additional work was needed to meet

select requirements.

Hayes said the city did not have anything planned for federal aid-funded roads for this year until the grant came through.

The Meadowbrook Road and Nine Mile Road from Haggerty to Meadowbrook Road projects are expected to be completed this fall before the Novi road widening and bridge project begins in 2010. The final segment of Nine Mile Road needs additional work and will be finished beginning in the spring of 2010.

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## Motorsports Hall of Fame in search of new location

### Novi Expo Center now completely vacant

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

President Ron Watson knew the day would come when the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America and Museum would be forced to find a new location.

He just didn't think it would come as soon as it did. "We've been having some conversations over the past few years to find a new home but they were not urgent," he said. "All things being equal we would like to keep it (in the area), but right now the strongest (proposals) are out of state."

Watson and the board of directors were notified Aug. 5 by Kevin Adell, owner of the Novi Expo Center, that the Adell Bros. Children's Funded Trust would be shutting off the utilities and canceling the insurance.

Adell has been allowing them to use the location for free for at least the last 16 years, but economic issues



Ron Watson, president of the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America currently located in the Novi Trade Center building, is moving the collection of cars, planes and boats out after more than 15 years.

forced his hand. The museum was the only remaining operation in the otherwise vacant expo center, and Adell said it was costing the Trust \$30,000 a year to keep it open.

"It's what is necessary," Adell said. "It's difficult and disappointing that it's not

going to work out.

"My intentions are to pay the taxes and wait until the economy gets better and keeping (the Hall of Fame) there doesn't make sense."

Watson said he has seen a major decline in traffic to the museum since the Novi Expo Center closed in

2005 when Rock Financial Showplace opened just down the road, and understands the issues facing the owner.

"It started as a local idea and has grown into a national phenomenon," Watson said of the museum. "We've

### HEAD TO THE HALL

The Motorsports Hall of Fame of America and Museum may no longer be in Novi, but motorsports fans can stay updated on their progress by visit the organization's Web site at [www.mshf.com](http://www.mshf.com).

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## Fall of Novi Family Fest showcases eco-friendly fare

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
CORRESPONDENT

The leaves may be changing color, but the annual Fall for Novi Family Fest is going green.

For the first time this year, the festival will include a "Green Street" as part of the day's worth of activities and entertainment. The free event takes place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

According to City of Novi Spokesperson Tracie Ringle, Green Street will showcase a variety of eco-focused offerings available in Novi.

"It's going to highlight recycling services, and tips for living a more environmentally-friendly lifestyle," Ringle said.

The Home Depot will be on hand with energy-efficient appliances and lightbulbs. Varsity Ford Lincoln Mercury and Suburban Infiniti of Novi will display fuel efficient vehicles, and Arts & Scraps will lead a kid's craft using recycled materials.

The perennial plant and flower exchange, a Fall for Novi favorite, will relocate to the Green Street area.

According to Ringle, Fall for Novi is a chance for residents to get together and explore all the city has to offer, from culture to cuisine.

The international exhibits and artists are always a highlight. "There will be food vendors and

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FEST

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citizens of different ethnic backgrounds. They'll man a booth that reflects their heritage with history, information, flags, currency, things like that," said Nancy Hayden, Creative Arts Coordinator for Novi.

DETAILS

What: Fall for Novi Family Fest When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road Cost: Free Fire Department Demonstrations 11 a.m.: Vehicle extrication Noon: Survival flight helicopter landing 1 p.m.: Live room burn All day: Fire extinguisher training Cultural Arts Performances

will take the stage, from sitar players to Irish folk dancers. The Novi Police Department will have an expanded role touring the dispatch offices, see

10-10:30 a.m.: Martial arts student demo 10:30-11 a.m.: Performing Arts Academy 11-11:20 a.m.: Irish Dance Center 11:30-11:45: Swar Nander (sitar student) 11:45-12:25: Mexico Lindo 12:30-1 p.m.: Nalaya Tarangini (Indian classical music) 1-1:30 p.m.: Hoaloa Polynesian dance 1:30-1:45 p.m.: Chinese dance 1:45-2 p.m.: Sri Lankan performance

the vehicles and meet the city's K-9 officers Moose and Alex. This year the Fire Department will have an expanded role serving up cider and donuts,

Rosiek named publisher of newspaper group

Sue Rosiek, executive editor of the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers, has assumed the additional responsibility of publisher for the group of community newspapers. The announcement was made by Susie Ellwood, chief executive officer of Detroit Media Partnership, which manages the business functions for the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News and serves as sales agent for the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers.



Rosiek is a graduate of Michigan State University with a B.A. in journalism. Detroit Media Partnership, L.P. manages the business functions of the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News. As the largest newspapers in Michigan, with two of the most visited Web sites in the market, the Free Press and The News combine to reach a weekly audience of 2.1 million people.

FAME

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gained respect and a solid reputation in the motorsports world." The Hall of Fame recently inducted its 21st class, highlighted by legends such as Al Unser Jr., Kenny Bernstein and Scott Parker. The previous 20 classes are a who's-who of American motorsports, touch-

ing on every sport that used a motor - airplanes, boats, motorcycles and cars. Watson said just because the museum is closing it doesn't mean the Hall of Fame is going away. "We are going to march on with induction ceremonies even if we don't have a museum," he said.

losing the popular asset. "It's obviously unfortunate because it is a nice amenity to have in the city, but in these economic times I can understand they have to do what they have to do," Landry said. Everything in the museum was donated, along with the building, and Watson said they plan on doing capital campaigns to raise money to either rent out a new location or possibly buy one.

items they have they could easily fill a 100,000-square-foot facility, but realistically are looking at a 35,000-square-foot place with the ability to expand. In the meantime, they are looking for a place to store the hundreds of collectible items and continue the search for a new place. "It's time to get bigger and better and that is what we are going to do," Watson said.

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Carpet & Upholstery advertisement for Carpets Etcetera. Includes phone number 248-416-4200 and address 8922 Napier Rd. at Seven Mile Northville.

Berber Carpeting advertisement. Features Berber, Plush, and Red or White Oak carpeting. Starting at \$89 per sq. ft.

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THE NOVI NEWS advertisement. Published each Thursday. 101 Lafayette South Lyon, Michigan 48178. Phone: 248-347-DELI (3354).

Stuck? ReNew Life Ministries advertisement. Promoting free life groups starting September 21st. Includes contact information for Monday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. and website www.oakpointe.org.

Novi restaurants give back in third annual Tastefest

Event this Friday benefits NHS athletic programs

Seven local restaurants will join in a common cause this Friday as they present their wares at the third annual Novi Wildcats Tastefest. Sponsored by the Novi Athletic Boosters, Tastefest is a fund-raiser benefiting all Novi athletic programs.

national chicken wings as well as treats such as ice cream and strawberry crême freezes. Returning as vendors are bit's Mongolian barbecue (sic), Subway, Famous Dave's, Pizza Marvelous, Buffalo Wild Wings and Cold Stone Creamery of Novi.

"At the Novi Tastefest, fans will enjoy eating the delicious food provided by our Novi restaurant vendors, mingling with friends and neighbors and watching some exciting Novi football, all at the same time," said Tastefest co-organizer Angela Brown. "What more can one ask for in an evening?"

"I think it's very important to support the community," Walker said. "My husband and I live in Novi, our kids have attended Novi schools, and we have a business in Novi, so like to support the local schools."

"It's a great way for people in the area to get a chance to check out and try out our food," said Nofar, who likes supporting Novi's athletic teams as a way to give back to the community. "We're in Novi, and Novi supports us, and we support Novi."

"Tastefest has been successful for the past two years," Brown said. "We are hoping that as the news about Tastefest continues to spread each year, it becomes a community tradition that everyone looks forward to attending."



Sunset

Novi resident Charles A. Selke sent in this photo that he took on Island Lake over the Labor Day weekend.

City gives businesses 10-day period to use additional sign for free

BY NATHAN WHEELER STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council approved a resolution Monday to allow temporary promotional signs for businesses during a 10-day span starting Sept. 18.

business must complete a registration form and return it to the Community Development Department to participate. "I think this is a great idea in this economic time," said Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Gatt.

business is allowed and the signs must be portable. They cannot be placed on public property or in the public road right-of-way or any road easement. The promotional period ends Sept. 28.

Andersen Lumber Co. advertisement. Promoting window and door replacement. Includes phone number 248-349-0220 and website www.northvillelumber.com.

Luna Studio advertisement. Promoting hair services with 20% off for clients of participating stylists. Includes phone number 248-692-LUNA and address 41460 Grand River Avenue Suite A, Novi, Michigan.

Flagstar S.M.A.R.T. checking account advertisement. Promoting rewards points and cash back. Includes phone number 800-642-0079 and website www.flagstar.com.

Tour the ideal for your business! advertisement. Promoting a location in Northville for business tours. Includes phone number 248-547-5576 and website www.downtownnorthville.com.







# Jazzy!

The Northville High school Jazz Ensemble One under the direction of Michael Rumbell, performed at the Detroit International Jazz festival on Sept. 5.

This performance marked the band's 25th appearance in a row at this annual event making for a grand total of 28 years in all.

The invitation to perform in Detroit is earned by being awarded First division ratings from all three judges at the MSBOA Jazz Ensemble festival. This is the highest rating given at festival. NHS Jazz Ensemble One is a state champion band.

This 28th appearance is a great tribute to the high level of performance maintained by the band through the many years of its existence. This record has few equals. The educational atmosphere created at Northville High school is where the road to this great accomplishment begins. Both the band and myself wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the Northville Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Leonard Romaniuk, the School Board of Northville public schools, Rob Watson, principal of Northville High School, the high school administration, and our NHS Music Boosters for all the help that they have provided.



Mike Rumbell  
NHS Bands

Northville High School Jazz Band members begin assembling for group photos in front of the Campus Martius fountain after their Sept. 5 performance at the Detroit Jazz Festival.



Emilijah Nastelin on trumpet and Jan Carimil on trombone during the Northville band's performance Sept. 5.



Nathan Love takes a solo on saxophone while director Mike Rumbell listens to band's support at the Detroit Jazz Festival on Sept. 5.



Shown performing at the Detroit Jazz Festival on Sept. 5 are (front to back, l to r) sax section members Tim Chan, Shafer Odeh, Rebecca Malinas; on trombone Olivia Vitall, Jan Carimil, Yutaka Oshikiri; trumpeters Jay Snyder, Zach Thomas and Glenn Snyder.



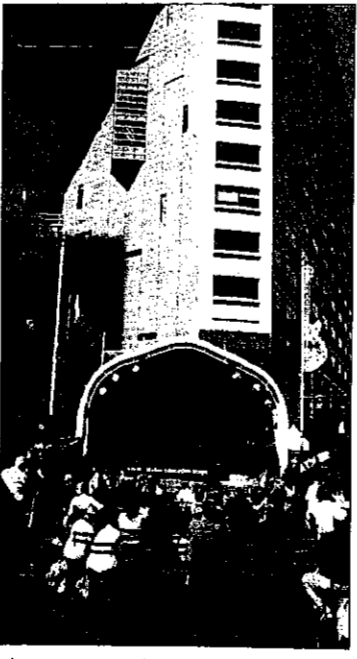
Members of the Northville High School Jazz Band's sax section (l to r): Rebecca Malinas, Mark Pokrandt, JT Thompson and Sarah Hoover at the Detroit Jazz Festival on Sept. 5.



Trumpeter Megan Milewski (center), Jay Snyder (second from right) and Olivia Vitall (right) backstage after the Northville High School Jazz Band's performance Sept. 5.



Northville trombone section members Chris Harris, Aaron Havlicek and Yutaka Oshikiri playing the Detroit Jazz Fest.



High school and college bands performed on the Campus Martius Stage in front of the Compuware building during the Detroit Jazz Festival Sept. 4-7. Shown is Northville High's band wrapping up their performance.



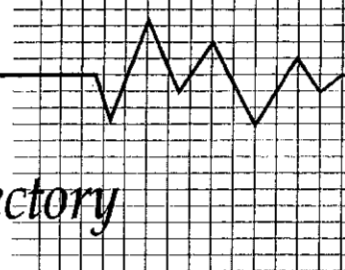
Singing and dancing away

A pair of performers sing "Sisters" (right) during the recent Novi Senior Variety Show "Music, Movies and Madness" at the Novi Civic Center. A luncheon crowd (above) takes in the recent performance.



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City recognizes businesses

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Dinner with a Doctor focuses on arthritis

Each month Providence Park Hospital in Novi hosts a free "Dinner with a Doctor" about current topics in healthcare.

Leaping lizards!

Lexi Fata as Annie, Andrew Neill as Daddy Warbucks and Novi resident Alora Adams as Grace appear in the all-young production of "Annie Jr." at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton, presented by Spotlight on Youth Theater on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10 at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 11 at 2 and 6 p.m.

Make-A-Wish and win a Camaro

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan is making a dream come true for one lucky Chevrolet Camaro enthusiast.

Weststein golf outing

The Weststein Theatre Enrichment Fund First Golf Extravaganza will be held at 11:30 a.m. (check-in) on Saturday, Oct. 3 at The Links of Novi.

Charity hoop game to benefit Paralyzed Veterans of America

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) and Wright & Filippis, Inc. will sponsor a charity basketball game Thursday, Oct. 8 to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA), based in Novi.

For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com. Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.



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Local events

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TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
LOCATION: The Grapevine of Novi, 41355 Market Street

Coming and Going

The Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents Coming and Going an exhibit of original paintings featuring glorious land, sky and seascapes by local artist S.J. Walker.

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Michigan Antique Arms Show

DATE: Nov. 28-29
DETAILS: Antique and modern arms and accoutrements, part and accessories, as well as other related merchandise.

North American Horse Fest
DATE: Dec. 4-6
DETAILS: Everything Equestrian! Horses, tack, training, breed clubs, trailers, stables, riding exhibitions, nutrition and much more.

Business

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.

Theatrical Make-Up Demonstration

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 19
TIME: 1:30-3:00 p.m.
DETAILS: In recognition of receiving the James C. Dance award, NPL will sponsor a theatrical makeup demonstration.

English Conversation Group

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 23
TIME: 12:00 p.m.
DETAILS: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills.

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Two haz waste days scheduled. Two remaining fall Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Diamond Jim's celebrates 18th. Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro is celebrating its 18TH anniversary in Novi with its very first, "Wine down Wednesday dinner" on Sept. 23.

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## Fall Family Campout: It's a fun-filled, family-friendly evening at Lakeshore Park

There is no need to drive hours and hours to spend an evening in the great outdoors. The Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is hosting the second annual Fall Family Campout at Lakeshore Park (601 South Lake Drive) on Saturday and Sunday.

Campers will have a blast scurrying up Oakland County's rock climbing tower, getting hooked on fishing and finding their way with Geocaching activities. Riverside Kayak Connection, LLC will be on hand to demonstrate different types of boats and share the joys of Michigan kayaking. Kayak rentals will be available for \$15 (includes boat, pfd, whistle and paddle). Naturalist, Laurel Zoel will be offering two rounds of night hikes that include games and science experiments showing you how nocturnal animals find their way at night. Additionally, the family will enjoy Boy Scout demonstrations, kid's crafts & games, miles of hiking and biking trails, marshmallow



Campers enjoy hot dog and marshmallow roasting at a previous campout.

roasting, s'mores, and campfire songs with Mr. Seley. A rise-and-shine breakfast sponsored by Busch's Market and a drawing for camping equipment is included for overnight campers. Registration for the camp out is going on now at [cityof-novi.org](http://cityof-novi.org). Resident families (up to six people) are \$30 (online registration) and non-resident families are \$36 (online registration). Contact Derek Smith at [dsmith@cityofnovi.org](mailto:dsmith@cityofnovi.org) or (248) 347-0474.

You may participate in Saturday activities from 6-20 p.m. for \$5 per car at the gate. For more information contact Derek Smith at [dsmith@cityofnovi.org](mailto:dsmith@cityofnovi.org) or (248) 347-0474.

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## 'Who's Your Gladys?' authors in Northville tonight

### Book focuses on challenging customers

By Pam Fleming, Staff Writer

Anybody who's worked in retail sales, customer service or marketing knows Gladys. She's the hard-to-deal-with customer or client who you'd just as soon not deal with. In the interest of how to deal with such challenging people, two local authors - Lori Jo Vest of Northville and Marilyn Suttle of Novi - have written a new book, "Who's Your Gladys? How to Turn Even the Most Difficult Customer Into Your Biggest Fan."

The book, which was just released this week and is now in area bookstores, is designed to help anyone who works with customers.

The two will be on hand to answer questions and autograph copies of their book at 7 p.m. today at As the Page Turns bookstore in Old Church Square at Dunlap and Center streets.

West works for a television production company, Communico



Visual Communications in Birmingham. Suttle is president of Suttle Enterprises, a personal and professional business training company.

They met in a "master mind group" formed as a group of "accountability buddies."

"We meet every two weeks at a Coney Island restaurant or at one of the member's homes for breakfast," Suttle explained. "It's been phenomenal what's happened with this."

She said the group was formed because, "We all wanted to grow. We wanted to set goals and be accountable to somebody. It's not just a pity party. It's very uplifting."

From these sessions, the book arose.

Vest said the book features 10 different companies from different industries. "There's a real nice range," Vest said. "What they pulled from these firms apply across the board to anybody who has customers."

Suttle said she had published books herself before, but this is the first time she's had an outside publisher.

"This is very different," she said. "It's such a thrill."

"We've already hit number 13 on Amazon.com in a couple of service categories," Vest said on Monday. "We've been holding this vision of what this (book) could be, and it's totally exceeding those expectations. We didn't even realize we had international distribution until we saw it up on McGraw-Hill's Web site for Australia and New Zealand."

For more information, go to [www.whosyourgladys.com](http://www.whosyourgladys.com) to find a link to their blog and Facebook page.

# WHO'S YOUR Gladys

DIFFICULT CUSTOMER

Who's Your Gladys? by local authors Lori Jo Vest of Northville and Marilyn Suttle of Novi hit bookstores this week.

### NOVI IN THE SERVICE

Tyler A. Vincent has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy.

He is the son of Michael and Shona Vincent of Novi, and he is a 2009 graduate of Novi High School.

The six-week, two-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

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### ENGAGEMENT

### Scheer & Westrick

Larry and Annette Scheer of Northville and Bernard and Patricia Westrick of Kalamazoo announce the engagement of Lindsey Scheer and Andrew Westrick.

The bride-to-be, of Northville, will graduate from Kettering University in December with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

The groom-elect, of Novi, graduated from Kettering University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, and works at Trijicon Inc., a manufacturer of optical sighting devices for firearms, in Wixom.

They are planning a January wedding in Plymouth.

### BIRTH

**Punzal**  
Andrew and Stacy Punzal of Novi announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Elizabeth Punzal, on March 3, 2009, at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce.

Grandparents are Phillip and Kathleen Lange of Lockport, N.Y., and Dr. and Mrs. Romeo and Susan Punzal. Great-grandparent is Betty Migda of Lockport.

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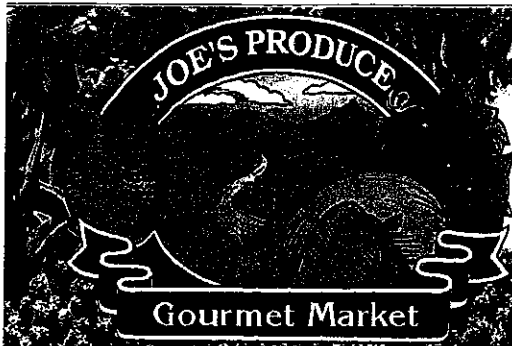
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Wildcat Brett Kuhn meets a Cougar tackler.

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## Wildcats fumble through to first win

Despite several missteps, Novi plowed on for two third-quarter touchdowns and a 23-0 win at South Lyon East.

The Cougars (0-3) were given every opportunity to succeed as Novi lost the ball four times on three fumbles and an interception, but East's youth and smaller roster was noticeable as the Wildcats (1-2) got their act together for a win over the second-year program.

"The biggest problem we have is we're making mistakes out there, we're not executing. The penalties that we're taking every game are taking their toll on us," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "You can't get the ball in your possession and drop it. We've got to find a way to hold onto the ball. Turnovers must be taken care

of or we won't be successful."

On the first down of the game, senior RB Brett Kuhn took the ball 12 yards up the left line, a play that would've been a 55-yard touchdown — as the players played it out all the way to the end zone — had Kuhn stayed in bounds and Novi hadn't been called for a holding penalty.

Novi kept the chains moving in the first quarter, but lost the ball twice on fumbles in South Lyon East's final third of the field. Novi kept good field position most of the quarter, supported by the Cougars' weak punts, which allowed Novi to start their drives as close as East's 48-yard line.

Two minutes after an 18-yard run up the left flank by Kuhn, junior RB Mike Brant burst through the middle

for a three-yard touchdown. The Wildcats got a false start penalty on the point after touchdown, but Kuhn made the 25-yard kick to give Novi a 7-0 lead.

"We were able to get around the edge a little bit," Kellepourey said. "Brett Kuhn made some good runs and cuts. Mike Brant turned out a very good game overall."

After both teams recovered their own fumbles, senior WR/QB Jimmy Gurney hit senior WR Justin Hopton with a 35-yard bomb at the Cougars' 17-yard line. On the next play, East's junior DB Tyler Jedinak picked off an end zone-bound pass on the right side from Gurney and ran it out 13 yards to East's 15-yard line.

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Novi High quarterback Tim Hartland at the helm.

## Novi battles Spartans to scoreless draw

Wildcats prepare for border battle with Northville

Last fall, Livonia Stevenson was one of the top 10 boy's soccer teams in the state. Nine days ago, Novi battled the Spartans to a scoreless tie in Livonia.

The KLA A opener was not short on excitement, as both teams had several good scoring chances, but Novi senior Tommy Duquette made five saves and Stevenson senior Connor Burton made four saves to highlight the 0-0 draw.

"Tommy's been doing a great job. We're blessed to have two great goalkeepers. Goalie's definitely a strength for us,"

Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Overall, We were probably lucky to get away with a tie on that one. (There was) not a lot of offense in the game. There was a lot of in-between play."

The 80-minute contest spent the first half in different sections of the 120-yard field. Stevenson started off applying the pressure, keeping the game in Novi's defensive end.

But it wasn't long before Novi (4-0-1) spread the field out and got sophomore Chase Jabbori loose on offense, alert-

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JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Doug McGinn in-bounds the ball.

## Novi takes a bite out of ranked competition



Novi's Carson Crandall.

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Ranked seventh in the state, the Wildcats went to bed Monday night a perfect 4-0 in the KLA A Central Division.

Tuesday afternoon, Novi was slated to face off with the eighth-ranked Northville Mustangs (4-0 KLA A Central) in what would be a meet for the division championship.

"They have an excellent team, well coached. It's one of the biggest matches we'll play," Novi coach Jim Hanson said Monday night. "We have to keep our unforced errors to a minimum. It's going to come down to the team that makes the fewest mistakes."

Novi (4-1 overall) spent the past week preparing for Northville with some of the stiffest competition in the state. The Wildcats disbanded division opposition Livonia Stevenson 9-0 Monday and Plymouth Salem 8-1 Sept. 9, making sure Tuesday's match would be for the division title.

The Wildcats gave themselves even more of a challenge by facing No. 3 Ann Arbor

Pioneer last Thursday and hosting a quad meet Saturday against No. 5 Grosse Pointe South, No. 6 West Bloomfield and Cranbrook-Kingswood (No. 2 in Division 3).

Although the Wildcats didn't handle their ranked foes as handily as they took care of their division opponents, Novi proved the team merits a little more consideration for a higher ranking, pushing several Pioneer players to the limit in a 6-2 loss and ousting West Bloomfield and Grosse Pointe South to take second place at the quad meet, six points behind Cranbrook-Kingswood's 18 points.

"The tournament this weekend, we were all in the top 10," Hanson said. "Our kids got three tough matches. We can't do that stuff in practice. It was good conditioning."

Novi got first-place quad-meet finishes from juniors Nathan Farooq and Greg Richard at one doubles, and senior Vushnu Venugopal and

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Wildcat Doug McGinn takes a shot on goal during Novi's Sept. game against Livonia Stevenson.

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ing the Spartans (1-2-2) of one of the Wildcats' biggest offensive threats. Jabbari had two decent chances in the eighth and 15th minutes, but both shots misfired.

Stevenson had the next few chances to get on the score sheet, firing a corner kick high in the 20th minute and hitting a weak volley 45 seconds later.

Stevenson junior Camden Iwasko crossed a ball into the box in the 29th minute that got by Duquette, but junior Patrick Smith missed the opportunity by trying to trap and shoot the ball. Novi's defense cleared the ball after Smith's first touch.

Jabbari had a great chance in the 33rd minute when he dribbled in and got around Burton, but Burton's diving deflection knocked the ball out before Jabbari could get a shot off the rebound.

The closest either team came to scoring in the game came on a 20-yard strike from Stevenson senior Charlie Kokonakos, who beat Duquette and hit the left post in the 34th minute.

Perhaps the next best opportunity came in the final 10 seconds of the half when Jabbari set senior Doug McGinn up with a through ball along the left line that put McGinn a few steps behind the defense with only Burton to beat. McGinn shot low for the far post, but the ball skipped wide of the right post but no more than a foot.

"They put a lot of pressure on their defense," O'Leary said of Jabbari and McGinn. "That was our lowest (shot) total all season."

The second half was even more intense, as both teams stepped up their games in a last-ditch effort to grab the win.

Jabbari and Stevenson junior Patrick Smith both had several chances, but the defenses for both squads stepped up their task, using their bodies to block, deflect and clear any offensive threats.

Novi juniors John DeLeon, Brian Herron and senior Nick Bosner each made several defensive stops, moving the ball upfield where Jabbari and Stevenson senior defender Adam Dabkowski battled each other for what seemed like every Novi offensive run. Dabkowski used an effective jump start and his extra several inches of height to contain Jabbari from breaking loose too often.

Several mishandled bounces on a damp turf field led to scoring opportunities for both teams, but both goalkeepers rose to the occasion.

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Novi's Andrew Lumley.

Novi has outscored opponents 16-1 this season. The Lions' lone goal came on a penalty kick after one of their players was tripped inside the goal box in the first eight minutes.

The Wildcats outshot South Lyon 20-6, but didn't get on the board until the 55th minute. DeLeon got a ball (at the 18-yard line) and played a pass to Chase (Jabbari), coach O'Leary said.

Jabbari in on the through ball and one-touched it into the goal from 10 yards out. Novi's offense had several other chances, including six all out breakaways, but couldn't capitalize for the win. McGinn came the closest, hitting the post with three minutes left.

"We really should have won," O'Leary said. "South Lyon's playing a real flat defense. With our speed, that's how we got so many breakaways."

Novi now prepares to a big match with border rival Northville 7 p.m. tonight at Meadows Stadium on 11 Mile Road.

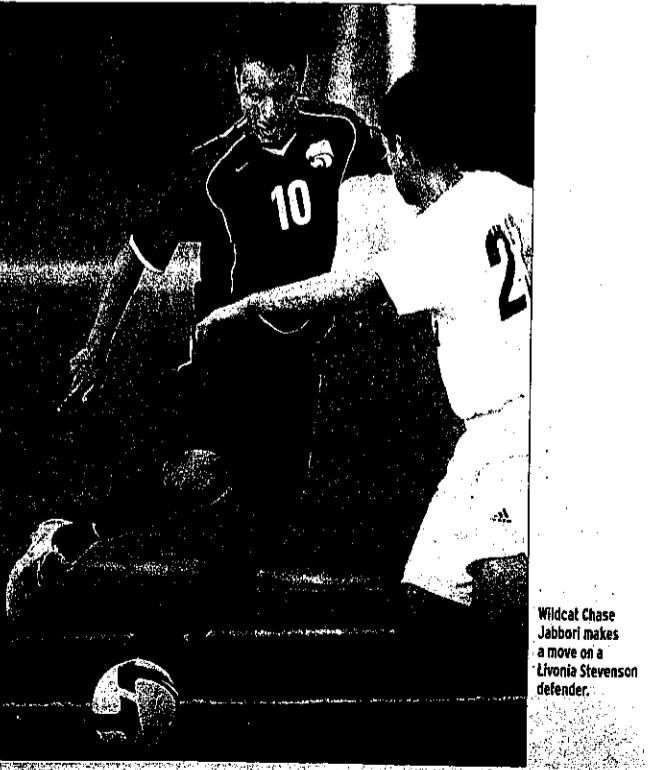
Northville is coming off an 8-0 win over South Lyon East and a 1-0 win over Stevenson last week. Novi comes off Tuesday's match at South Lyon East, which finished after press deadline.

"We're looking to rebound. That Northville game is huge," O'Leary said. "Northville has great team speed all over the field. It'll be an interesting matchup with two different styles of play playing each other."

Novi's Jon Hart tries to get control of the ball at Livonia Stevenson.



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Wildcat Chase Jabbari makes a move on a Livonia Stevenson defender.

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Fueled by the defensive effort, the Cougars' offense made a late push thanks to a pair of roughing penalties against the Wildcats. On a fourth-down punt, Novi roughed the kicker, allowing East to keep the ball with a first down and 25 seconds to go in the half. Novi then roughed East sophomore QB Scotty Kempa following an eight-yard pass to sophomore RB Matt Lindman on the right side.

At Novi's 40-yard line, Kempa hit junior WR Justin Ulrich with a six-yard pass as Ulrich dove out of bounds to stop the clock with eight seconds 'til the half. With a long ball to the end zone in mind, Kempa dropped back, but was sacked 15 yards behind the snap at Novi's 49-yard line to end the half with Novi still ahead 7-0.

Kellepourey's 'Cats shaped up in the second half after one final setback.

Nearly four minutes into the third quarter, Novi looked to have things back on track, but a 10-yard pass from Gurney to Hepton at the left side of the Cougars' 24 resulted in a turnover when Gurney turned into East senior DB Alex Grabinski, who knocked the ball loose and recovered the fumble for the Cougars.

On the ensuing drive, Kempa hit junior WR Josh Moore for a 29-yard third-down conversion to the right side of their own 40-yard line.

With fourth and nine to go on the 50, East made the error of the game. The Cougars snatched the ball over the spur's head, who recovered it at his own 11-yard line for a turnover on downs.

"It was a 7-0 game at that point and fourth down and they could have put us back inside our 10. We ended up (at) theirs. It was a major turning point in that game," Kellepourey said. "There was a lot with a huge momentum change."

Novi didn't miss their cue, as Brant ran the ball in from two yards out to play later in the quarter.

Kempa hit the extra point for a 14-0 Novi lead with 5:17 remaining in the quarter.

The Cougars tried to get big yards quick as Kempa hit Moore for a 24-yard gain to get to their own 48-yard line. Two plays later, Kempa overdrove a pass up the left line that junior CB Brian Bush intercepted at Novi's 22-yard line.

Following a 28-yard third-down conversion run by Kuhn and a few shorter gains, Ficher ran up the left for a three-yard touchdown. Following two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties on the Cougars after the play, Brant failed on a two-point rush attempt, keeping Novi's lead at 20-0.

Following an unsuccessful Cougars drive, Novi's Brant broke away up the right side for a 58-yard run, but it was cut back to a 25-yard gain as Brant stepped out at Novi's 46-yard line.

Senior K Tommy Duquette hit a 32-yard field goal with 5:24 remaining to put the final nail in the Cougars' coffin and give Novi a 23-0 lead.

Powered by the one-two punch of sophomores Kempa and Lindman, and Moore,

South Lyon East kept the chains moving and the clock ticking. Lone varsity freshman Lucas Buck made a 17-yard run and Moore caught a pair of 12-yard passes to move the Cougars to Novi's 24-yard line before East failed a fourth-down conversion to end the Cougars' final drive.

"South Lyon East really was a much improved squad," Kellepourey said. "Stuntouts, you can't fish them when you can get 'em."

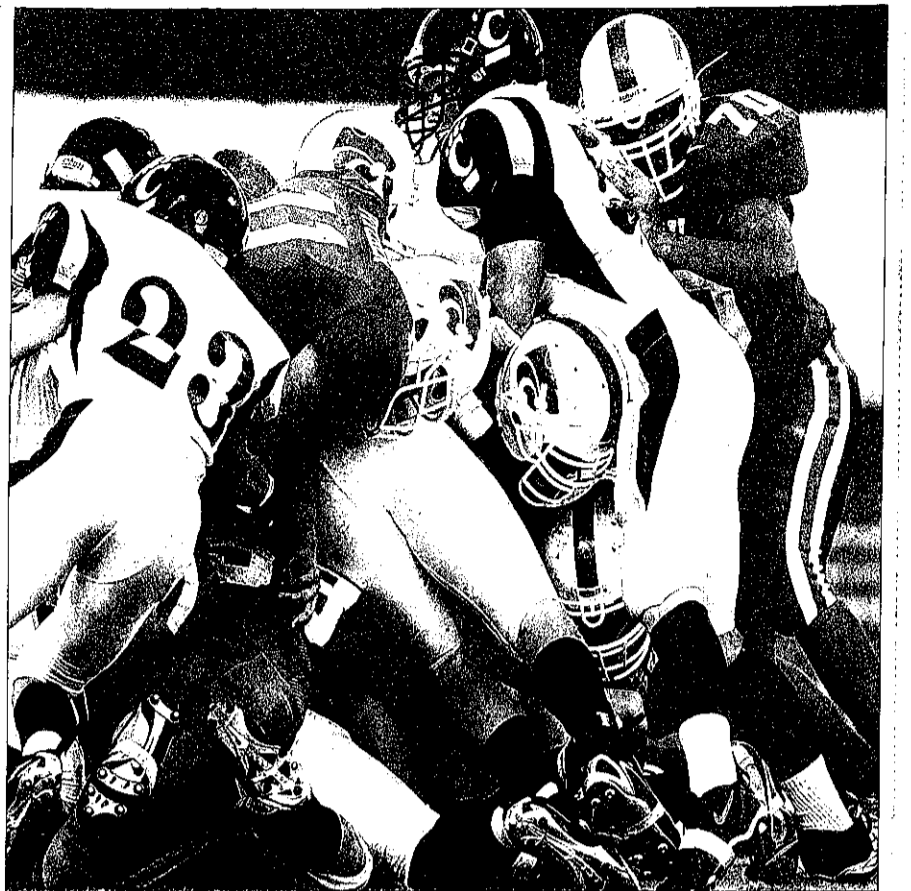
East was held to -15 yards rushing in the game, but outpassed Novi 160-104 yards in the air. Novi had 272 rushing yards on 48 carries, the third highest single-game number of Wildcat carries. Three quarterback sacks stunted the Cougars' rushing game; two made by senior DL Jordan Jabbari, tying several players for second best in a single game. Juniors DL Joe Burris, LB Greg Kulis and sophomore LB Alex King also made seven or eight tackles each. Senior OLB James Smith led East with nine tackles.

Something was in the air at Cougar Stadium, as the two teams combined for 25 penalties, six fumbles and two interceptions, equalizing the field at times.

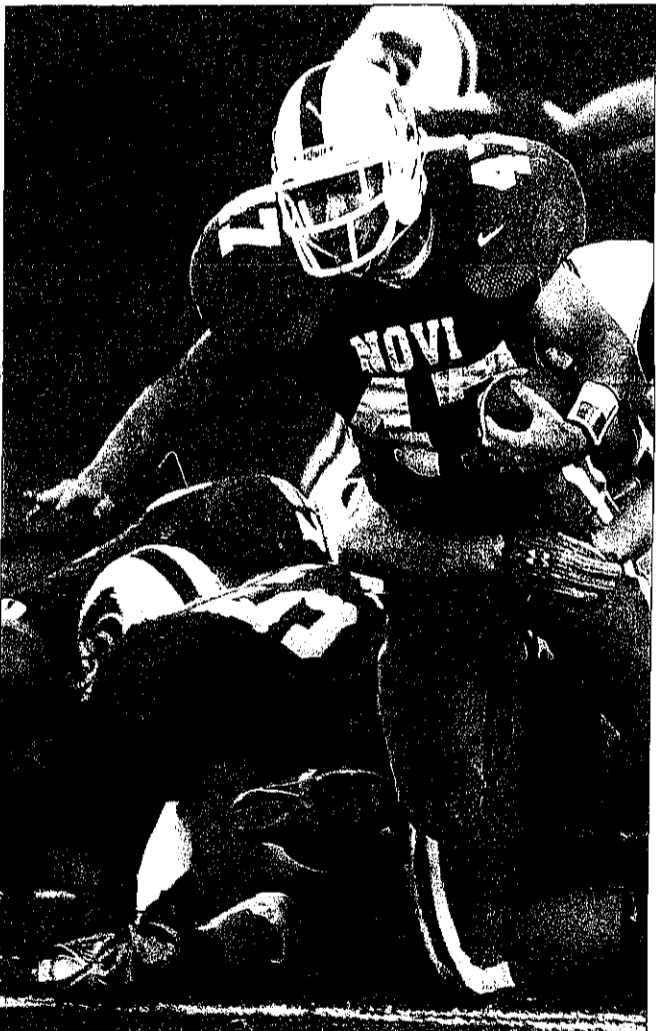
With senior QB Brandon Ryzewski sidelined, Gurney (6-for-9) and Hardland (2-for-3) combined for 104 yards and one interception at quarter-back.

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

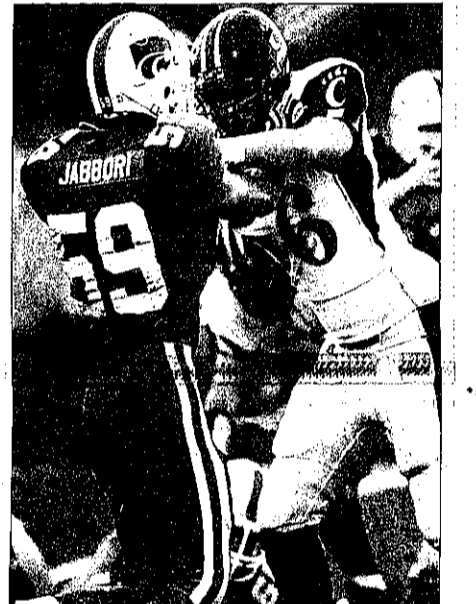
Somewhere in this pile of Wildcats and Cougars is a Novi High School running back.



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Novi's Dominik Sabo.



Linemen Jordan Jabbari, left, and Colin Wedesky go at it last Friday night.

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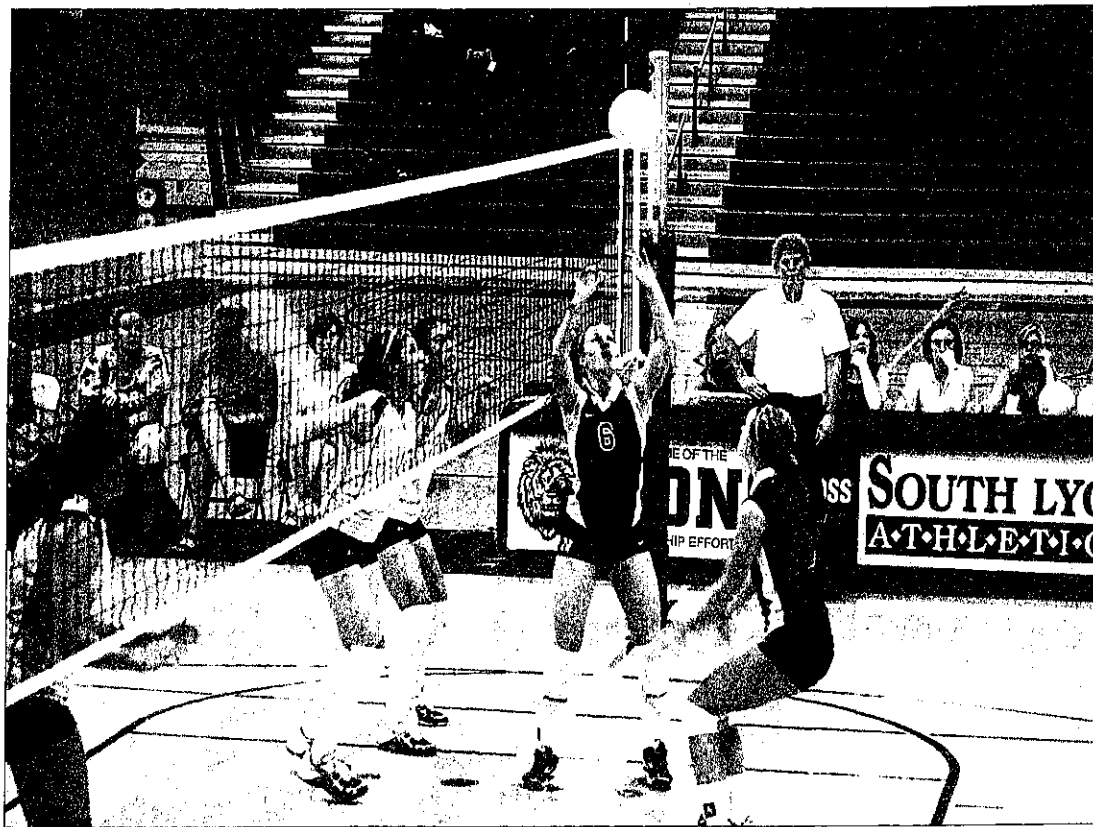
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**Volleyball**

The Wildcats defeated South Lyon in three competitive sets last Thursday. Novi won 25-20, 26-24, 25-18 to improve their match record to 15-2 (1-0 KLA). South Lyon is now 0-1 (0-1 KLA).

\*Sets were competitive and exciting to watch. All athletes are contributing to what is shaping up to be a great season," coach Julie Fisette said.

Sophomore Katie Enright had 10 kills and three blocks, and senior Ally Homaian had nine kills, two blocks and one ace as the pair of outside hitters paced the offense.

Senior Christine Mech was also heavily involved with 19 assists, while sophomore Molly Marzonia had 26 digs.

The spikers travel to Lakeland for a quad meet 4:30 p.m. today before hosting Northville 7 p.m. next Thursday.

Novi's junior varsity team is off to a 6-1 start after defeating Marston, Chelsea and Brighton at a quad meet and South Lyon in their KLA division opener. The JV Wildcats then went on to take second place at the Saline Invitational, defeating Airport and Saline before a three-game loss to Bedford in the finals, which culminated in a 15-13 third game.

**Golf**

Novi's varsity golfers improved to 3-2 in league play after defeating Salem 149-188 at the par-three Fox Hills Signature course Monday. Novi was led by juniors Megan Henry and Brooke Collins, who both medaled with a 34; senior Stephanie Hrit with a 35; sophomore Kathleen Koomen at 36; Jessica Tally at 36 and Victoria Tomkinson at 44.

Novi fell to 2-2 in league play following a 182-193 loss to Northville last Friday at Cattails. Henry led the way, medaling with a 43. Hrit had 47, Collins 48, senior Morgan Adams 55, Koomen 55 and junior Alyssa Miller 56.

Junior varsity lost to Northville 222-298 to also fall to 2-2. Tomkinson led the team with 53; Tally had 54, Carly Healy 56 and Alie Krieb 59.

The losses came two days after Novi beat South Lyon East 179-196 at Links of Novi. Henry and Hrit both swung a 44, while Collins had 45, Miller 46, Adams 50 and Koomen 51. Hrit and Miller's scores were both career lows.

JV also had a career low from Tally, who shot a 49. She was followed by Tomkinson with 53, Aparna Techoor and Krieb, both with 54, Kaitlin Hogan a 64 and Carly Healy shooting a 71.

The girls' next outing is the Grosse Ile Invitational at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

**Field Hockey**

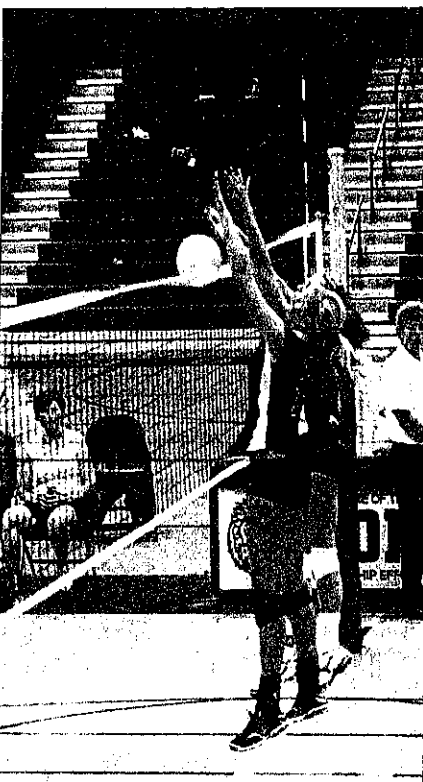
The Wildcats' field hockey team tied 1-1 at Regina last Wednesday to put their record at 2-1 (0-0-1 Division 4). Regina moved to 1-0-2 (0-0-1 Division 4).

Regina scored in the first half before Novi got on the board early in the second half. Senior Trinity Louis tallied the goal off a pass from sophomore Natalie Paul.

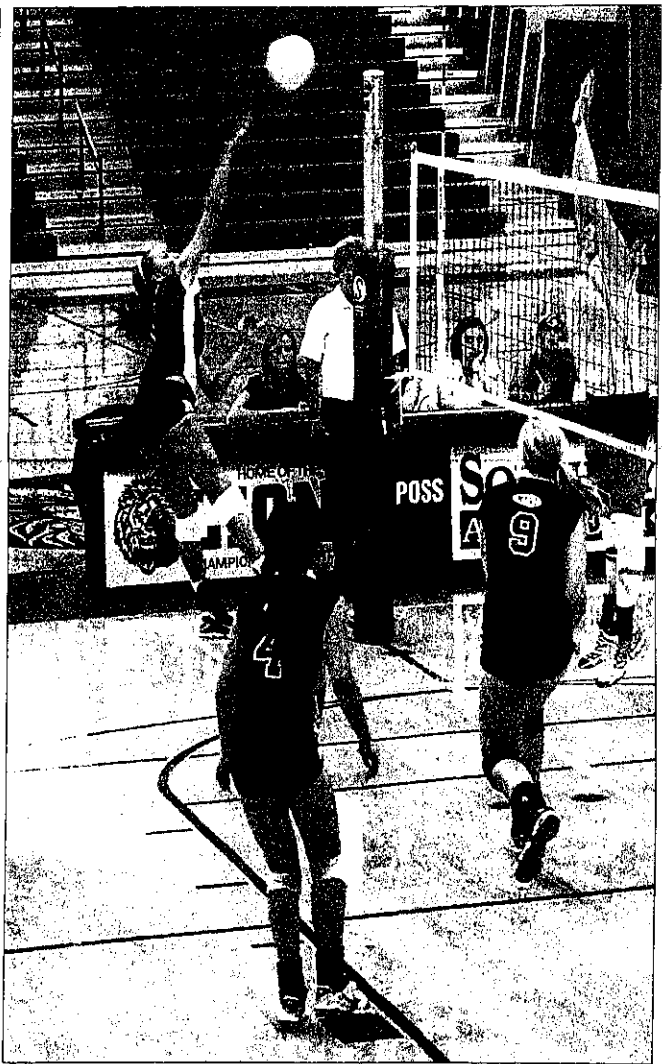
Despite controlling the game's momentum, Regina's goalkeeper came up with several big saves to keep her team in the game.

Please see **ROUNDUP, B5**

Novi senior Christine Mech gets ready to set the ball to senior Anne Irvin in the Wildcats' win against South Lyon



Novi seniors Julia Thomas (left) and Anne Irvin get up high to block a hit in against South Lyon.



Novi Junior Erica Robb gets up high and registers one of her many kills around the South Lyon block.

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**TENNIS**  
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The Novi netters didn't do as well in the singles bracket, being swept 4-0 by Pioneer and finishing fourth of the four schools in one and two singles at the quad meet.

Those two doubles teams also accounted for Novi's two wins against Pioneer, 6-0, 5-7, 6-1 at three doubles and 6-3, 5-7, 6-1 at three doubles. Freshman Jason Carless and senior Kyle McGuire challenged Pioneer in a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 loss at two doubles.

"Our doubles have been our strength. One doubles in undefeated. Two and three doubles have been playing extremely well. Four doubles has been improving every week," Hanson said.

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

**ROUND UP**  
FROM PAGE B4

Novi got involved with some charity last Thursday, as the Wildcats traveled to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a scrimmage to raise money for breast cancer research. Both teams wore special pink jerseys and all proceeds went to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The team travels to Farmington 4:30 p.m. today before hosting the Falcons at 4:30 p.m. next Thursday.

**Swimming**

The girls' swim team won the Laker Invitational at West Bloomfield last Saturday behind a score of 288. Farmington Hills Harrison took second with 193 and Novi also competed against Bloomfield Hills Lahser, West Bloomfield, North Farmington and Farmington.

Each of the 12 events swam four heats because of the high number of swimmers. Novi led several events with a clean sweep of first place finishes.

For full results, visit [www.noviswim.com/MEETRESULTS2009/westbloomfield.htm](http://www.noviswim.com/MEETRESULTS2009/westbloomfield.htm).

The tankers host Grrosse Pointe South 6 p.m. tonight and South Lyon East 6 p.m. next Thursday.

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

**JV Football**

The Novi JV played host to South Lyon East football team with the ensuing cat fight over early and big for the Novi Wildcats. The developing Cougars football program proved no match for the experienced JV Wildcats, who struck early, showed an impressive aerial attack and played rock solid defense.

It was the Novi running game that established dominance first behind the blocking of the offensive line. Alex Davis got the call on the fifth play of the game on an inside reverse that Davis scampered for 46 yards and his first touchdown of the season.

Just to be sure the running game got its due, Derek Ince pulled out a 40-yard run after a South Lyon East three and out. Then Ince started an impressive series of touchdown passes on the next four of five possessions. First, Ince connected for 35 yards with Logan Regnier for his first touchdown of the year. On the next score, Ince dropped the ball over the shoulder of Adam Hayes from 20 yards out for a score. Ince passes found Regnier again in each of the next two possessions for touchdowns. Ince added to the total with a two-point conversion to Davis. Novi's extra point team, led by kicker Joey Kamal, put the mechanics together for two extra points during this scoring frenzy which had the 'Cats in control of the game only a few seconds into the second quarter by a count of 34-0. During the string, Ince was 5-of-6 for 98 yards behind some great pass protection by Derek Poppinger, Justin Michael, Josh Feight, Chris Diacomo, Derek Edwards and Nathan Peters.

The fact that Novi had so many scoring opportunities was no coincidence, as the defen-

sive unit that is improving by the week kept the Cougars without a first down for their first six possessions. The defense was ignited by a Hayes interception and an Alex Barry punt block and recovery on the South Lyon East 22-yard line. But the defense, not to be outdone by the offense, put six points of its own on the board with a 35-yard interception return by Derek Cingel. Kamal's extra point topped off the scoring at 41-0 less than two minutes into the second quarter.

Other defenders that generated some inspired plays were Mike Riley's tackles and interception and the play pursuit of Cormac Littleton as the game's leading tackler. Overall, 21 players were credited with contributing to tackles. The Cougars were held scoreless until they notched their only score in the fourth quarter.

The Novi offense behind quarterback Justin Brooks provided plenty of exciting tackle breaking play, led by Brooks, Barry and Frankie Mastrangelo.

By John Haynes

**Freshman Football**

The Novi freshman football team lost a hard-fought game to the South Lyon East Cougars Sept. 10 at Wildcat Field. For the second straight week, the team's opponents got off to a quick start with a long drive, resulting in a touchdown before most of the fans were in their seats. Novi answered with a long drive of their own. The Novi ground game came to life with Michael Smith and John Mencer moving the chains. Mencer's 25-yard run put the ball deep in East's territory. The drive was capped off with a 17-yard Blake Boring to Rob Armiak touchdown pass. Smith ran in the two-point conversion to make it 8-7 Wildcats.

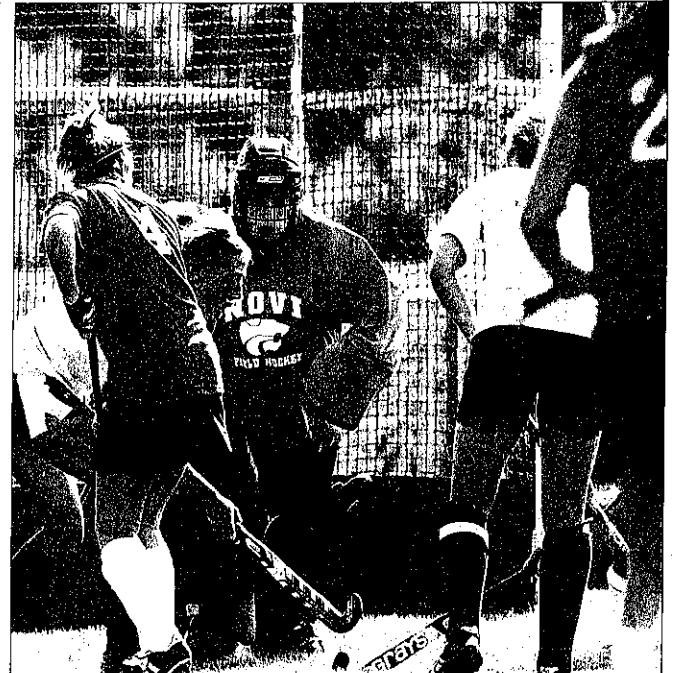
South Lyon East scored three more times in the first half. Matt Forche, Robbie Deighton and Riki Nogami led the Wildcat defense with key tackles. Several long punts by Mario Ferrini kept the Cougars pinned deep in their own territory. The score at halftime was 26-8 South Lyon East.

In the second half, the Wildcats started a great comeback. The first drive mounted at the Novi 22-yard line. Strong running by Forche and Smith moved the chains. Smith's 55-yard run put the Wildcats in scoring position. Armiak punched the ball into the end zone and Smith's two-point conversion cut the Cougars' lead to 26-16.

After the Novi defense came up big, the Wildcat offense took over and had another great drive. A terrific punt return by Nogami gave Novi excellent field position. The Wildcats' running game took up huge chunks of yardage behind the offensive line of Scott Schramm, Ferrini, Artie Teran, Sparsh Mengi, Kameron Mitchell and Nick Shear. Key runs by Mencer, Smith and Kyle Matel led to another Armiak touchdown. This made the score 26-22 South Lyon East.

The Wildcats' last three drives fell short and the final score was 32-22 South Lyon East. The freshmen travel to Plymouth Salem Sept. 17.

By Cathy Schramm



Novi goaltender Katie Safford, with Pink all around here during the charity scrimmage against Pioneer.



Novi's Trinity Louis scored the goal in the Regina game.

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Aric Mann, of Novi, 13, is a member of the under-13 Michigan Wolves Club. Mann began playing in the Novi recreational program at age 4. He spent his youth playing with Novi Jaguars and Waza FC before joining the Wolves when he was a U9 player.

## Soccer star making strides toward ultimate goal

■ Young Novi resident joins Olympic Development Program for third year

Novi resident Aric Mann may be one of the most talented young faces seen on local soccer fields this fall.

The 13-year-old center midfielder is following in the footsteps of current and former U.S. men's national team players like Landon Donovan, Oguchi Onyewu, DeMarcus Beasley, Brian McBride, Eddie Pope and Claudio Reyna by playing in U.S. Youth Soccer's Olympic Development Program.

A member of the Livonia-based under-13 Michigan Wolves club, Mann got involved with the Pre-Development ODP program two years ago at the youngest age allowed.

"It was two years ago, I played for the Wolves and lost of kids from the Wolves did it, so I decided to try out and made it," Mann said. "I like playing, of course, and I get to meet a lot of people. They have a lot of good coaches."

Mann tried out and made the 2010 ODP Younger roster just three days after his 13th birthday last month, setting him up for a third

year on the Region II team, which consists of 24 players from Michigan and 12 other states.

His 2009 regional team not only has eight Michigan players, but three of them are Mann's teammates on the Wolves - Ryan Muchanga (Canton), Robbie Cort (Ann Arbor) and Sanni Phelps (Ann Arbor).

The ODP team practices in October, November and June in preparation for the July regional camp in Rockford, Ill. All state teams attend for a weeklong camp with days split between morning training and early evening inter-state tournament games.

"During the course of the week, the boys are called to 'pool' training where they are evaluated for selection to the regional pool team. Aric was invited to pool training every day of camp," said Kelly Mann, Aric's mother. "The '96 Regional pool teams will then play in two national tournaments involving the U.S. Regional teams over the course of the coming year. The first tournament is in Orlando over

Thanksgiving and the second is in the spring in Decatur, Ala."

"It's just a really good program for anyone who wants to play. It's really fun and that's why I do it," Mann said. "I like the fast pace of it and how the game never really stops unless there's a throw in. It's just a fast-paced game and you get to run a lot. I don't like to run outside the game though."

Mann, an eighth-grader at Novi Middle School, plans to try out for Novi High School's team next fall and hopes to earn a scholarship to play collegiate soccer in 2014.

"I want to make it to the national camp this upcoming year. One day, I hope to make the national team," he said.

His motivation stems from the competition for playing time he experiences with the Wolves premier program.

"Last year, we had a really hard coach and he told us we had to play hard or we wouldn't play in the games. I knew I had to give it my all," Mann said.

The youngster likes to draw on similarities between himself and Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard, as both play center midfield.

"Steven Gerrard has such a good shot and can score from anywhere. He never loses the ball. He's the same position as me, so I can relate," Mann said. "I like to center midfield because I get the ball a lot. I get to score. I get the back ball and I get to move the ball forward."

He also enjoys the creativity and skill of Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo. He sees both players as models for what he hopes to one day become.

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

## Catholic Central topples Monroe, 49-0

### Shamrocks awaiting intense Brother Rice match-up Saturday

Yes, Catholic Central earned their third victory of the season. Yes, Niko Palazeti added three more touchdowns and 107 to his already dazzling statistical numbers. Yes, the Shamrocks kept their focus scoreless for the third straight week.

Not to take anything away from Catholic Central's 49-0 drubbing of the Monroe Trojans last week—or their other scoreless opponents, for that matter—but the Shamrocks have more important things to think about these days. Like Brother Rice this Saturday.

"We're coming into league play now," said Catholic Central coach Tom Mach. "These games are going to be more of a test. The league is really full of strong teams and Brother Rice is one of the best. They are very good with a lot of good weapons."

Can the Warriors run the ball? Check. Can they pass? Check. Are the undefeated? Check. Are they hosting the Shamrocks? Check.

Sounds like a recipe for Catholic Central's toughest game to date in 2009.

"We're going to go in and do what we've done since the beginning of the season, but we always have a few wrinkles we're ready to go to if we need to," said Mach. "With the ability of the teams in the Central Division, we're ready to use a few of those wrinkles."

It's not as though there aren't moments to reflect on from the Monroe game last week, but the Shamrocks have learned that it's best to prepare and practice than it is to reflect. Yet, there are highlights to be noted.

Palazeti, for example, carried the ball 13 times for 107 yards and three touchdowns. His season total—over a mere three games—tallies up to 314 yards on 53 carries for an average of 5.9 yards per carry. Oh, yeah, and he has nine touchdowns, too.

If that weren't impressive enough, senior quarterback Sam Landry added 119 yards on a 7-for-9 passing performance and tallied a touchdown. Jon Savakus tackled on 67 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries and Anthony Capatina had seven carries for 57 yards and added a score.

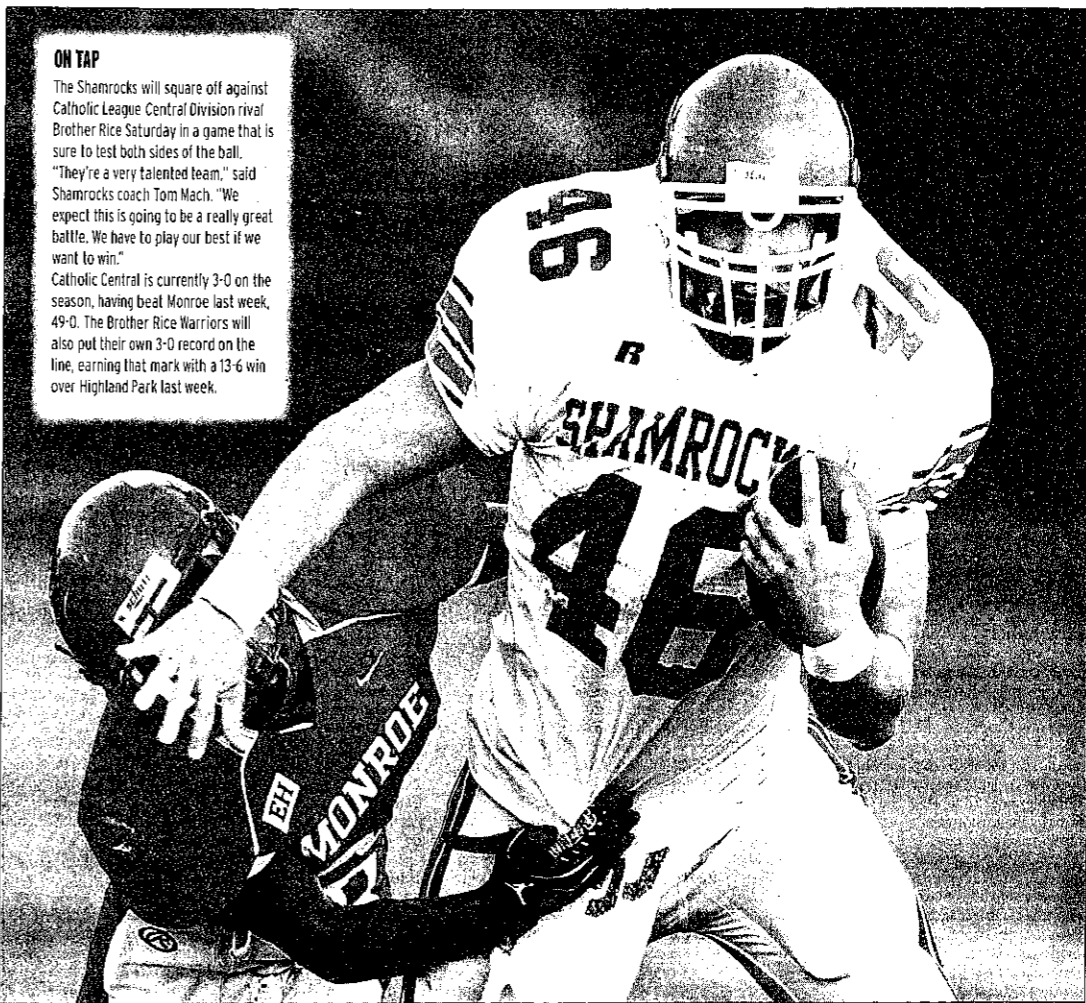
The Trojans had some chances late in the game, having two would-be touchdowns called back by penalties in the waning minutes of the contest and then dropping a final pass in the end zone as the clock ticked down to zero.

The Shamrocks allowed just five pass completions from Monroe quarterback Billy Hochradel for a total of 46 yards. Trojan running back Enrique Mendez managed to lead his team's ground attack with just 25 yards.

Mike Stills, an offensive and defensive lineman, was noted by Mach for having outstanding play on the day.

"We made him a captain of the week because of how well he played," said Mach. "He had a great game, both ways."

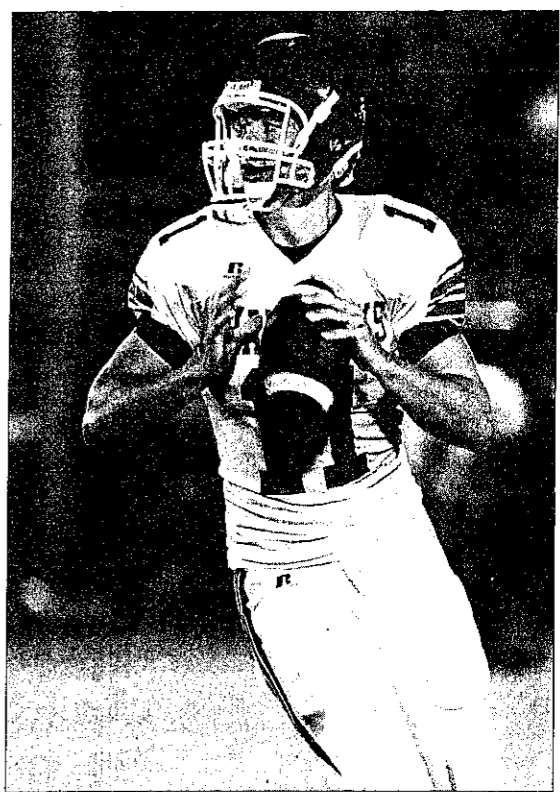
Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



Niko Palazeti still firms a Trojan in CC's shutout.



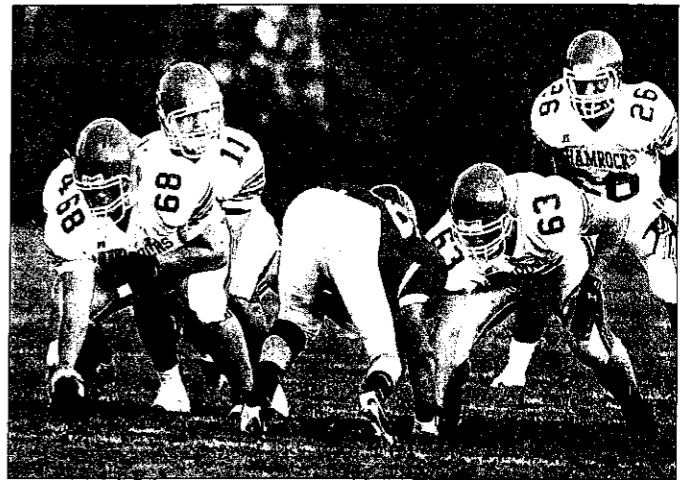
Senior Anthony Capatina was back after a knee injury kept him out of first two games.



Sam Landry tosses against Monroe.



George Darany splits a pair of Monroe Trojans.



Catholic Central's offensive line was instrumental in the Shamrock's win last week.

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# MOTOR MEN

## Motorsports Hall of Fame of America inducts six new members

Racing legends Kenny Bernstein, David Hobbs, Scott Parker, Les Richter, Al Unser, Jr., H.A. "Humpty" Wheeler and Joe Weatherly were inducted into the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America during an inspirational and emotional ceremony on Aug. 12 at the Fillmore Theater in Detroit.

In addition to those being honored, several racing notables took part in the proceedings. Track announcer Jim Mueller served as master of ceremonies. Hall of Fame hydroplane racer Mira Slovak read the stirring patriotic "My Creed" by Dean A. Lange, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas, whose Lucas Oil Co. supports nearly every form of motorsports, were on hand.

At this year's Induction Ceremony, the list of presenters were nearly as impressive as the list of those being honored. Speed Channel's Bob Varsha introduced Hobbs. Harley-Davidson's Willie G. Davidson presented Parker. Roger Penske inducted Richter. Hall of Fame stock car legend Ned Jarrett presented and accepted on behalf of Weatherly. Long-time racing broadcaster Ken Squier introduced Wheeler. NHRA President Tom Compton presented Bernstein. And four-time Indy 500 champ Al Unser inducted his son.

Each year, those in attendance are treated to stirring video presentations that document the accomplishments of the honored Heroes of Horsepower. This year was no exception. Bernstein's video detailed how he became the King of Speed in 1992 when he was the first NHRA driver to break the 300 mph barrier. He is a four-time Winston Funny Car champion and an IHRA Winston World Funny Car champ. Bernstein also is a two-time NHRA Top Fuel champion. He is still actively involved in drag racing as an owner.

The Hobbs presentation followed his exploits from three decades driving sports cars to his current role as a television broadcaster on Speed Channel. His driving career saw him win the SCCA Trans Am championship and close to 40 major race victories. Hobbs also fared well in his four Indy 500 appearances, with his first debut in 1966.

Parker rode Harley-Davidsons for 21 years amassing 94 wins and a record nine dirt track championships. He is the only rider to have been named American Motorcyclist Athlete of the Year three times.

Richter was a former eight-time Pro Bowl football player with the Los Angeles Rams before becoming one of the co-owners of Riverside International Raceway and helped turn that track into one of the finest in the world. He also co-founded the International Race of Champions, became a vice president of NASCAR and played a dominant role in the development of California Speedway.

Unser, Jr. is known in racing circles as "Little Al" but his accomplishments are as big as his family name. Unser visited the winner circle at Indianapolis twice and also captured the CART crown and the IROC title two times.

For nearly three decades, Wheeler was the innovative president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte and helped make it one of the premiere racing facilities in the world, being the first to offer extensive VIP suites and condominiums.

Weatherly began his racing career and won three championships on motorcycles before switching to NASCAR, winning the 1953 Modified championship. Then, he went on to win the Grand National (now Sprint Cup) championship in 1962 and 1963. He ranks 19th in all-time Cup wins with 24. He died in a 1964 accident at Riverside Raceway in California.

Plans already are underway for the 22nd annual Motorsports Hall of Fame of America Induction Ceremony.

Story courtesy of the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America. For more information, call (248) 349-7223 or visit [www.mshf.com](http://www.mshf.com).



Under the Fillmore marquee on Woodward Avenue (l to r): David Hobbs, Al Unser Jr., Scott Parker, Kenny Bernstein, Humpty Wheeler and Jon Richter (representing his father, Les Richter).



inductee Kenny Bernstein with NHRA President Tom Compton at the Fillmore Theater in Detroit Aug. 12.



Scott Parker with Willie G. Davidson, of Harley-Davidson Motorcycles, in Detroit Aug. 12.



Ned Jarrett accepted the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America statue for Joe Weatherly during the Aug. 12 ceremony in Detroit.



Scott Parker is the only rider to have been named American Motorcyclist Athlete of the Year three times.



Jon Richter (left) accepts the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America statue on behalf of his father, Les Richter, from Roger Penske at induction ceremonies in Detroit on Aug. 12.

### WHO WAS THERE

In addition to six new honorees, 22 returning inductees were in attendance Aug. 11-12, consisting of some of the greatest achievers in all motorsports history. Also present were the presidents of NASCAR, Indy Racing League (both Competition and Corporate Divisions), Sports Car Club of America, SCCA Pro Racing, American Power Boat Association, Michigan International Speedway, Watkins Glen International Speedway, the president and 2 Board members from the Indianapolis Motor

Speedway and the Director of Racing for the American Motorcyclist Association. Namesakes from Penske Corporation (Roger Penske), Harley-Davidson (Willie G. Davidson) and Lucas Oil (Forrest and Charlotte Lucas) joined us, along with top executives from many other corporations. The reason these people come together, only one time in any particular year, is the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America based in Novi.



Hall of Fame hydroplane racer Mira Slovak read the stirring patriotic "My Creed" by Dean A. Lange at the Aug. 12 ceremony in Detroit.



Twenty-two returning inductees joined the six newest members for their ceremony Aug. 12 in Detroit (l to r): Mel Kenyon, Danny Ongais, Bobby Unser, Al Unser, Bobby Allison, Chris Economaki, Al Unser, Jr., Tom D'Eath, Bill "Grumpy" Jenkins, Bob Bondurant, Humpty Wheeler, Scott Parker, Jon Richter, Mira Slovak, Danny Foster, Hershel McGriff, David Hobbs, Elliott Forbes-Robinson, Kenny Bernstein, George Follmer, Paul Goldsmith, Ned Jarrett, Buddy Martin and Leo Mehrl. Inductees Jim McFee, Shirley Muldowney and Roger Penske were present, but missed the picture.



Humpty Wheeler at the Inductee Reception held at The Rock Financial Showplace on Aug. 11.



Al Unser Jr. unveils his plaque during the Inductee Reception held at The Rock Financial Showplace on Aug. 11.



Ron Watson, president of the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America currently located in the Novi Trade Center building, is moving the collection of cars, planes and boats out after more than 15 years.



In the Sports Cars division, David Hobbs unveils his plaque at the Inductee Reception held at The Rock Financial Showplace on Aug. 11.

### HEAD TO THE HALL

The Motorsports Hall of Fame of America and Museum may no longer be in Novi, but motorsports fans can stay updated on their progress by visit the organization's Web site at [www.mshf.com](http://www.mshf.com).



Ron Watson, president of the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, speaking during the Inductee Reception at Rock Financial Showplace on Aug. 11.



# Novi Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



Lee Ann Adams, pictured here, and husband Jeffery, co-own Novi's The Flower Alley on Novi Road just south of Grand River.

## The Flower Alley offers personalized service

Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

The Flower Alley is a full-service florist, specializing in weddings, funerals and special events.

How did you first decide to open your business?

We sold our successful florist shop in Chatham, Ontario that we owned 14 years upon receiving our U.S. visa for permanent residence. We moved to Orlando, Florida where I was a personal florist for a lady who owned a 50,000 sq. ft. mansion. The lady was a neighbor of Tiger Woods and loved to have bridge parties with huge floral arrangement presented through out the house. After receiving our U.S. citizenship, we decided to move to Michigan to be closer to aging relatives.

Why did you choose Novi?

Having studied the demographics and location of Novi, it just seemed to be the perfect spot to set up shop.

What makes your business unique?

In this day of big box and

### DETAILS

**Business Name:** The Flower Alley  
**Address:** 25914 Novi Rd, Novi  
**Your Name/Title:** Lee Ann Bowman-Adam/Owner  
**Your Hometown:** Novi Business  
**Opened When:** Valentine's Day 2007  
**Number of Employees:** two  
**Hours of Operation:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Monday-Friday:** 9-2 Saturday  
**Your Business Specialty:** florist  
**Phone:** (248) 305-9190  
**Web site:** www.thefloweralley.com

online retail, The Flower Alley is a unique florist with personalized service.

How has it changed since you opened?

The Flower Alley has become a favorite with local brides; we never anticipated to have so much wedding business.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

A funny story happened

during our first St. Patrick's Day when our 15-year-old son, who was dressed in a leprechaun costume, was told that he would be arrested if he continued to stand in front of The Flower Alley and wave at passing traffic. He had no sign advertising anything; he was informed that a costume is considered a sign?

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Luckily, our great customers continue to make The Flower Alley grow. Word-of-mouth is the best advertising.

Any advice for business owners?

Do something you love, treat customers the way you would want to be treated, don't give up and just keep plugging away!

What's in store for the future of your business?

At the moment we are renovating our store to reflect our growing business trends. We have just finished a new consultation room and increasing our line of silk flower wreaths and arrangements.

### LaVere earns license

Fanning Howey, Architects - Engineers, Novi announced that Joseph LaVere recently received his professional engineering license from the state of Michigan.

As a structural engineer for the Fanning Howey Engineering Group, LaVere is responsible for structural design of projects, including the preparation of calculations and contract documents. He received a bachelor of science in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Detroit Mercy, and a master's of science in civil engineering with structural emphasis from Wayne State University. LaVere is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the Structural Engineers Association of Michigan (SEAM).

Specialists in educational, community complexes, and libraries, Fanning Howey's Novi office is located at 28001 Cabot Drive, Suite 110.

### McDowell brings experience to Hino Trucks

Hino Trucks announced the appointment of Robert (Bob) E. McDowell as senior vice president, Sales & Customer Support. He succeeds Dominick (Nick) Vermet who

will return to a position with a stakeholder of Hino Trucks.

McDowell brings an extensive array of experiences from the industry to his new position, which will become effective Sept. 21, in which he will be reporting directly to Sumio Fukaya, president and CEO.

McDowell brings to Hino Trucks a wealth of knowledge and experience in the medium duty truck market from his previous employment with Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc., where during his 23 years with the company, progressed through various key field and corporate positions to become president and CEO. Prior employments include IVECO Truck of North America.

McDowell will oversee the company's sales, parts and service efforts in the market to increase the overall presence in the U.S. for Hino Trucks.

"Hino Trucks appreciates Nick's contribution over the past four years in leading the sales and service organization and we wish him the best in his new role," said Fukaya. "We welcome Bob to Hino Trucks and look forward to working with him as part of our team. The tremendous experience in the industry he will bring to the organization will be a great asset." He also added, "Although market conditions have been very challenging in our sector, with the announcement of our 2010 EPA compliant trucks, Hino Trucks is poised to continue its growth and become a larger player in the industry."

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### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### IMPACT Award winners announced

The IMPACT Award winners were selected from an outstanding pool of eleven contenders. To be considered for inclusion, all projects entered for consideration had to involve at least one company with a CREW Detroit member and had to have been completed between January 1, 2008 and June 29, 2009. Project criteria was broad and included innovative design and/or construction, environmental consciousness, creative use of existing materials, sensitive land use and social/economic significance.

In addition to the winners -- Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, The Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, and the Marquee of Redford Township -- the other IMPACT award submissions were: Providence Park Hospital, Novi; The Courtyards, Ann Arbor; University of Michigan Ross School of Business, Ann Arbor; The Water Wheel Centre, Northville; PM Environmental/Strategic Energy Solutions, Berkley; Fort Shelby (hotel/apartments/restaurant) Detroit; eTitle Building, Troy; and DTE Energy, Detroit.

#### Community Financial one of the best

Community Financial has been named for the fourth consecutive year as one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For." The credit union was one of the

top companies selected, from more than 1,000 nominations and over 400 applications submitted. The annual award and program is presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA).

"We are proud to acknowledge the commitment, mutual respect and superior member service of all our team members who made this award possible," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial's president and CEO. "Also our ongoing training programs, leadership development and decision making processes help us maintain a talented and dedicated team."

The award program was established to honor companies that recognize employees as their greatest asset. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey and winners are selected based on independent research that evaluates each entry on a variety of best practices in human resource management.

"Community Financial's goal is to provide team members and their families with the resources they need to protect and enhance their financial security and to balance the priorities of work and personal life," added Lawton. "At the same time, Community Financial and its team are committed to enhancing the financial well-being of our members. I feel fortunate to work for a great company and with great people-focused entirely on helping others!"

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