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### Absentee vote

Are you registered to vote but don't think you'll be heading out to the polls on Nov. 3? Then pick up an absentee ballot application. In order to qualify for an absentee ballot, you must meet one of the following qualifications: age 60 years or older, disabled, out of town on election day, working as an election inspector, confined to jail waiting arraignment or trial or religious obligations. The application to vote by absentee ballot is due to your city clerk's office by the end of the month. The ballot can be mailed dropped off. A ballot will be mailed, and it must be returned to the city clerk by 8 p.m. on election day.

### Dinner with Doctor

On Thursday, Oct. 29 Providence Park Hospital is hosting a free dinner event entitled "Exercise as a Means to Reduce the Risk of Breast Cancer", presented by Laura Freedman, MD. The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation runs from 7-8 p.m. with questions and answers immediately following. There is no charge to attend and the public is welcome to register for this casual dinner, health presentation and question and answer session. Dinners are held in conference rooms A, B & C on campus at Grand River and Beck Roads in Novi. Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance. To register for the dinner please call 1-866-501-DOCS (3627).

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## Residents get chance to make voices heard

Election day important to future of Novi

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

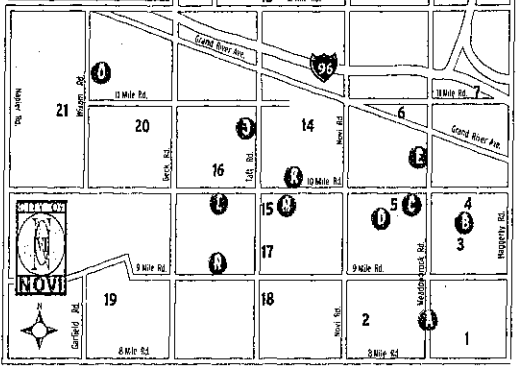
The future leaders of the city of Novi will be known this Tuesday. Until then, candidates are making their final pitches and residents are weighing the positives and negatives in hopes of selecting the right people to join current members Kathy Crawford, Bob Gatt and David Staudt in moving the city forward. Headlining the Nov. 3 general election is the race for mayor between incumbent David Landry and former council member Laura Lorenzo. Landry has been mayor since 2005, a council member since 2001, and worked alongside Lorenzo during her council terms from 1997-2005. The incumbents on city council

Complete candidate profiles, A2.

also will be facing competition from experienced candidates for the three open city council seats. Brian Burke, Terry Margolis and Andrew Mutch look to retain their seats, while Cheryl Csordas, Justin Fischer and Wayne Wrobel vie to be elected to their first-term. The mayor term is two years and would expire in 2011, while the council terms are four years and expire in 2013. Polling locations open Tuesday at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Be sure to see the Novi News' endorsements on the Opinion page. Get up-to-the-minute election results Tuesday night by visiting the Novi News online at www.hometownlife.com.



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- 26. St. D. St. Raphael Elementary - 26500 Wilson Rd



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### Food for thought

Nick Banka, of U.S. Foodservice in Wixom, serves a few sliders to attendees of last week's Michigan Restaurant Show at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. The show, which drew from all over southeastern Michigan and beyond, gave restaurant, bar and cafeteria operators the ability to find out the most updated information on food, beverages, kitchen designs, safety, insurance, storage and consulting for their businesses. The show took place on Oct. 20-21.

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## Funding cuts to schools continue

Bus inspections halted, additional proration issued

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The future of the busing program in the Novi Community Schools district could be in jeopardy after state cuts are forcing the Michigan State Police to lay off all 11 state school bus inspectors. Gail Credit, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said there is a state law that requires the MSP to inspect buses once a year and even though the Legislature pulled the funding, the law is still in effect. Novi's 36 buses were inspected in April and that inspection is good until April 2010. Credit said it's possible the inspection will be good until June 30, 2010,

and there will be time for the state and attorneys to figure the problem out. "From our viewpoint it is another one of those issues that could potentially fall back on the district as an unfunded mandate," she said. "Again it is one of those things that is gray. The law says the Michigan State Police have to do it, but how can they do it if they don't have the funds?" The funding for the inspection program is part of the K-12 school aid budget that was signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week, and included in that budget was the elimination of the \$14 million to run it.

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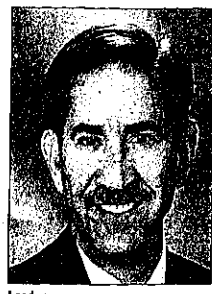
# The candidates for mayor and Novi City Council

**David B. Landry**  
Age: 55  
Years a Novi resident: 14  
Community involvement: Parks, Rec & Forestry Commission, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, City Council, Parks Foundation, CERT Member, Novi Youth Assistance Supporter  
Profession: Owner of The Grapevine, 24+ years at Tom Holzer Ford (Management & Sales)  
Education: Six years U.S. Navy, Intelligence, Aircraft Interceptor Controller, Operations, Economics courses while overseas.  
Profession: Attorney  
Education: BA - Albion College 1977 Political Science/Economics & Business Management, JD - University of Detroit School of Law 1980

**Cheryl Csordas**  
Age: 62  
Years a Novi resident: 32  
Community involvement: Novi Town Hall Lecture Committee, Vice-President, homeowners association for seven years, church board of directors three years, Sunday school teacher 10 years, Novi High School Athletic Booster member, volunteer at Novi Providence Park Hospital.  
Political experience: Worked on election campaigns for Lou Csordas and State Sen. Nancy Cassis.  
Profession: Customer service representative  
Education: Cody High School

**Justin Fischer**  
Age: 26  
Years a Novi resident: 26  
Community involvement: zoning board of appeals (five years); chair person, zoning board of appeals (two years); treasurer, Novi Parks

**Laura Lorenzo**  
Age: 51  
Years a Novi resident: 25+ years  
Community involvement: Novi Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, Novi Housing and Community Development (NHD), Furst Property Task Force, Neighborhoods for Novi, Novi Homeowners Council, Citizens for Responsible Development, president of homeowners association 1995-1997, vice president 1998-1998, board member 1997-1999  
Related Experience: City council 1997-2005 (two years mayor pro-tem), Planning Commission 1992-1997 (two years chairperson)  
Profession: Household Administration  
Education: BA in Finance, Michigan State University, MBA, Michigan State University (completion in December 2009)



Landry



Lorenzo



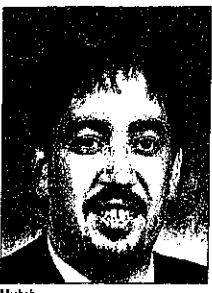
Burke



Csordas



Fischer



Mutch



Wrobel



Margolis

**Fischer**  
Foundation (two years); treasurer, Pointe Park Homeowners Association (two years); CERT volunteer  
Related Experience: My professional experience has worked in the finance function at Ford Motor Company is a crucial skills set I bring at these economic times. I also previously worked in the offices of State Sen. Nancy Cassis and U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers.  
Profession: Treasury Accounting Analyst; Ford Motor Company  
Education: BA in Finance, Michigan State University, MBA, Michigan State University (completion in December 2009)

**Mutch**  
Commission, immediate past chair, Conference on Management and Executive Development, board member, Kappa Delta Foundation  
Related Experience: Served on Novi City Council for four years. As Director of Executive and Professional Development and Educational Outreach, Wayne State University I work with corporations and government entities to achieve their organizational goals.  
Profession: Director, Executive and Professional Development and Educational Outreach, Wayne State University  
Education: B.S. in Psychology, Wayne State University; M.B.A. with high distinction, University of Michigan

**Wrobel**  
Community involvement: City council, planning commission, library board trustee, president of Friends of Novi Parks, member of Friends of the Novi Public Library, volunteer at Arbor Day and River Day events, supporter of Novi Youth Assistance  
Related experience: 15 years working in local government.  
Profession: Work for the Information Systems Department and Library at the Charter Township of Waterford  
Education: Novi Schools, attended the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor and Wayne State University

**Margolis**  
2008; Novi Zoning Board of Appeals, 2007 to present, currently vice-chair, Novi Representative, SMOCC - Cable Access Committee 1990-1994, chairman in 1993; current president of Willowbrook Farm Homeowners Association; past-president of Jameslowe Green and Royal Crown Estates Homeowners Associations; member of Novi Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); Church of the Holy Family Parish Member  
Profession: Employed by AT&T for over 30 years holding diverse management positions in finance, marketing, engineering and operations.  
Education: A.A. Henry Ford Community College; A.C. Henry Ford Community College; B.A. Michigan State University; M.S.A. Central Michigan University

**Terry Margolis**  
Age: 51  
Years a Novi resident: 15  
Community involvement: Past president, Novi Library Board, member, Oakland County Women's

**Andrew Mutch**  
Age: 37  
Years a Novi resident: 37

### CORRECTION

The article in the Oct. 22 issue of the Novi News, "Police have suspects in connection with robbery of newlyweds' home," incorrectly states that police recovered all of the stolen property. Some wedding gifts and other items are still missing and prosecution is ongoing.

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# Novi High graduate hopes to cast residents on upcoming reality show

## Show combines weight loss with gambling

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

R.J. Larese began his career in television as a student in the broadcasting program at Novi High School.

And now the 2004 graduate is working in Los Angeles as a casting associate for Iconic Casting, and looking for Novi residents to be part of an upcoming reality show for a major cable network.

"I would love to get someone from Novi on the show because Novi is where I got my start and I love giving back," he said.

The show is a weight loss/gambling reality series that will pit teams of two against each other. The teams will have a chance to bet their own

money, with the first team to lose 100 pounds winning. Larese could not release the name of the show or network, saying "it's for a major cable network that has had a weight loss show in the past."

Larese said when the show was being developed they were trying to find different ways to give incentives to get people to lose weight.

"If you give someone a goal and say you could lose something they have if they don't complete the goal then they are more likely to complete it," he said.

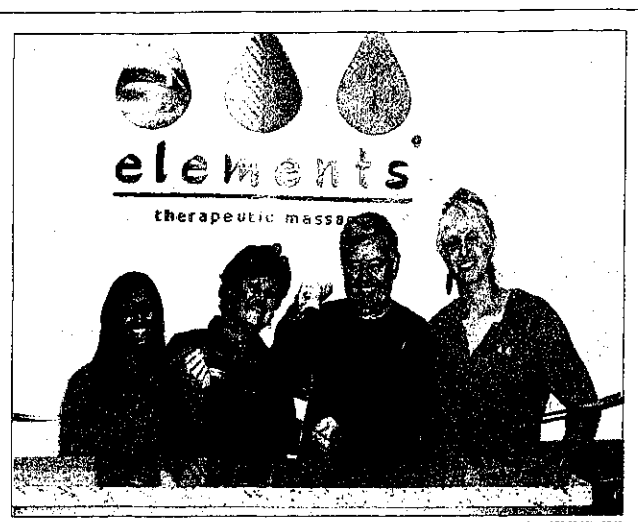
Casting calls are taking place in Chicago, Atlanta, Las Vegas and other major cities, but there was no stop in Detroit. Larese, who will be home in mid-November for

an appointment, didn't want those people to be left out and is setting up personal interviews and might talk to gyms about an open casting call.

Candidates for the show must be over 18 years old and the duo needs to have some sort of relationship with each other and be able to lose 100 pounds or more as a pair.

To set up an interview with Larese, e-mail him at RJ@IconicCasting.com and include your names, ages, occupations, cities and states where you live, contact numbers, e-mail for both, current weights, information about your relationship and a current photo of the team.

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**Welcome, Elements**

Elements Therapeutic Massage recently held its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. It is located in north Novi on Novi Road, south of 14 Mile Road. Pictured (l to r) are Sheila Patel, Kathy VanDeLaere (owner), Jim Moriarty (owner) and Corinne Pentecost.

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  - New city logo/signs
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Laura served on Novi City Council 1997-2005 - two years as Mayor Pro Tem. Laura authored "A Fiscal Pledge to the Taxpayers" included in 2005-06 budget, stating City Council would strive to stay within budget and limit spending of "Rainy Day Funds". (Fiscal Pledge was removed from future budgets in 2008 by City Council at the request of the Mayor).

Picture of Laura Lorenzo for Novi Mayor Committee: 49995 Cowan Drive, Nov. 18, 48374

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### SCHOOLS

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, R-Novi, said he would hate to see districts have to stop their transportation programs, and thinks the MSP can restructure some monies to make it work.

"The funds have been cut from the Michigan State Police but they can prioritize some things in their budget and do those inspections," he said.

While the state inspections of buses is a concern for the district, nothing is more pressing than the additional state funding cuts that continue to trickle down from Lansing.

Granholm recently ordered an additional cut of \$127 per student from the district's budget, bringing the grand total to a budget cut of \$3.5 million or \$72 per student this year.

### LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS

Here's a list of Lansing politicians to contact regarding the school funding cuts.

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## Novi grad chosen to be part of college campaign

Powell on billboards representing WMU

Novi resident Nancy Powell has made the drive northbound on Southfield Freeway so many times that the scenery has become commonplace.

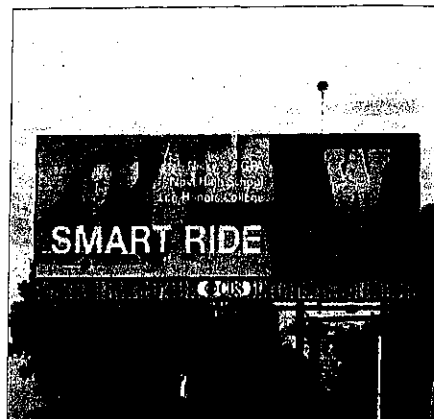
"That is until she glanced up at a billboard while sitting in traffic near the Ford Road exit and saw her daughter Nicky's smiling face looking back at her."

"I went crazy," the proud mother said. "I was looking around at other people in their cars trying to point out that it was my daughter."

The school is using Nicky and other students like her to try to appeal to students from the east side of the state.

"It's pretty cool to be on a billboard and I really like Western and would like to show people this is a good option," she said.

Powell has not seen the billboard herself, but her parents were quick to take pictures and send them to her and the rest of the family.



Western Michigan University freshman and Novi High School graduate Nicky Powell is pictured on billboards throughout southeast Michigan as part of the college's marketing campaign to attract students from the east side of the state.

she fell in love with the school on her visit. She also is glad to be representing Novi High School across the state.

there and I couldn't imagine being who I am today without that," she said.

"I had a great experience

# EDUCATION

## Newcomer, incumbent set to fill school board seats

Lebo, Glubzinski see difficult times ahead

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER



Lebo Glubzinski

School districts across the state are reeling after recent funding cuts have left the districts searching for a way to piece a budget together.

Much of that responsibility falls on the local board of education and, in Novi, the pressure is on to continue to support a district that prides itself on being one of the best in the state.

Heading into next year, it appears one new face is going to enter the mix as only two residents filed for the two open seats on the Novi Board of Education. Incumbent Ann Glubzinski, who is currently president of the board, is joined on the ballot by Shari Lebo.

The two understand they are getting involved during one of the toughest economic times to date, and are prepared to help move the district forward.

"The future of our economy is dependent on a well-educated workforce," Glubzinski said. "I want to be able to give kids in our community the best start we possibly can to their education and that doesn't change when the economy gets tight."

Glubzinski is finishing her first term on the board, spending two years as treasurer and this year as president. She said

...and it makes it more challenging and makes us have to work harder, but I'm willing to do that hard work."

Lebo, who moved to Novi two years ago and has twins in sixth grade at Novi Meadows, comes from a large district in South Carolina, where she was heavily involved at various levels.

She said the board will be challenged with finding new approaches and plans for education, and now felt like the right time for her to get involved.

The budget, of course, is the major concern, she said. "The veto Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm brought on came out of nowhere and there are immense consequences for our students and state as a whole," she said. "As far as answers, I don't think they are going to be easy."

Lebo feels her perspective as a parent and new resident as well as her background in sales and marketing will help her in her role and attract new businesses and residents to the city.

"I hope through different avenues I can use my voice and experience to help with that," she said.

The general election is Nov. 3 and, if elected, both members will serve four-year terms.

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### Ireland raffle

Catholic Central Dads' Club announced The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia as this year's sponsor for their St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. Catholic Central Dads' Club raises money each year by holding the Ireland Raffle. First place includes a five night stay in Ireland, round trip airfare for two, and ground transportation. Second place is \$1,500. Rick Bloomfield, Catholic Central Dads' Club St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle co-chair (middle) presented Angus McIntosh (left) and Jason King (right) of The Claddagh Irish Pub, a Catholic Central Dads' Club member, with a check for the raffle proceeds. Bloomfield stated, "We are looking forward to developing a strong and lasting friendship with the team at The Claddagh. We believe this partnership will strengthen an already successful raffle and benefit both of our organizations greatly. I hope everyone joins us at The Claddagh Irish Pub on St. Patrick's Day for the fun." McIntosh, area director and a Catholic Central graduate from the class of '77, said, "This is a great way for The Claddagh Irish Pub to be involved with the community. There are no members here, only friends we have yet to meet." King, General Manager, stated, "We are glad we can help the Catholic Central Dads' Club and are happy to be involved in the local community." The Catholic Central Dads' Club would like to thank The Claddagh Irish Pub for their sponsorship of this year's St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. The drawing will be held at The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia on St. Patrick's Day March 17. The Claddagh is located at 17800 Haggerty Road, Livonia, (734) 542-8141.

## Novi students to present at technology showcase

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Two seventh grade students from Novi Middle School joined students from 40 other schools in Michigan on Wednesday to show off projects they created in their Japanese classroom as part of the Michigan Student Technology Showcase.

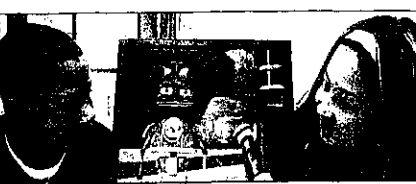
The showcase was set up by the Michigan Association for Computer User in Learning to provide a venue for student groups to show legislators how technology is being used in the classroom to facilitate learning.

Miranda Bodnovits, the Japanese teacher at the school, said the technology makes learning the language fun and helps them better understand it.

Lehman is half Japanese and Bodnovits said the language was "perfect" while Ward incorporated rock music and was interesting to watch.

Ward said using the program was a benefit to him as he continues to learn the language. "If you listen to it, it helps you understand more," he said.

Their videos were unique. Lehman is half Japanese and Bodnovits said the language was "perfect" while Ward incorporated rock music and was interesting to watch.



Novi Middle School seventh grade students Jalen Ward and Sara Lehman have been noted for their efforts to create digital videos for the Web that teach students introductory phrases in Japanese. The pair presented their videos at the Michigan Student Technology Showcase in Lansing this week with help from media specialist Kimberly Wesner and Japanese teacher Miranda Bodnovits.

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A story in any language

Keiko Otaka, right, and Chikako Akazawa (above) team up to tell the story of 'The Billy Goats Gruff' in Japanese at the Novi Library on Oct. 20. Many parents and children (right) showed up to hear the story. The library is set to begin a series of foreign language kids' story times on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. On Oct. 27, there will be a Tamil language story time at the library. For more information, call 248-349-0720.



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Pet Expo returns to Rock Nov. 20-22

The Michigan Family Pet Expo returns to Novi on Friday, Nov. 20-22 at Rock Financial Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, between Taft and Beck roads). This year's Michigan Family Pet Expo will feature new attractions and entertainment, shopping including holiday gifts for pets and pet lovers, pet adoptions, petting zoo, product demonstrations, pet services, discounted pet supplies and more. New to this year's Expo is Johnny Peers & the Mutville Comix, a comical canine routine performed by dogs that have been rescued from shelters. Peers and his mutts have appeared coast to coast and on four continents with TV appearances on Animal Planet and the David Letterman Show. Other Expo highlights include: • Rock-N-Roll K-9s Performance Team with Frisbee catching, doggie limbo and more to popular tunes • Ultimate Air Dogs, one of the premier dog jumping dog clubs in the U.S. started in Michigan by former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox • Pet adoptions involving dozens of rescue groups with a wide variety of pets including puppies, dogs, kittens, cats, pocket pets such as rats, and more, all looking for loving homes • Purebred cat show/agility tournament sponsored by Great Lakes Area Cat Enthusiasts (G.L.A.C.E.) • Farm animal petting zoo • Paws With a Cause demonstrations of dogs serving people with disabilities Expo sponsors and partners include Pet Supplies Plus, Wellness Natural Foods and Treats for Pets, Nooters Club, Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, Holistic Seebet and Staybridge Suites. Show hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 3-12). Parking is \$5. Get \$1 off regular adult admission by visiting www.PetMichigan.com or by bringing a can or dog of pet food to the show. Food donations benefit local shelters and rescue groups.



New to this year's Michigan Family Pet Expo is Johnny Peers & the Mutville Comix, a comical canine routine performed by dogs that have been rescued from shelters.

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CITY OF NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS City of Novi receives first Oakland Green Infrastructure Award. The City of Novi received the first Oak Land Award at the 2009 Oakland County Green Infrastructure Celebration held October 22 at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club in Clarkston. The awards recognize communities that have made outstanding contributions and demonstrated successful efforts toward the planning, promotion, development and support of green infrastructure in Oakland County. Novi Community Development Director Barbara McBeth received the award on behalf of the City of Novi. Oakland County's Planning and Economic Development Services has been working with the Oakland County...

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Boo! Don't be scammed by scareware

Halloween is a time to enjoy spooky stories, haunted houses, and trick or treating by having some scary fun. Unfortunately a new scam is tricking consumers and treating hackers to personal information that can be used for identity theft. The use of a technique called 'scareware' to steal personal information and spread viruses online is on the rise. Scam artists are using this new technique to scare people into voluntarily becoming victims of identity theft. In mid-September, visitors to the New York Times' Web site suddenly received a pop up window - which looked like a message from their own computer - warning that their computer had been infected with a virus. The use was then told to visit a Web site to purchase and download anti-virus software that would fix the problem. The supposed anti-virus software actually installed even more viruses and malware onto the computer - and the user's credit card number was now in the hands of hackers. According to the New York Times, the pop up was generated by a unattractive advertisement. The New York Times later learned it had sold ad space to hackers posing as Vonage phone service, which generated the scareware pop ups. The same scenario from the New York Times' Web site is also playing out all over the Internet. According to Computer World Magazine, hackers are not only using pop up ads, they are also 'poisoning' Google search results. Hackers monitor the news and hot topics online - such as Balloon Boy and Nobel Prize - and through search engine optimization techniques are able to ensure that their Web sites are the top results. Victims who click on the fake search results receive a scareware pop up message. The following are some steps you can take to protect yourself from a scareware attack: Never let your guard down. A scareware attack can happen on trusted news sites like the New York Times, in search engines results from Google, and social network sites such as Facebook, MySpace or Twitter. Protect your computer. Install updates to your operating system, purchase antivirus software from a name you trust and keep that software up to date. Also make sure that all security patches and updates are installed for your Web browser and programs like Adobe Flash Player. Take immediate action during an attack. If you receive a scareware pop up window, computer experts recommend forcing the window to close through your task manager. To do this, hold down ctrl, alt, and delete at the same time, open your task manager, find the browser in the list of running programs and click 'end task'. Finally, run an antivirus scan with legitimate, trusted software to see if any damage has been done to your computer. If you clicked on a scareware pop up and actually purchased the software, you should file a complaint with Internet Crime Complaint Center, www.ic3.gov, contact your credit card company to report the situation, and consult with a reputable computer repair professional about disinstalling your computer. Tim Burns is the Public Affairs Director for the Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan (www.facebook.com/myBBB). The BBB is a non-profit organization that promotes trust in the marketplace and prevents fraud and unethical business practices. He can be reached at (248) 799-0353.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Police searching for masked men

### Unknown suspects offered candy to kids at bus stop

BY NATHAN WUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Novi police are still on the lookout for the suspicious vehicle and people who approached three children around 7:45 a.m. on Oct. 22 while they were waiting at a bus stop at Irvine Drive and Violet Lane.

The children told police they were approached by three men in a grey Dodge pick-up truck, and the man in the backseat was wearing a mask and asked the children if they wanted candy. The only other description given was that the driver had a mustache.

None of the men got out of the truck or attempted to hurt the children, and the truck continued down the road before the children boarded their bus and told the driver what happened.

Novi police have assigned an investigator to the case as well as increasing patrols at bus stops in the area.

Police Chief David Molloy said Tuesday they have no new leads and the case remains under active investigation.

Also earlier that morning around 6:30 a.m., the mother of a 15-year-old girl who was waiting at a bus stop at Woodham Road and Red Pine Court, called police because the daughter observed a grey/blue vehicle pass by her three different times. The driver never tried to speak with the girl or stop, and the girl notified her mother of the situation via text messaging.

#### BUS STOP SAFETY TIPS

- Children should not arrive at the bus stop too early.
  - An adult should wait with children until the bus arrives. Take turns with other parents monitoring the bus stop before and after school.
  - Remind children NEVER to approach a car or driver of a car asking for directions or to answer questions from strangers.
  - Teach your child to use the buddy system so he or she is never alone.
  - If you notice a car driving through the neighborhood more than once or twice, call the police and give a good description of the car and driver.
  - As you drive past a bus stop, be observant of occupied cars or adults watching children from a short distance away.
  - Tell your child not to accept a ride from anyone he or she does not know, especially if they miss the bus or during inclement weather.
- Novi Police Department

Anyone with information on either incident can call the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

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## Two Novi firefighters graduate from EMU program

The Novi Fire Department announced the recent graduation of Fire Marshal Michael Evans and Fire Protection Officer II Joseph Shelton from the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University. Fire Marshal Evans and Fire Protection Officer II Shelton were part of a 21-member class with participants from more than 16 different communities in Southeast Michigan who successfully completed the 10-month Staff and Command program. A total of six members of the Novi Fire Command staff have attended the program in the past.

The School of Fire Staff and Command provides upper-level academic instruction in seven core competencies. The major topics of study include management, Michigan labor law, fire administration, Michigan criminal and civil law, budgets and fiscal theory, decision-making, technology

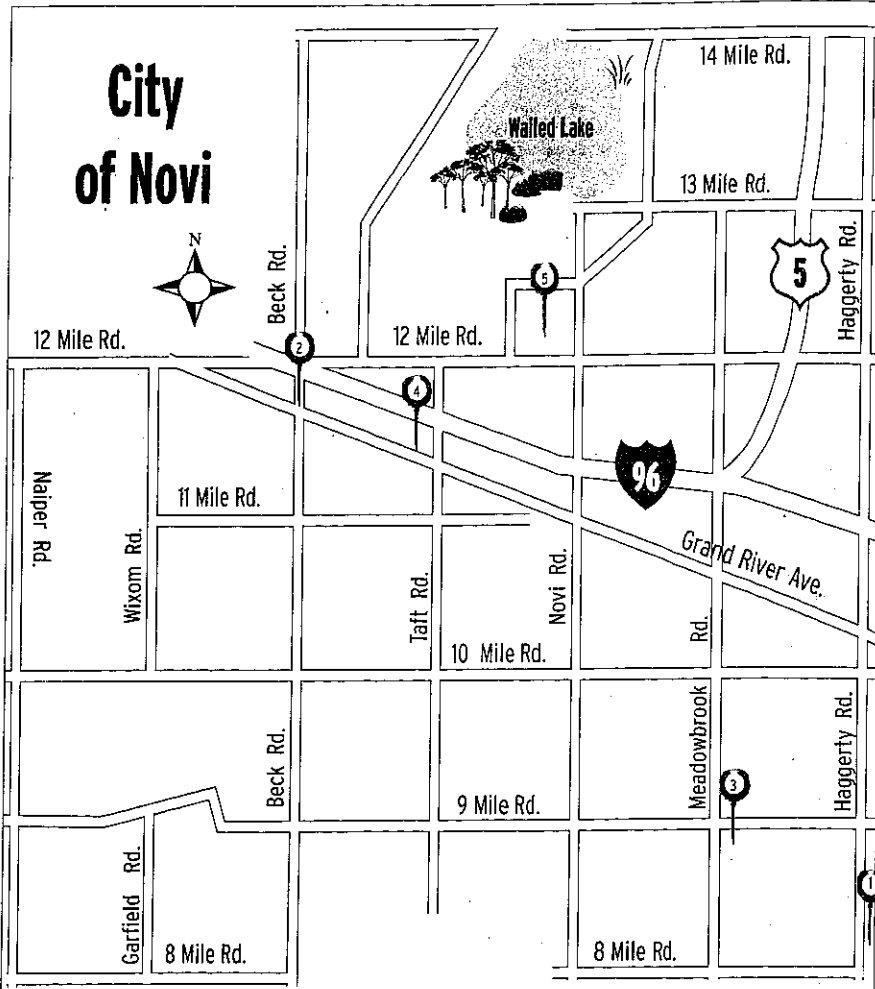


Shelton

and homeland security. The program began in 1999. The Staff and Command Program is dynamic and on the forefront of technology. Command officers are challenged by management situations, decisive decision-making and being able to control, direct and supervise personnel under their command.

"I am proud and pleased that we have been able to further enhance our supervisory ability and the City of Novi is a safer place today because of the academic achievements of these two exemplary Fire Officers," noted Fire Chief Frank Smith.

The driver informed the officer his license was suspended, which the officer confirmed, and he was placed under arrest.



#### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Thousands of dollars worth of items stolen from rental car

More than \$13,000 worth of electronics were stolen from a silver Pontiac G6 rental car while it was parked at the Sheraton/Haggerty Road between the hours of 8 p.m. on Oct. 19 and 6 a.m. on Oct. 20.

According to the police report, the victim said he checked into the hotel and carried all but one bag inside. He said he was carrying so many things that he hit just hit a button on the car remote and assumed in locked the doors.

When he went to his car the next morning he initially thought he left the bag in Illinois, but when he noticed his breakfast was missing he knew he didn't. He said there were no signs of forced entry, and he must have left the car unlocked overnight.

Taken from the vehicle were a thermal imaging camera valued at \$12,500, a mini PC valued at \$250 and a Time of Flight sensor valued at \$1,600.

Police have no suspects and the camera was entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network.

### Man busted with marijuana

Novi police arrested a 24-year-old man at 10:03 p.m. on Oct. 25 for possession of marijuana after stopping him for running a red light.

The officer was on westbound Grand River Avenue and Beck Road when he observed the man stop at the red light heading southbound before proceeding through it.

The driver informed the officer his license was suspended, which the officer confirmed, and he was placed under arrest.

### Police catch speeding drunk driver

Novi police arrested a drunk driver on Oct. 25 after a short pursuit ending in the driveway of a home on Cascade Drive.

According to the report, the officer observed the driver going 60 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone and attempted to catch up to the vehicle that was accelerating in speed. The officer activated his emergency lights, but the vehicle failed to pull over, driving through a red light on 10 Mile Road and also rolling through a red light while turning onto Nine Mile Road. The driver then turned onto Heatherbrae before turning into the driveway on Cascade.

When the officer approached the car, the driver smelled strongly of intoxicants and the female passenger in the car began to yell. The driver then got out of the vehicle, but began to pull away during the pat down process and was placed in handcuffs. While he was being put in the police car, the passenger came after the officer before someone in the home came outside and took her away.

A preliminary breath test on the driver registered a blood alcohol con-

tent of .18 percent and he was arrested for operating while intoxicated and transported to the Novi Police Department.

### Boots stolen at Halloween party

A pair of women's boots valued at \$300 were taken from a Halloween party on Oct. 24 at the Rock Financial Showplace.

The woman said she took off her boots and placed them next to a couch and she walked away for five minutes before returning and noticing they were missing. She said she notified security staff which failed to help her, and she stood by the exit doors for roughly two hours watching people exit to see if they were wearing her boots.

Her attempts were unsuccessful, and there are no suspects at this time.

### Truck broken into at Dick's

A white Ford F-250 truck was broken into on Oct. 19 while it was parked in the parking lot of Dick's Sporting Goods between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

The owner of the truck is an employee of the store and noticed the damage and stolen items he left for the day. According to the report, the officer found that entry was gained through the front passenger door using a screwdriver to punch in the key hole of the lock.

Taken from the truck was a garage door opener, Garmin GPS valued at \$200 and multiple bowling balls valued at \$300.

There are no suspects at this time.

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Wueller

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#### LOCAL EVENTS

**Gardeners Of Northville & Novi Club Meeting**  
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9  
Location: Northville Art House, 631 Cady Street  
Details: Social Time & Garden Lecture on "Create A Holiday Spray". Guest will be Chris George. The public is welcome.  
Contact: [gardenersnorthville-novi.org](mailto:gardenersnorthville-novi.org) or Renee (248) 231-2334

**Live Blues & Jazz @ The Grapevine**  
Time/Date: 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays  
Location: The Grapevine of Novi, 43165 Market Street  
Details: Friday, Paul Carey Trio; Saturday, Renee Rice & The C Notes  
Contact: (248) 344-4044

#### BUSINESS

**Novi Chamber of Commerce**  
The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.  
Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #202, Novi  
Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com)

**Business to Business Breakfast and Car Drive**  
Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30  
Location: Comfort Suites, 28049 Wixom Rd., Wixom  
Details: Join us for a Halloween breakfast and networking. Costumes encouraged, prize to the best costume. Bring a can of food or dry good that can be donated to a local food kitchen; \$5 payable at door.

**Networking Luncheon**  
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4  
Location: Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Detroit/Livonia, 1723 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia  
Details: Sponsored by Walsh College. Join us for networking and presentation by Dr. Lee Meadows, a Walsh college faculty member. Cost is \$20 pre-registration; \$30 at door.

#### Novi Chamber of Commerce

**Author Maria Dismondy Book signings**  
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 10  
Location: Walled Lake Public Library, 1499 E. West Maple Rd., Walled Lake  
Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 21  
Location: Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
Details: Maria Dismondy will be on tour at local facilities, reading, selling and signing her book, "Spagheti In A Hot Dog Bun." In today's society, it's important to remind children that, although we are different on the outside, we are very much alike on the inside. Unfortunately, bullying has become a major problem in the United States. It's not only painful for children, but occurring at an increasingly young age. Her book empowers children to positively handle tough situations through its timeless message: have the courage to be exactly who you are, no matter what other people say.

#### Rock Financial Showplace

**Novi Toastmasters Club**  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. every first and third Tuesday  
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375  
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend! Visit [www.novi.toastmasters.com](http://www.novi.toastmasters.com).  
Contact: Paulette Alico, V.P. of Public Relations at [greenspace@mlrr.com](mailto:greenspace@mlrr.com) or (248) 756-0907.

#### Novi Rotary Club

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday  
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirota.org.

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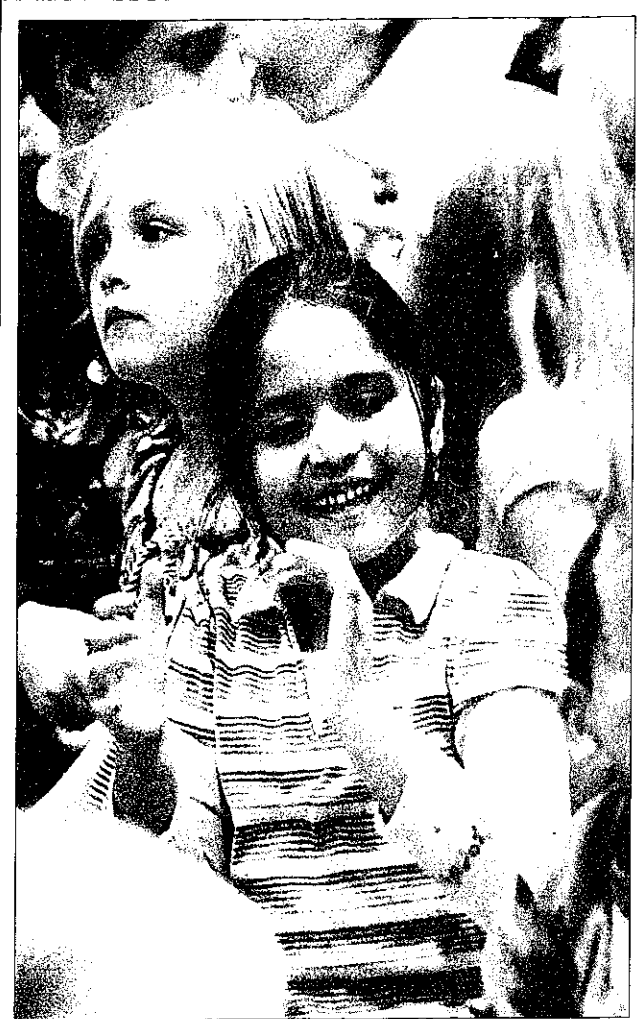
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### Puppet production

A Village Oaks students appreciates the Madcap Puppet theatre production of "Tales from Silk Road" during a recent assembly.

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Four the fourth year, the Atrium on Main Street served as the setting for Grapes & Grooves, a fund-raiser for the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

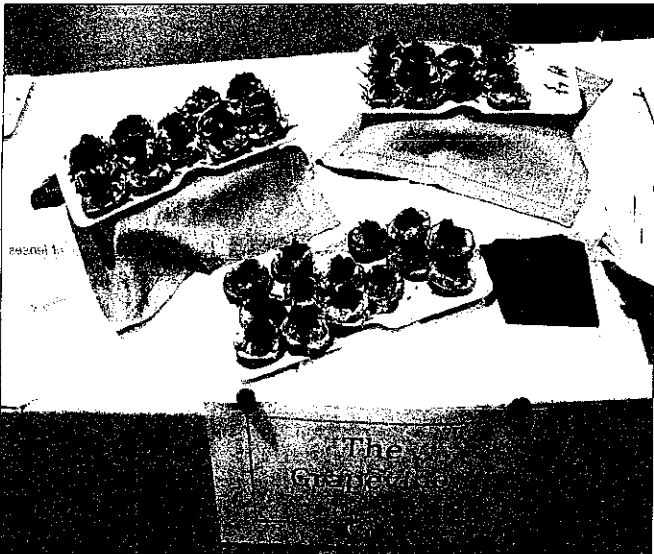


Grapes & Grooves attendees had a wide variety of silent auction items to bid on during the fourth annual event Friday in the Atrium on Main Street.

# Grapes & Grooves

Thank you to the business owners and community members who attended our Fourth Annual Grapes & Grooves. The event was a huge success. We especially want to thank our sponsors: The Grapevine, Rock Financial Showplace, Pillar to Post Home Inspections and Environmental Testing, Bryce Avery

Designs, and The Atrium of Novi on Main Street. We auctioned over 30 items, including items from Larson Jewelry, Best Buy, SWOCC, The Grand Hotel, Suburban Infinity of Novi, The Hotel Baronette, Carrabba's, Bar Louie, Sheraton Detroit Novi, and more - Linda Daly, director, Novi Chamber of Commerce.



Food was provided by a number of generous local eateries, including The Grapevine of Novi.



Jeff Wilks, of Carrabba's in Novi, explains some of the dishes his restaurant provided Friday night.



Wine distributors for The Grapevine of Novi were kind enough to bring their products for event attendees to sample.



Ara Topouzian, Economic Development director for the City of Novi and a member of the Novi Chamber board of directors, served as auctioneer.

# From Lansing we need less talk, more action

The lyrics of country great Toby Keith's song *A Little Less Talk and a Lot More Action* popped in my head when I heard the Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency had released its draft report, *Charting A Way Forward: A Path Towards Fiscal Stability For the State of Michigan*. After 18 months of kicking the can down the road, yet another report is produced telling state leaders what and how to reform government.

Our state leaders are not without a multitude of reports to choose from — what they have is a great shortage of political will to make the tough choices that will address the long-standing structural problems confronting this state. Certainly, this report has a number of worthy recommendations. Many of the ideas have been around for years without being acted upon.

The Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency was created by 2007 PA 96. The nine-member commission is charged with making recommendations on how to consolidate and make more efficient state department functions and services. Its final report to the House, Senate



Tom Watkins

and Gov. Jennifer Granholm is due Dec. 1. Only two of its nine members — Senate Fiscal Agency director Gary Olson and House and Fiscal Agency director

Mitch Bean — are from the government. The rest were appointed from the private sector.

There have been countless studies and recommendations from distinguished organizations including: The Center For Michigan (www.thecenterformichigan.net/); The Michigan Leaders for Michigan/formerly, Detroit Renaissance (www.businessleadersformichigan.com); The Citizens Research Council (www.crcmich.org); The Mackinac Center (www.mackinac.org); and my own report I wrote as state superintendent of schools in 2004 that stated our school funding system was unsustainable and we must address the runaway health and pension costs and share services and consolidate districts to have adequate resources to invest in 21st century education (www.michigan.gov/documents/michigan-schoolfunding\_110803\_7.pdf).

Each of these reports clearly spell out ways for Michigan to make sensible changes in state and local government that enable us to live within our means while making meaningful structural reforms. In 2007, Gov. Granholm appointed a bipartisan Emergency Financial Advisory Panel, co-chaired by former governors William G. Milliken and James J. Blanchard, to review the state's financial crisis and offer recommendations on how best to avoid similar crises in the years ahead. You guessed it — she never acted on her advisory panel's thoughtful recommendations.

There are even recommendations left over from the Secchia Commission in the 1990s under Republican Gov. John Engler that have yet to be implemented.

If the Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency would have taken their "efficiency" charge seriously, they would have met, reviewed the above reports, e-mailed them to the governor and Legislature telling them to implement the recommendations already on the table and disband.

Michigan continues to lose jobs in roaring tsunamis and replace them in tear drops. We have lost nearly a million jobs in the last decade and have the highest unemployment in the nation at 15.3 percent. We are caught up in a perfect storm of losing businesses and people together with the taxes they pay. Michigan gets less populated, less educated, and poorer because of people fleeing our state. The families who are leaving are the people the state desperately needs to kick-start our economic rebound — young, well-educated high-income earners.

Few organizations relish change and will go to great lengths to avoid facing the consequences. Clearly this has been the case with Michigan's elected leaders. They behave as though nothing has changed, when everything has changed.

We don't get action from the governor or Legislature; we get another study that is destined to gather more dust created by the unemployed fleeing not just a state with a lack of jobs, but a state with leaders that fiddle as those without work burn through their unemployment checks as the hope for a productive future slips away.

Those that think we can simply cut or tax our way out of these problems are delusional. It is change-or-die time for Michigan. Clearly, there is little constituency or lobby for change. Yet, we must reform, restructure and reinvent Michigan to position ourselves for the hyper-competitive, disruptive, global, innovative economy that is coming at us at warped speed.

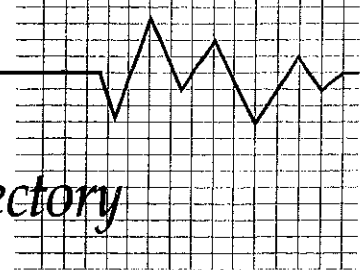
As I return to China next week, rest assured, they are not slowing down waiting for Michigan's leaders to get their act together and — well, lead. They and other states and nations are moving forward.

Inaction has consequences. The time for studies, delays, debates and talking is over. We need the governor and Legislators to dispense with the "whole lotta talk" — and produce a lot more action!

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served the citizens of Michigan as a state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 director of the mental health department, 1986-90 and an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission, 1980-82.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Middle school principal honored as a pioneer

### Obrenovich to receive Hugh and Kathy Crawford Award

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER



Novi Middle School principal Milan Obrenovich talks to some of his students during a recent lunch hour. Obrenovich will be receiving the Hugh and Kathy Crawford Award for his service to Novi parks and recreation over the years. He talks to students Brooke Calhoun, Mahim Singh, Sahitini Chinnam, Priya Patel, Anande Chiu and Katie Zhao.

Milan Obrenovich has never been the type of person to veer in his own accomplishments. So the Novi Parks Foundation is going to do it for him by presenting him with the Hugh and Kathy Crawford Award on Nov. 24 for his service to parks, recreation and cultural services, and for giving his time, energy and passion to the community.

The current Novi Middle School principal is credited with starting the parks and recreation and community education departments in the early 1970s. It began when he was teaching in the school district, and eventually he parlayed it into a full-time role before heading back to the schools.

"I am honored and humbled because it is quite a prestigious award," he said. "But I really feel the award belongs to the people I have been surrounded by these years and continue to be surrounded by."

"It was a cooperative effort and was just the right place with the right people so it just took off."

Jay Dooley, vice president of the Novi Parks Foundation, called Obrenovich a "dynamite guy" who embodies what the award is about. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services department is one of the gems of the city today, currently hosting numerous camps and running sports leagues, as well as providing several other opportunities for youths.

Kathy Crawford said she admires Obrenovich because he was breaking new ground and did it in such a way to make it a permanent program. "We owe him a debt of gratitude for all he has done," she said. "He had a plan and followed it, and those beginnings have made our recreation department what it is today."

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Lofgren & Fazekas

Jeff and Dawn Lofgren, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Jessica Lofgren, to Jacob Fazekas, son of Stephen and Carol Fazekas of Joesville. The bride-to-be is a Nova Southeastern

University graduate and is employed at Botsford Hospital. The groom-elect is an Eastern Michigan University graduate and is employed at Auto-Owners Insurance Company. A Sept. 4, 2010, wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

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## OUR VIEWS Our endorsements for Novi City Council, mayor

Very early on in this process, it became obvious that there are, for the most part, two distinct camps in this election: the incumbents and those who believe the incumbents have been on a wild spending spree the last few years. As the city designated at the start of this fiscal year a 17.5 percent (of budgeted expenditures) fund balance of \$5.32 million — the highest ever in the city's history — that argument just doesn't hold up. Basing a platform on voters' overvaluing "no" vote on the Signature Park proposal is equally weak. Prior residents indicated via surveys that park land was a major concern. Council worked diligently with the school district to create a unique opportunity and then put it before the voters, who spoke and said it wasn't the right time to increase taxes.

**Mayor**  
Novi is in the enviable position it's in — and not that of Troy or other struggling communities — because it is reining in its legacy costs, maintaining infrastructure, streamlining operations and investing in components that attract both businesses and residents. Although he will be the first to credit city staff with implementing those initiatives, it is DAVID LANDRY who, as mayor, is charged with leading that vision — and it's one we want him to continue for another two years. Landry has been on council for eight years, the past four as mayor. His key accomplishments in that time include the combining of several departments (like planning and building) to create a more efficient city administration (which basically eliminated Novi's former anti-business rap); boosting morale among city staff with initiatives like Novi University; and increasing key economic development, spurred in part by seven state MEGA (Michigan Economic Growth Authority) grants — more than any other city has earned. And as the "face" of Novi, representing this city in a multitude of public and private scenarios, one would be hard pressed to find a better person than Mayor David Landry.

**City Council**  
Contrary to our state government, our local government is able to get things done because the mayor and council know how to work together and how to reify their plan to city administration to implement. Council member ANDREW MITCH has been part of that team for the past four years, and deserves to be re-elected. When Mitch speaks during council meetings, it's not to grandstand. It's to bring issues out in the open so the public can understand council's actions. He's lived in Novi his entire life — 37 years — longer than any other candidate. As the city approaches buildout, he knows the importance of maintaining the older eastside neighborhoods; spending now on infrastructure; and partnering with schools on landscaping, building maintenance and recreational activities. Mitch is a champion of transparency, challenges expenditures before supporting, and is key proponent of preserving open space.

When she first ran for city council and was elected in 2005, the Novi News did not endorse TERRY MARGOLIS. We will this election. Over the last four years, she has proven her ability to work with her colleagues, using a common sense approach to setting goals and governing this city. She understands that when cuts have been made to streamline staff, taxpayers expect, rightly, those funds to be used for the betterment of the city. She has a solid knowledge of Novi's finances and is conservative when it comes to estimating revenues and expenses. Some complain of council's habit of spending on "studies," but Margolis understands the information paid for can yield much higher savings in the future.

Our third and final council endorsement presented quite a challenge. Brian Burke was appointed by council after last year's election to fill the seat vacated by now-Oakland County Commissioner Kim Capello. He has served Novi well in that capacity and in previous positions on various city commissions, boards and organizations as well as his role as a local businessman dedicated to creating a successful "downtown." However, in the final analysis, our panel felt compelled to back JUSTIN FISCHER based on several factors. At just 26 years of age, his perspective would be an asset on council. But that doesn't mean he's inexperienced. A lifelong Novi resident, Fischer has served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for five years (two as chair); is treasurer of both the Novi Parks Foundation and his homeowners' association; and is a treasury accounting analyst for Ford. In short, he would bring to council a sharp financial sense, which will be invaluable in helping to keep Novi strong in this economy and beyond.

We appreciate and commend the desire to serve offered by the other candidates — Laura Lorenzo, Cheryl Csordas and Wayne Wrobel — and, again, encourage everyone to utilize the privilege of voting on Nov. 3.

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### Backing Wrobel

We are once again being asked to select the leadership of the city by electing candidates for City Council. I am endorsing Wayne Wrobel for this position. Wayne's background and passion for the city gives him a unique perspective that will serve the city of Novi well. Wayne's knowledge gained from the Planning Commission and ZBA, as well as his many years living in the city, provides him with the background to:

- Encourage ways to retain and gain new businesses into the city that will improve the overall tax base.
- Do more with less and prioritize the spending that needs to take place in securing the financial future of the city.
- Improve basic city services based on current city budgets.

Wayne has a plan and conservative approach to ensure our spending does not exceed our means. He is well suited to take on these challenges and provide the guidance going forward.

I hope that you take the time to involve yourself in the process this Nov. 3 and make it out to your polling place. When you do, make sure you select Wayne Wrobel for Novi City Council.  
**Mark A. Pehrson**  
City of Novi Planning Commission Chairperson,  
Novi paid-on-call firefighter, citizen of Novi

**Gov's school cuts wrong**  
It was certainly upsetting to see Michigan pass a budget that reduces school funding by \$165 per pupil. Even more puzzling was the governor's conclusion just a few days later that further declines in revenue meant that an additional \$127 per pupil would need to be cut.

In our district, the funding cuts will be almost twice as much because of Governor Granholm's callous decision to impose additional cuts on just 39 school districts. On top of the standard taxes we pay to support all Michigan schools, we in these 39 districts pay extra taxes to provide funding for our schools over and above the state amounts. I guess that makes us easy targets. Granholm apparently figured that we, our kids, don't need or deserve the same level of funding increases that all of the state's school districts enjoyed in past years, so she simply took the money away.

We pay into the school funding system just like everyone else, and I resent having my kids used as pawns in Granholm's battle to raise taxes. Just two years ago she pushed the single largest tax increase in Michigan's history and promised that she wouldn't raise taxes again. Now, here she is again, and with the audacity to use rapid-fire, repeated cuts in school funding to coerce parents into demanding action in the form of tax increases. This is low even by the do-nothing standards I've come to expect with her as our governor.  
**Scott Horsburgh**  
Novi

**Csordas for Csordas**  
I am going to vote for Cheryl Csordas. Yes, she has the same last name and we have been married for many years but that is not the reason. I am tired of paying higher taxes. She will not vote to raise our Novi taxes. I am tired of the 7-9 votes on city council. Cheryl is an independent thinker and all levels of government must have some loyal opposition willing to ask the hard questions. I want someone to represent my interest and question budget issues. Cheryl has studied the city's budget for almost a year and she understands it as well as any sitting council member.

She is referred to as an outsider to Novi politics, and that is a good thing. She has lived in Novi for 32 years and many good folks have served on Novi's council that did not come from what used to be called "the good old boy network" and they served the taxpayers of Novi well. She has extensive experience in professional customer service and possesses the needed skill for government; she listens to what the client (or the taxpayer) has to say. Like you and me she did not understand why city council tried to push through a tax increase to fund a new park this year. Not when unemployment in Michigan, and Novi, is at its highest level in many years. But she did not just grumble about it. She managed an opposition campaign to this tax increase and was one of the reasons the voters overwhelmingly said no. Sometimes someone has to say no.

She is concerned about the reduction of state revenue sharing, the reduced tax base in Novi due to foreclosures and the five year prospects for Michigan's/Novi's economy. Her top priorities are public safety (police and fire) and department of public works (roads, water and sewer). When the need for cuts comes, and they will come, she will look elsewhere for reductions in city service. And I can tell you she is a good person. I figured this out after 41 years of marriage.

### LETTERS

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She does not need the job for city council but she wants it for the right reasons. She will represent the taxpayer of Novi honorably and with passion. That would be nice.  
**Lu Csordas**  
Former Novi Mayor

**Novi schools leasing transportation building for \$1?**  
As a taxpayer that makes me very angry. It seems in Novi if the school board will say "the kids need it," all the parents pass the millage or bond. The Novi School Board usually gets every dollar they ask for. Why would Novi Schools lease our new transportation building to a "private company" for \$1 a year when the taxpayers are still paying for the new building?

What about the light bill and the heat bill? Will our tax dollars pay a private company's utility bills while they run a business for profit? Will the private company be able to use the Novi school buses for free? Our tax dollars have paid for those buses. This is a huge insult to the parents and all Novi taxpayers. Read the Oakland Press article on Sept. 26 by Carol Hopkins and Karen Workman. One of the large school expenses could be the superintendent making somewhere above what our Michigan governor makes in a year — and she runs the whole State of Michigan.

Yes there can be cutbacks, but do not sell our children and grandchildren short with a private company driving our kids. The driving records are not checked. How will you feel about a stranger from another area driving your children to school? I say "no thank you" to that. I think we should keep people in the community who are Novi employees driving our children. All control is lost with a private company.

Let the taxpayers pay for the new transportation building with Novi employees (many who live in our community) using it. I do hope the wording of the top of my letter is not changed by the newspaper. My last letter was headed "Novi Short Funds." The letter was changed to "Teachers Need To Take Pay Cuts." I was stating "every school employee needs to take a pay cut from the top on down."

Michigan has lost the tax dollars of the American auto industry and all its suppliers. Anyone who has employment around the Michigan tax base has to give. That is what I was stating. I do apologize to any teachers who did miss understand what I said in my letter. If you have read the Detroit News article on Oct. 4 by Nolan Finley, you will see why I am speaking out that all school employees need to step up and do the right thing.  
**Mary Hubel**  
Novi

**Wrobel for Novi City Council**  
I would like to introduce Wayne Wrobel to the Novi Community for those that don't know him. I met Wayne when he joined our Homeowners Board a few years ago. I knew right away he would be an active Board Member. He was always looking to improve the situation of our Homeowners. He is a natural leader and was the obvious choice to become President of our Association. He has shown a talent to resolve issues between our Homeowners which can only help him on the Novi City Council.

Besides participation in our Homeowners Board he has been active in the Novi Planning Commission (2004-2009), Master Plan and Zoning Committee (2005-2008) and Novi Zoning Board of Appeals (2007 - present). It is also not a surprise that he been Chairman or Vice Chairman in all of these activities. I have seen the amount of pre-work that goes into these Zoning Board of Appeals and have a new found appreciation for their efforts. I think Wayne Wrobel would be an excellent addition to the Novi City Council and

recommend everyone consider Wayne Wrobel for Novi City Council on Nov. 3. **Edmund Shaheen**  
MB Residual Manager

**Supports Fischer**  
When you go out to vote on Nov. 3 or making considerations on your absentee ballot, Justin Fischer is a name whom you want to include. I met Justin on the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals. Justin is knowledgeable, respectful and fair. He assists citizens, petitioners and fellow members. As chair, Justin lead our ZBA impressively. Always prepared, Justin listened to the citizens, petitioners, city recommendations, and fellow members as he added his vote.

As a long-time Novi resident, Justin has a vested interest in our Novi community. He has his home and his wonderful fiancée, Melissa. Justin has seen Novi during its growth spurt during the 1990s and now its slow period. Justin will be able to help residents on Novi City Council with their Novi investment interests: our homes, our city, our taxes. Justin knows that residents who are struggling in today's economy do not want to see more taxes added to our burden.

When businesses of Novi come to City Council with their needs, he will help them as well, as he did on our Novi ZBA. Justin Fischer will get the balance needed between residents and businesses, as in the movie "Oklahoma." "The cowhand and the farmer can be friends." There is a fair middle for Novi's best interest which will help us residents and the businesses who are trying to invest in our city as well. Justin's experience will help build that bridge. He is our statesman for the job. Consider and vote for Justin Fischer.  
**Linda Krieger**  
Novi

**Fischer for Novi City Council**  
We are writing to pledge our support and vote for Justin Fischer as our next councilmember on Nov. 3. We have had the pleasure of knowing Justin for several years, and in that time he has continued to demonstrate the skills and character needed to help Novi continue to flourish as the city we know and love.

Justin has always exhibited character, integrity, passion and wisdom beyond his years. He is an extremely well-rounded man who has nearly a decade of experience working to better the Novi community. He has served as the chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, treasure of the Novi Parks Foundation and Point Park Condominium Association. He is employed by Ford Motor Company as a financial analyst, and in addition to a bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University, he will be graduating with an MBA from MSU in December 2009. In these positions he has demonstrated that he has the skills needed to serve as our next councilmember, including extensive financial experience that will be critical for Novi in the near future.

It is energizing to see a man with an honest and refreshing perspective. As a life-long resident of Novi, he strives to make our city a place we can all be proud to call home. Justin's determination and warm and caring personality are just what we need at this time on City Council. Justin will always put the concerns of the citizens first and it is our opinion that he is the best candidate of Novi City Council, and we encourage you to vote for Justin Fischer for Novi City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

**Michael and Terri Clark**  
Novi



# Let the ghoulish times roll: It's almost Halloween

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Northville is one of the most happening places around on Halloween.

And local families usually start the October holiday celebration a little early.

Take Chuck and Aletta Holmes, the ghost and ghouls, who live on Beck Road in Northville Township.

Even though it was cold that night, they still had about 60 guests at The Holmes Haunted Hollow Dugout Nine Halloween Party on Oct. 17. The event takes place every two years.

They decorate their whole back yard for the party, which features fog, a talking skeleton, a cemetery with real concrete tombstones.

"It's kind of spooky," Aletta Holmes said.

They set up a fortune teller in a former chicken coop and a handwriting analyst in the house. The local Shawn Riley Band played "The Monster Mash."

The Holmeses design their party invitations in July. They have lived in Northville for 20 years.

"We've always done Halloween," she said, and the Record evidently featured an article about her home decorations about two decades ago.

"But, we only have the big party with about 100 invited guests on the odd years."

Skeleton-design curtains hang in all the windows, and the dining room has a formal setting with Halloween characters in the chairs, such as Pumpkin Head and a French maid. Billed as "The Ghosts with the Mostest," Aletta has vintage Jack-o'-lantern plates, sterling silver and spider web place card holders on the table.

COSTUMES ARE A MUST

Guests are required to wear costumes to the party, with prizes awarded during the evening.

"We change the prizes every



A group of area women had a Witches Party at the home of Barbara Pankowski in Northville Township recently. The girls made their own witch hats to wear and drank witches' brew while playing buncos. Attendees hailed from several communities and wouldn't say what had happened to the missing 24th witch.

year," Aletta Holmes said, "so people don't know what to expect." Awards might go to the sexiest costume, most devilish, most creative or best group costume.

"One year we had some people dress up like the three blind mice," Holmes said.

Chuck Holmes welded an iron tree for the living room. A skeleton sits atop the antique stove in their kitchen.

Ghosts and goblins can dine at the Road Kill Café, where fried spider legs are served.

A cider press for fresh apple cider and photo booth were also provided.

So, why do they think Halloween is so special?

"It's a time for grown ups to escape from reality, have fun and be silly," Aletta Holmes said.

HAVE YOU SEEN MY BROOM? A little further east, some not-so-wicked witches in the area flew in for a Witches Party at the home of Barb Pankowski on Baintree Circle.

Each of the 23 women wore their own version of a witch's hat, all of which were quite creative. Various versions of witches' brew were served in lab beakers at the second-annual witch-themed buncos party.

Obviously, Halloween decorations adorned every room of the house.

Attendees included Diane Stratton of Dearborn, Ronda Stephenson of Westland, Susan Michalski of Livonia, Lee George of Livonia,

Doranne Berrelez of Taylor, Lya Dussan of South Lyon, Sylvia Pollack of Grosse Ile, Madison Christopher of Salem (Michigan, not Massachusetts), Gail Magdowski of Livonia, Millie Cummings of Northville and Leslie Smalstone of Livonia.

Others at the party were Bonnie Gazdecki of Howell, Kathy Henderson of Southgate, Denise Trythall of Southgate, Karen Burzynski of Taylor, Lorraine Magdowski of Taylor, Katly Stanisz

of Livonia, Mil Murphy of Canton, Audra Rynerson of Waterford, Carrie Krushinski of Milford and Rosalie Seal of Westland.

LES HAS MORE THIS YEAR Las Osenkowski of Northville Township is another fellow who believes in extreme Halloween. He has an unusual retirement hobby of creating homemade animated Halloween displays. The entire exhibit is located inside his three-car garage and is built entirely with household materials and spare parts, depicting scary themes that his neighbors on Deep Hollow Circle in Woodlands of Northville on the east side of Sheldon between Six Mile Road and Seven Mile Road love.

This year, he's added two new animations, "The Phantom of the Opera" and "The Creature from the Black Lagoon," to further capture imaginations. "The Phantom" features animated organ keys, a "grating" Phantom intently playing the organ and concludes with a falling diabolical scripted right from the legendary play.

The "Creature from the Black Lagoon" appears to be emerging from the swamp, with fog, and bubble effects, attempting to reach out and grab at the visiting bystanders. These new exhibits will join last year's animations to entertain visitors on Halloween night.

Chuck Gaidica from WDIV Channel 4 is even featuring Osenkowski's creations this week as part of his Halloween hot spots.

"The displays are always free to the public, intended to bring some joy to the many families impacted by our current bleak economy," Osenkowski said. "I promise that the community won't be disappointed."

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# Governor's veto of \$54 million in K-12 funding outrageous

The governor callously chose to cut \$54 million from the K-12 budget merely hours before the first school aid payments were made. The bulk of her veto was to eliminate \$52 million in Section 20j funding to certain school districts, including three in my district.



Nancy Cassis

Solely because of the governor's action, the West Bloomfield, Novi, Northville and Walled Lake schools will lose a total of \$7.9 million. Her veto will cost Novi Community Schools nearly \$1.7 million.

The governor's cut is outrageous, irresponsible and - most disturbing - absolutely unnecessary. She has falsely accused Senate Republicans of not passing a bal-

anced budget. While the House Democrats and the governor were pushing tax increases, we approved a plan to move \$100 million in savings to the K-12 budget. I was the first to advocate \$100 million in savings from Michigan Business Tax (MBT) reforms to reduce the cut to schools from \$218 to \$165 per pupil.

Using savings through reforms was the cornerstone to the Senate plan - not raising taxes or tapping more federal stimulus funds. Unfortunately, the bills to enact

the Senate Republican reforms are languishing in the House, awaiting action. The Senate did its job. Now the House needs to act.

As you may know, Section 20j was created to hold-harmless certain school districts after the state adopted Proposal A. Essentially, 20j was designed to avoid 40 eligible districts from having to make drastic cuts under Proposal A's funding formula.

I strongly support overriding the governor's line-item veto. A veto override requires two-thirds of both chambers voting to overturn the governor's veto. The process must start in the state House, since the school aid budget was a House bill.

Sen. John Pappageorge, R-Troy, called the cuts "not defensible," and he introduced Senate Resolution 88, which I co-sponsored, urging the state House to override the veto.

I urge concerned parents and educators to contact the governor and the Speaker of the House and tell them to stop using our students as pawns in a political chess game. We need to teach Michigan's children what they will need to succeed in the 21st Century economy - not punish them in an attempt to extort more than \$650 million in tax increases.

The governor's plan to raise taxes on Michigan families and job providers and her veto of \$54 million in school funding are both reckless and

irrational. I will continue to fight against increasing taxes.

We need real reforms right now. If we fail to address our structural deficit problem, Michigan will continue to face billion-dollar budget holes and the tough decisions needed to bridge those gaps. To coin a phrase from a House colleague: "We have kicked the can so far down the road we've run out of road!"

Continuing the status quo is not a sustainable option. State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) can be reached at (517) 373-1758 or 1-888-38-NANCY. Visit her Web site at www.SenatorNancyCassis.com for the latest information and updates on issues in Lansing.

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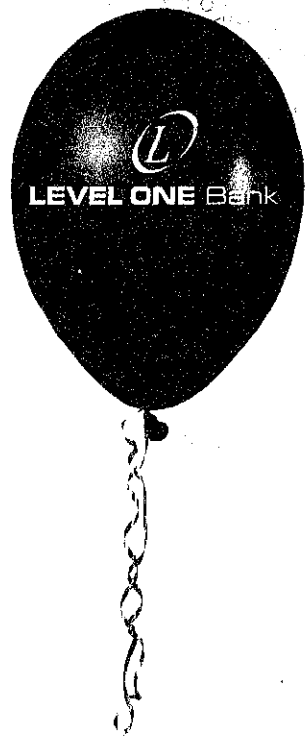
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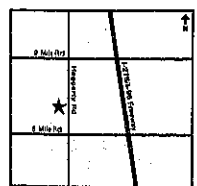


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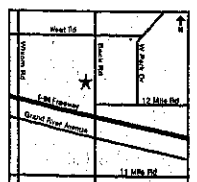
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Dear Paul,  
Creating a living will is one of those things most people want and plan to do, but rarely get around to actually doing. Less than 30 percent of Americans currently have one. But preparing one now, gives you say in how you want to be treated at the end of your life, not to mention it can spare your loved ones some very stressful decisions at an emotional time. Here's what you should know.

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To adequately spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment you need two legal documents: A "living will" which tells your doctor what kind of care you want to receive if you become incapacitated. And a "medical power of attorney" (or health care proxy) which names a person you authorize to make medical decisions on your behalf if you become unable to. These two documents are known as advance directives.

DO-IT-YOURSELF

Today, there are several free or low-cost resources to help you write your advance directive, and it takes only a few minutes from start to finish. Here are some good places to find help:

- Caring Connections:

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A resource created by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization that provides free information and state-specific advance directive forms with instructions on their Web site (www.caringinfo.org) that you can download and print. Or, you can call 800-658-8898 and they will mail them to you and answer any questions you may have.

• Aging with Dignity: An advocacy organization that offers an easy-to-use legal document called "Five Wishes" that covers all facets of an advance directive. Five Wishes is legally valid in 40 states and costs \$5. To get a copy, visit www.agingwithdignity.org or call 888-594-7437.

• Online resources: For under \$16 Web sites like www.legalwill.com and www.uslegalwills.com can create a living will and medical power of attorney for you by asking you questions and inserting your answers. Once you're finished, you simply print it out (or they can mail it to you) and sign it with two witnesses present to make it legal. You may also need to get it notarized depending on the state you live in. Or, if you're looking for a little extra help, try www.legalzoom.com. This site works like the others but will then have a specialist review your answers for completeness. The cost for this service starts at \$39.

• U.S. Living Will Registry: This is a nifty service that electronically stores your advance directive and organ donor information and makes these documents available to your family or health care providers 24 hours a day via the Internet

or telephone. The cost to register is \$125. See www.uslivingwillregistry.com for more information.

MULTIPURPOSE PLANNING

If you looking for a comprehensive estate planning tool "Quicken WillMaker Plus 2010" (www.nolo.com; 800-728-3555) is a top resource that uses computer software to create state-specific living wills, as well as property wills, trusts and many other documents. You can purchase it as a downloadable software program for \$44, or you can get it on a CD for \$50.

**Savvy Tip:** To insure your final wishes are followed, be very thorough when you create your living will and medical power of attorney documents and give copies to your family and doctor. It's also important to have a direct, candid conversation with your health care proxy and doctor so they know exactly what you want. And don't forget to review your advance directive every few years and update it when necessary.

If you would rather use a lawyer to draft your advance directive, look for one who specializes in estate planning and health care related matters. The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (www.naela.org), and the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (www.naepc.org) are good resources to find with.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73079, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the ABC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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## Pinckney plunders Novi defense for 321 yards in 22-3 win

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

Caked in mud, Novi dropped their final game of the season to host Pinckney, 22-3, last Friday to finish the season with an overall 3-6 record (3-2 KLAAs Central).

Neither team could cap off their drives in the first half, as the Pirates' (2-7, 0-5 KLAAs West) tossed an interception to end a 13-play, 69-yard,

eight-minute opening drive. Novi senior CB Michael Schwanz stole Pinckney QB Alex Burkholder's 10-yard pass at Novi's one-yard line and carried it out for a 19-yard return.

Novi pushed to Pinckney's 49-yard line before senior QB Ricky Enright fumbled the ball on a rush attempt and the Pirates' John Battle recovered it at Novi's 45-yard line with 23 seconds left in the first

quarter.

"It had rained since the JV game the night before. The conditions were very difficult for both squads," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said, adding that the mud at center field would completely cover the soles of players' feet if they stood still.

Novi and Pinckney went three and out on two offensive series each before Pinckney got the first first down of

the second quarter with less than five minutes remaining. Pirates RB Ryan Erps rushed for several short gains, as Pinckney ran the ball on 11 consecutive plays to move from the mid-line to Novi's six-yard line before Scotty Schmaltz kicked a 23-yard field goal on fourth and one with 43 seconds left in the half.

Novi senior QB Jim Pitcher led a 35-second, 42-yard drive

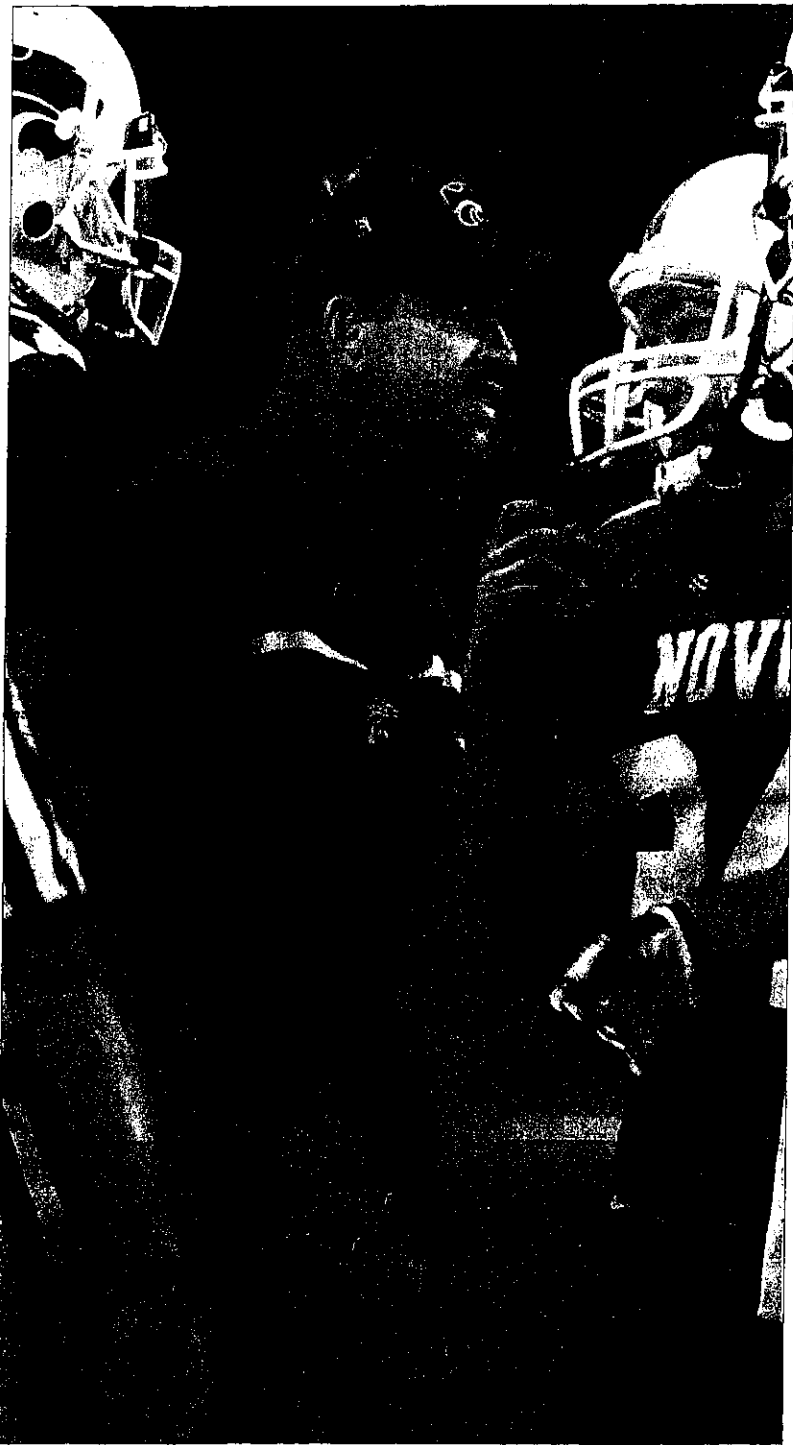
that concluded with a 17-yard pass to senior WR Justin Hopton at the Pirates' 20-yard line. This set up a 37-yard field goal by junior Scott Stanford to tie the game 3-3 as the clock struck zero to go into the break.

"I was impressed with Jimmy Pitcher. Hopton made a nice catch and turn. We were able to get in field goal range with two seconds left," Kellepourey said. "That was a

great job the quarterback and offense group had going into the half."

Novi got the ball back to start the second half, but had to kick away without earning a first down. Pinckney continued utilizing their running backs, pushing up to Novi's 44-yard line before Erps broke free up the right side for a 44-yard touchdown. A two-point

Please see FOOTBALL, B6



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Novi High School football coach Tab Kellepourey talks to his players at South Lyon East last year. Coach Kellepourey and assistant head coach John Osborne teamed up that night to win their 100th and 300th victories respectively for Novi High.

## Kellepourey announces resignation

■ Novi to start search for third head coach since program's inception

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Since Novi High School began playing football in 1966, there have only been two head coaches. On Sunday, during the Wildcats' team banquet, Novi coach Tab Kellepourey announced there will be a third.

Kellepourey, who took over the reins from John Osborne in 2000, told his team that he would not be back to coach the Wildcats next year. "This was the right time," said Kellepourey. "It wasn't a rash decision. I made this decision on my own. I've had a great career and these past 10 as the head coach at Novi High School have been the best. I have just known that this was going to be it, and I know it's the right time."

Kellepourey said he shared his decision at the football banquet because of the closeness he feels with his team - and the teams that have come before them. He made his announcement so that the juniors and the underclassmen would hear it from him first.

"I wanted them to know that I made the decision that it was time for me to move on," he said.

Kellepourey took over the program in 2000 following Osborne's decision to retire after 33 years of coaching the Wildcats, making him the second head coach in the school's history. In his decade with the Wildcats, he compiled a 74-32 win-loss record and earned a berth into the state playoffs in all but two seasons, including the this year's campaign, which was his worst record to date at 3-5 with the Wildcats. His career-worst mark was 0-9 as the head coach for the Hartland Eagles in 1997, where he finished 27-29 over six years.

Including his time as an assistant coach, Kellepourey patrolled the sidelines for three decades. He said that in no way did the wins and loss records of any team lead to his decision.

"I've coached for 30 years," he said. "It's been a long time and a long career. I wanted this to be the time and the place that it ended. I'm proud to have been a part of this program and this tradition."

### IT'S BEEN AN INTENSE CAREER

Under his guidance, the Novi Wildcats were a single play away from the state finals, losing in 2003 to Brother Rice. The final play found the Wildcats coming up about six inches short from the goal line.

It was a scene that reminded many Novi fans of the 1988 state semi-final game when the Wildcats were two yards short of beating the eventual state champion Traverse City Trojans. Kellepourey was an assistant coach under John Osborne that year.

Osborne, who stayed on as an assistant coach after his "retirement" in 1999, helped teach Kellepourey the ins and outs of being a head coach. In 1994, when Kellepourey left his assistant position to become head coach at Hartland High School, he led his team to one of the school's four playoff appearances. Two of them came under Kellepourey's guidance.

Kellepourey has passed on his knowledge as well, grooming other coaches for potential future roles at the head of a program. Jeff Burnside, an assistant under Kellepourey for the past nine years, is one such coach.

"Tab is a great leader and after taking over from a legend like John Osborne, he not only kept the excellence of Novi but took it to new heights," said Burnside. "There is no better game-day coach in my mind. He, as well as John O, has been my personal mentor for the past nine seasons. His work ethic and passion for the game has been an inspiration to me. It drives me to work as hard as he does and I will not let him down."

Please see KELLEPOUREY, B6

## Spikers celebrate first undefeated division title

Novi knocks out Salem in 4 games

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's volleyball team clinched their division title with a win over Plymouth Salem Oct. 20 before wrapping up their first undefeated season in the division with a win at Livonia Stevenson last Thursday.

The spikers came out ready for another tough competition with Salem (21-4-1, 8-2 Central), who

Novi had faced earlier in the season and also at multiple invitational. The Wildcats never fell behind in the first game and the score was only tied once, at 3-3.

"It was a wonderful night. The girls came out strong," coach Julie Fissette said after the match. "Coming into tonight, it was anyone's ball game."

After the Wildcats blocked a spike attempt back over the net for a 15-8

### ON TAP

Novi now battles at Brighton (24-12-5) 7 p.m. tonight for third place in the KLAAs before kicking off districts 7 p.m. Monday at home against Northville. Hosting District 18A, the Wildcats hope to win and face Salem 7 p.m. Wednesday and play Wednesday's Canton/Plymouth-winner 7 p.m. Nov. 6 for the district title.

lead, Salem took the first of what would become a habitual mid-game time out to regroup. The pressure worked, briefly, as Salem got the next two points before Novi went on a 7-3 run to take a 22-13 lead. Novi con-

tinued on to win 25-15 when the Rocks couldn't handle a Novi kill, deflecting the ball out of bounds for the final point.

The second game was a bit of a role reversal, as Novi trailed throughout much

of the close contest, falling behind 12-8 at one point. A 5-1 rally tied the score at 13 apiece before Salem needed to reset with a time out. The teams traded off ties until the Wildcats got their first lead at 21-20 when Salem served the ball into the net. Novi fell behind again after the brief lead, but came back to tie the game 24-24. It wasn't enough, as Salem used a deceptively weak kill to earn the next point and blocked back a Novi kill to win the second game 26-24, tying the match 1-1.

"There were some streaks there where we started to doubt," Fissette said.

The third game continued the pace from the second, as both teams traded points until Salem took a 10-9 lead when a Novi player's body hit the net. The Wildcats built momentum with a 4-0 run to take a 14-10 lead and force a Salem time out. Salem came out of the time out aggressive, sometimes resulting in errors leading to Novi points. Salem couldn't

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NOVI HIGH SCHOOL WRAPUP

Boys Cross Country

Novi's boys cross country team took first place at the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet held at Possum Hollow in Kensington Metro Park last Thursday.

Of the 12 teams' worth of runners, Novi had four place in the top four and all seven scorers place in the top 29 en route to earning 34 points, 29 ahead of second-place Plymouth.

Senior Mike Blaszczyk took first overall in a season-best 16 minutes and seven seconds. He was followed in fifth place by junior Joe Schubring (16:38) and senior Dan Egner (16:39). All three were named to the All-Conference first team.

Juniors Brett Giampa had a career-best 16:44 to earn ninth place, followed by senior Geoffrey Gies's 16:50 (34th-place finish), as both earned All-Conference second-team honors. Senior Alex Minghine (17th in 17:04 for All-Conference third team) and junior Chase Conrad (29th in 17:28) wrapped up the scoring for the Wildcats.

Twenty-three of Novi's 28 runners had personal course records as the Wildcats improved to 100-1 overall.

Novi's junior varsity runners also performed well, taking second place behind Northville. The JV runners were led by career best from junior Garrett Murphy (fourth in 17:49), freshman Wesley Guenther (seventh in 18:01) and sophomore Eric Gardner (9th in 18:24).

The Wildcats will race in the Redford Union Invitational Friday to gear up for the state regional meet Saturday in Brighton.



The Novi boys cross country team captured the Kensington Conference crown last Thursday with a score of 34 points, 29 ahead of second-place Plymouth.

Girls Cross Country

The girls cross country team finished fourth in the Kensington Conference last Thursday with 87 points, 32 back from champion Plymouth Salem.

Freshman Jackie Mullins took third overall in 19:09, 1:15 back from Livonia Churchill's Sara Kroll, who took first place in 17:54.

Mullins was followed by eighth-place junior Brooke McMahan in 19:47. The Wildcats' next four runners were paired up, as juniors Bridget Myers and Kelsey Hodge finished in 20:35 and 20:36 for respective 24th and 25th place results.

Sophomore Abby Chandler and junior Alyssa Murray finished in 20:43 and 20:45, good for 29th and 30th overall. Freshman Zoe Jenkins wrapped up the scoring for Novi with a 22:06 57th-place finish.

The Wildcats now prepare for the state regional meet Saturday in Brighton.

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

JV football wins, 32-16

The Pinckney Pirates sailed into a rainy and cold Novi Stadium this week before being boarded by the JV Wildcats en route to Novi's last victory of the season.

The Wildcats finished up the season at 7-1 against a vastly improved Pinckney team. The game was a lesson in opportunities won and lost as five of the seven touchdowns in the game were the direct result of turnovers.

Pinckney touched the ball first and had a major drive underway before defensive pressure allowed Adam Haynes to step in front of a Pirate pass and turn the ball around for a Novi drive. The Novi line of Derek Poppenger, Justin Michael, Josh Feight, Chris Diacono, Derek Edwards, Nathan Peters and Evan Thomas did a good job of breaking up the Pinckney

defense for the running backs. QB Derek Ince made the play that made the drive with a 45 option-keeper before taking the quarterback plunge from one-yard out to put the 'Cats up 6-0.

The Novi defense started to warm up to the Pirate counter dive and stopped Pinckney on two consecutive three-and-out series. A short punt from Pinckney put Novi in good field position where Ince went to work with Logan Regnier for a 30-yard touchdown pass play.

A slant pass to Thomas brought Novi up 14-0. After the kickoff, another defensive story with a forced fumble allowed the offense to square up their shoulders with the goal line for another drive. Another Ince-Regnier combination pass play for 40 yards put Novi first and goal, where Haynes ran it in for six and Novi was up 20-0 midway through the second quarter.

Pinckney received the kickoff and, just about the time they were eyeing the end zone, the defense forced another fumble, recovered by Justin Brooks. Another good day for the defense was led by Lance Lilla, Giddiani Albuerno, Chris Diacono and Derek Cingel. A balanced drive using Jimmy Elott (86 yards on 17 carries), Alex Davis (93 yards on eight carries) - including a 17-yard

Davis reverse - and a 20-yard Ince-to-Zack Vidra pass set up an Ince-to-Haynes touchdown-pass combination from five yards as the second quarter clock ran out and made it 28-0 for Novi.

Novi took the second half kickoff and appeared to be headed for another score until a holding penalty forced a passing situation, which was picked off by Pinckney. This time, it was the Pirates to take advantage of the turnover with a 36-yard pass play and two-point conversion for a 26-8 game.

An instant replay of the prior Novi possession, including the hold and interception, gave the ball back to the Pirates. Fortunately, a heads-up interception and great 30-yard return by Alejandro Albuerno put Novi back in scoring position. This time, the line provided the running room for Davis, who ran it in from the 10 to make it 32-8 in the third quarter run out.

Although Cingel recovered the ensuing kickoff, Novi turned the ball over on downs and Pinckney was able to put together a 72-yard drive to bring the score back to 32-16. After another change of possession, it was Michael Gurney who finally sealed the end of the game and the season with a pass interception.

By John Haynes

Freshman football falls to Pinckney, 32-20

Novi's freshman football squad lost a hard-fought game at home 32-20 to the Pinckney Pirates on Oct. 22. It was the team's final game of the season and they competed with fierce determination.

Pinckney got on the board first with a long run to take a 6-0 lead. The Novi freshmen responded with an impressive offensive drive of their own. QB Blake Boron hit Brian Bonnell for a 32-yard pass play that put the Wildcats first and goal from the seven-yard line. Ricky Noguera ran the ball in for the score. After an unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt, it was tied 6-6.

Pinckney scored again on the first play of their next possession, making it 12-6. The Wildcats' offense was able to move the ball with nice runs from Kyle Matel, Jon Mencer and Michael Smith. The drive ended with a Pinckney interception and the Novi defense took over. Making tackles for the Novi defense were Robbie Deighton, Mencer, Tyler Sloan, Mitchell Cameron, Spash Mehl and Rob Armiak.

Pinckney scored again, making it 18-6 with 9:46 left in the first half.

Novi's next two possessions ended in turnovers as the rain began to fall, making ball handling tough. The half ended on a strong defensive stand for Novi with a key tackle by Eric Ballard, Chris Volpe, Artie Teran and a sack from Tyler Sloan.

The second half opened up with Pinckney fumbling the ball and the Wildcats taking over on their own 44-yard line. Runs by Noguera, Mencer, Smith and Boron produced several first downs. Mencer's 13-yard touchdown run fired up the team and crowd. After a two-point conversion by Mencer, Novi cut Pinckney's lead to 18-14.

Pinckney scored on their next possession, making it 24-14 at the end of the third quarter.

The teams traded turnovers in the slick conditions and, with 7:27 left in the contest, the Wildcats went to work putting together a 25-yard drive resulting in a five-yard touchdown run by Michael Smith, making it 24-20. Pinckney quickly scored again, making it 32-20. Novi fought hard the final five minutes, with impressive running by Chanden Nelson, but could not score again, as Pinckney won 32-20.

By Cathy Schraun

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The win moved Novi into a regional semifinal Tuesday at Troy High against Troy Athens (10-5-5), who just came off a 3-2 district championship win over Sterling Heights (16-3-2) on the same field last week. "They play a defensive style, aggressive. Most of their offense is off set plays," O'Leary said of Athens. Currently among the final 16 Division I teams, a win against Athens would put Novi in the regional final/state quarterfinal 7 p.m. tomorrow at Troy against the winner of Birmingham Brother Rice and University of Detroit Jesuit. The winner of that game will advance to the Nov. 4 state semifinals at a neutral location and then have a shot at the Nov. 7 state final at Troy Athens. Check www.hometownlife.com for Tuesday evening's result.



The Novi boys soccer team won the District 6 title with a 3-1 win over West Bloomfield last Friday at Farmington.

PHOTO BY CHRIS WILSON

# Wildcats claw way to district title

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's boys soccer team took home the Division I District 6 title last Friday at Farmington High School, defeating West Bloomfield 3-1 in a steady downpour that kicked in just before half-time and didn't let up until long after the buses left the Falcons' stadium.

The Wildcats (11-5-5) got their offense going early, as senior Kalto II had an open shot at the left post in the fourth minute, but Lakers senior goalkeeper Jeremy Goldman made the full extension along the ground to punch the ball wide of the left post.

Goldman's heroics wouldn't last forever, as junior Wes Smith capitalized on a collision between two West Bloomfield players at mid-field and threaded a through ball between two defenders to the feet of sophomore Chase Jabbori, who dribbled in untouched the last 20 yards and shot the ball into the right side of the net to give Novi a 1-0 lead in the 18th minute.

West Bloomfield struck back eight minutes later when a free kick resulted in a loose ball about five yards off Novi's left post that senior Matteo Capicichioni blasted into the top right corner past Novi senior goalkeeper Tommy Duquette to tie the game 1-1.

Eight minutes after that goal, Jabbori hit freshman Matt Wilson with a through ball up the left side and Wilson dribbled in the final 25 yards without pressure before curving the ball



Wildcat Brian Herron heads the ball in front of CC's Jon Maleke.

around Goldman and into the bottom right corner of the net to give the Wildcats a 2-1 lead that would carry into the half.

"It's the way we've been lately. Our goals are very evenly distributed," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said, noting several players had between five and seven goals apiece. "You're much more

dangerous (that way)." Jabbori nearly made it 3-1 when he got in behind Goldman just 1:39 into the second half, but the Lakers defense came up big to help their goalkeeper and keep the game close. Duquette continued to come up big when needed, stopping a point-blank shot from the penalty spot from Lakers sophomore Mark Shaana five minutes later. "When he was called upon, he did a good job," O'Leary



Novi Wildcat Kalto II in action against CC.

said. "The Wildcats continued to claw through the rain and get golden opportunities, including a shot by junior John DeLeon after a mistimed defensive pass back by West Bloomfield left DeLeon with an empty net. Luckily Fares would come from behind the play and make

a sliding save, kicking the ball off the right goal post and away from the net in the 49th minute. Fares' outstanding play was soon forgotten though, as his elbow to senior Doug McGinn's back on a breakaway in the goal box 20 seconds later resulted in a Novi penalty kick that senior Jon Bauer buried into the left

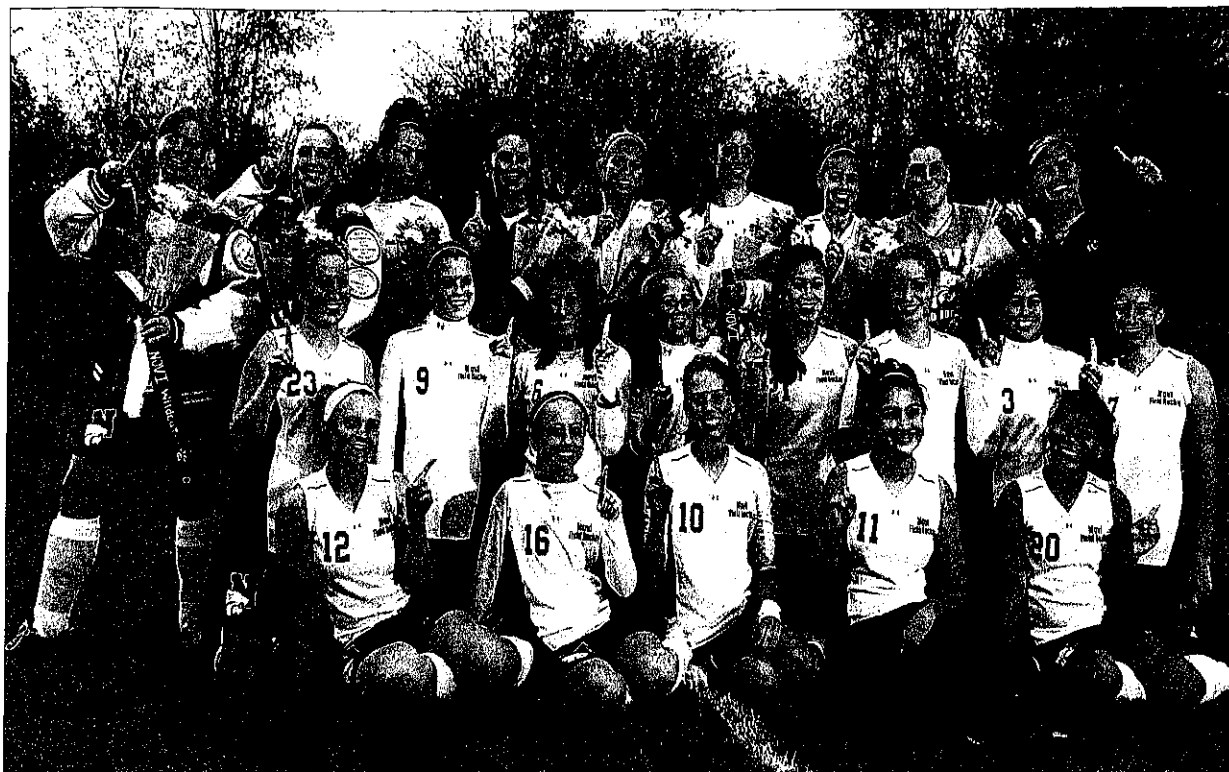
side of the net for a 3-1 lead. West Bloomfield (12-4-5) couldn't apply pressure on offense, as the sibling duo of senior Uriah Polley and freshman Miguel Polley couldn't break free and took careless fouls out of frustration in the closing minutes. "I thought we played well. We took care of what we needed to take care of against them," O'Leary said, noting the two brothers had combined for about 31 goals on the season. "We limited the shots, free kicks. From top to bottom, no one had a bad game. That's been a problem in the past. As long as everyone does their job, we'll be pretty solid."

Walled Lake Central Novi had to win on the road at Walled Lake Central in the district semifinal before they earned their place in the championship game with West Bloomfield. The Wildcats won 3-0 despite a 5-4-1 defensive arrangement by the Vikings (7-8-4).

"We had some trouble at the beginning. Our midfielders were wide open a lot because they had so many guys back," O'Leary said. Duquette made a save on a penalty kick resulting from a trip in the goal box, keeping the game scoreless until Smith hit a cross from sophomore Chris Park into the net for a 1-0 lead at the half.

Novi adjusted in the second half to get the offense rolling, as Park scored 20 minutes into the half off a pass from II and II finished off the scoring on a cross from McGinn. Duquette made seven saves to earn the shutout.

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



The Novi field hockey team won the Division IV title with a 6-0-2 division record.

PHOTO BY DAVID PAUL

# Second-year team wins division championship

## Novi claims first field hockey title with 1-0 win over Skyline



Novi High's Katie Murphy makes a pass during a Wildcat field hockey game on Oct. 20.

JOHN HEGERSTADT PHOTOGRAPHER



Wildcat Natalie Paul in action against Skyline High on Oct. 20.



The Novi goalie and Kathryn Shelar and Naomi Kiura rush out from the net during an Oct. 20 game against Skyline High.

Novi's Kathryn Shelar in action against Ann Arbor's Skyline High.

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Although Novi's field hockey team had already clinched their first Division IV title the prior weekend, the girls wrapped up their second season in the league without losing to a division opponent.

The Wildcats defeated Ann Arbor Skyline 1-0 Oct. 20 to finish the season 6-0-2 in the division, with both ties coming against second-place Regina (4-0-4 Div IV).

"The win won the division title, and we're undefeated in the division," said coach Amy Kilgore. "It was a goal we set last

year. Building a base and move out of Division IV. Our girls are ready for Division III."

Novi outshot the Eagles 7-1 in the first half, getting on the board first at the 17:16 mark as sophomore Lauren Pollard hit a long pass to senior Stephani Grunski who fired the ball toward the net for senior Amanda Pastoor knock into the goal.

"It was a great day for the seniors. They all had really great games," Kilgore said. "Kathryn Shelar had an outstanding game in mid. Stephani Grunski played a great game at center forward."

The Wildcats' first-half goal would stand as the only one in

the game despite Novi outshooting Skyline 12-3 on the afternoon.

One of Novi's best chances to put the game out of reach came with 4:38 remaining, as junior Katie Murphy got to the right post when the defense was focused on a play on Novi's left side. Murphy received the ball within a foot or two of the goal line, but the velocity of the pass sent the ball off her stick and straight up into the air above her shoulders instead of into the goal. The Eagles gained possession on the dangerous play, as the ball isn't allowed to go above the players' knees.

The Wildcats kept the pressure on, rarely needing to drop back much further than the half line. When Skyline (4-2-2) did get their offense going in brief spurts, Novi kept the ball out of the net as seniors Katie Safford and Sara Johnston combined for three saves and the team's sixth shutout of the season. The Eagles' defense gave up seven corner bits, as opposed to just four by Novi. The Wildcats' shot and corner advantages were both 5-2 in the second half. At 8-4-2 overall, the Division IV title put Novi as the eighth-seed in the 22-team state tournament last Saturday, where they played ninth-seed University Liggett School (5-5-3), Division

IV's fifth-place team, at Dearborn Edsel Ford's turf field because Novi's grass field was damaged from Friday's rain.

The two teams played a tough defensive game, going into the half tied 0-0 while Liggett held just a 2-1 shot advantage. Liggett came out firing in the second half though, ripping off 13 more shots at Johnston.

One got past Johnston with less than 13 minutes left in the game, and another was saved two minutes later by sophomore Natalie Paul just before it crossed the goal line, but Novi couldn't get enough offense going to tie the game during the final 10 minutes, losing 1-0 to wrap up

the season with an 8-5-2 record. "We had eight seniors. They're a socially diverse group. These girls worked very hard to be a (good) group. They were a good example (for the underclassmen)," Kilgore said. "We expect some good JV players to move up from having one loss all season."

The field hockey program will lose much of their defensive strength, as seniors Johnston, Safford, Shelar, Pastoor, Grunski, Chrissy Looney, Trinity Louis and Lindsay Johnson will all graduate at the end of the school year.

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

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# Novi floats past WL Northern, prepares for division meet

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The Novi girls swim and dive team wrapped up their dual meet season with a 115-72 win at Walled Lake Northern last Thursday. "It was really nice. We got to move some kids up to the middle lanes," Novi coach Scott Teeters said. "Coach Jessica (Stoddard) from Walled Lake Northern and I tried to match it up kid for kid and got good results."

Although the matchups made for good races, Novi (6-1, 4-0 KLA Central) prevailed, taking first place in 10 of 12 events and two of the top three places in nine of 12 events from Northern (6-2, 4-0 North). Novi had strong performances from several of their usual stars, but freshman Kelsey Shurmur's first-place performance in the 100-

yard butterfly qualified her for the state meet with a time of one minute and 2.13 seconds, edging out Northern's Kelsey Slayton by 2.65 seconds. "Kelsey Shurmur set a pool record and made the state cut. That was real big," Teeters said. "I think that was the first time she swam fly without Becca (Berman) or Maranda (Buha)." Junior Berman and Buha, a freshman, had their hands full in other events, as they teamed up with freshman Andrea VanderMey and senior Meredith Cote to set a pool record in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:54.86 during the first event of the night. Buha also teamed up with her sister, junior Madalyn Buha, to take first and second, respectively, in the 50-yard freestyle with times of 25.92 and 26.76 seconds.

Novi also had strong first-place swims by junior Jacque Carless in the 200-yard individual medley - edging out Northern's Haley Riley by 0.16 seconds in a time of 2:26.58 - and freshman Janice Burnett, who won the 500-yard freestyle in 6:03.35. The Wildcats set the bar in the final event, as VanderMey, Cote, Maranda Buha and Berman teamed up to win the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:45.75, as freshman teammates Kara Berg, Burnett, Dana Morgan and Shurmur took second in 4:05.50, just 0.15 seconds ahead of Northern's group. "All our relays set pool records. I think we have a good amount of state qualifiers. I just need to make sure these kids get focused and execute for the conference," Teeters said of his

seven swimmers bound for the November competition. "You can do good all year long, but if you do stinky at the end, that's what you'll remember." The Wildcats will try to take care of business at this weekend's KLA Central Division meet and the Nov. 6-7 Kensington Conference meet before the MHSAA Division I Lower Peninsula Finals take place Nov. 20-21 in Holland. "The division meet, you have the team with the most depth is going to win that. To win that, we need a lot of kids to move up and score more points than what they're seeded. If we get beat in the earlier (races), we won't do well," Teeters said. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.



NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Hole-in-one
Joe Tomaskowski, a member of the Novi Senior Golf League, made a hole-in-one on Oct. 3 at White Pines National Golf Course in Spruce, Mich. He used 5-wood on the 137-yard, par 3, 17th hole. It was witnessed by his three sons - Joe, John and Dan Tomaskowski.

CC harriers win Catholic League title

Shamrocks dominate competition

Notch another championship for the Catholic Central Shamrocks cross country team. The squad, coached by Tony Magni, marked a three-repeat this past week with a victory in the Catholic High School League championship race. The squad also took first in the CHSL in 2007 and 2008. Catholic Central collected an impressive 22 points to

ON TAP

The Catholic Central Shamrocks boys cross country team will be running in the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional race tomorrow at the very difficult Huron Meadows course. The top teams from the regional earn a berth to the state finals race next weekend.

run away with the title, beating second-place Brother Rice which was over 40 points away with a final tally of 65. Taking third was DeLaSalle with 84 while Divine Child was fourth with 99, University of Detroit Mercy was fifth with 122, Notre Dame Prep was sixth with 173 and Orchard Lake St. Mary's was seventh with 175. Winning the race outright was Ricardo Galindo, who ran a 16:07 to dominate the competition. Galindo's finish

won it 20 times overall. The Catholic Central Shamrocks also had strong performances this year from several other runners. Andrew Garcia-Garrison ran to third in 16:26, while Viktor Puskorius ran a 16:35 for fifth place. Austin Zebrowski turned in a time of 16:40, which was good for sixth place, while Jean-Paul Zebrowski ran to seventh in a time of 16:53. All of those Shamrocks earned All-Catholic-League honors. Taking 20th for the Shamrocks was Mackenzie Boyd, who ran a 17:40, while Sean Carney ran a 17:47 for 21st overall.

Shamrocks taking playoffs one game at a time

First up is Livonia Franklin

according to the pundits and fans. Whispers -- and shouts, for that matter -- of a state championship have been heard on various forums such as Mlive.com. But Mach knows what it takes to get there. "One game at a time," said Mach. "We can't look past Franklin. They're in the playoffs. That means they're a serious threat."

The Livonia Franklin Patriots may not have the most impressive record at 5-4, but they earned their way into the post-season through the school of hard knocks. The Patriots took losses to Walled Lake Western, John Glenn, Canton and Plymouth this year. All but Walled Lake Western, which finished 3-6 on the year, made the playoffs. John Glenn and Canton have just one loss each, and Plymouth finished 6-3 this year. The Patriots earned a week one win over Livonia Stevenson (7-2), and then notched victories over Wayne Memorial (3-6), Livonia

Churchill (2-7), Plymouth Salem (2-7) and Hartland (4-5). Livonia Franklin has gathered 214 points this season and allowed 159. "We're going to play our game," said Mach. "That's all we can do. We don't know much about Franklin other than they've made the playoffs and they beat Stevenson. That's all we need to know that they're a threat."

The Shamrocks, on paper, have little to worry about. "They have home-field advantage (the game starts at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Wisom Road campus) and are undefeated this year. In addition, they have statistics that are staggering. The Shamrocks have scored 287 points this year and allowed just 23 on their way to a 9-0 record. Five of Catholic Central's victories were over teams that are headed to the playoffs: Brother Rice, DeLaSalle, Divine Child and Orchard Lake St. Mary's -- a team the Shamrocks beat twice this year. "Playing in the Catholic League definitely prepares you for the playoffs," said Mach.

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

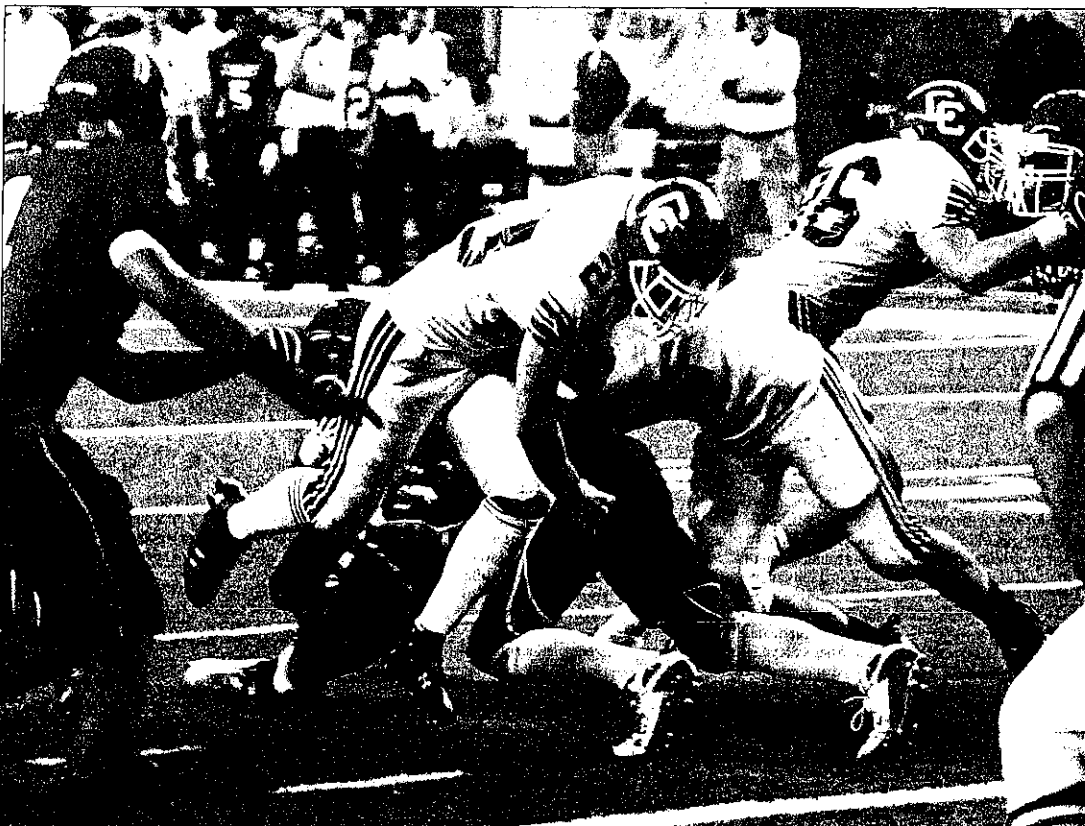
"It's always hard-hitting football for all 48 minutes, just like the playoffs game." The winner of the game between the Shamrocks and the Patriots will face the winner of the Livonia Stevenson (7-2) and Northville (6-3) contest that is being played Friday night at 7 p.m. Livonia Stevenson defeated the Shamrocks in the playoffs last year and fell in the state championship game.

Shamrocks finish regular season undefeated

League championship game a battle of defenses

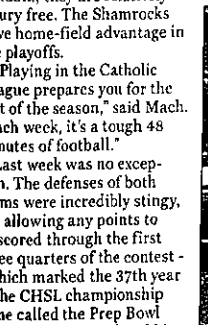
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The Catholic Central football team, coached by Tom Mach, will host the Livonia Franklin Patriots in the first round of the state playoffs this Saturday at 1 p.m. The winner between the Shamrocks (9-0) and the Patriots (5-4) will have to face the winner of the Livonia Stevenson (7-2) and Northville (6-3) contest being played Friday night.

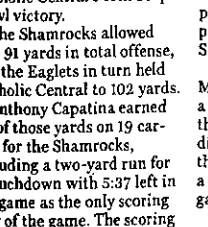


Anthony Capatina on the two-yard touchdown dive for the Shamrocks.

Butch Herzog (42) running after his fourth quarter interception to seal the victory.



CC's Michael Kinville (33) and Joe Snyder (63) combine for a tackle for a five yard loss.



The Shamrocks smothered Orchard Lake St. Mary's and earned a 7-0 win last Saturday.

situation for the Eagles. St. Mary's quarterback, Robert Bolden, took the snap, dropped into the pocket and fired a pass. It was Catholic Central's Butch Herzog who came down with it and busted up the field for about 15 yards. "That really took a lot out of me," joked Mach about the situation his team was in. "Butch made a great play for us and then ran up the field to give us some breathing room."

Herzog told the Detroit Free Press that he didn't think twice about what his defense could do. "I read his eyes the whole way," said Herzog. "It's an honor to play on this defense. When he (Hunter) got down

with 31. The team had 633 total tackles (including 13 sacks) on the season, 259 more than opponents' defenses. "This season was one of those seasons where we had to overcome a lot of situations with injuries. We had 70 kids able to go out there and help the team out. The Novi team never quit and played a full 48 minutes," Kellepourey said. After compiling a 72-34 record in 10 seasons with the Wildcats, Kellepourey took the time at last Sunday's team banquet to inform his players he would be stepping down from his position as the program's second-year head coach.

"I felt it was time I stepped down as head coach. The program is at the highest level of participation we've ever had," Kellepourey said. "I think it's going to be a smooth transition."

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was still a bit of a surprise to me. Filling Kellepourey's shoes will not be an easy task. He brings attributes to the field that many coaches just do not typically possess. "He has been a steady force on this program and has been innovative along the way," said Burnside. "Novi may never have the biggest players but they have always played with grit and passion which is how Coach Tab coaches. He constantly has put kids in the right situation to succeed, which I think is the most important attribute of a great coach."

Ellis said that the goal at this point is to post the position over the course of the next couple of weeks with a plan to have a new coach appointed by January 1, 2010. "Given the fact that Novi High School has only gone through this transition once before, it is very important that we find the best combination of vision, passion, leadership, commitment, communication skills and football knowledge possible," said Ellis. "To achieve that goal, we will look at both internal and external candidates."

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play was set up by a 25-yard pass from senior quarterback Sam Landry to Tom Voutsos. "It was a great game," said Mach. "It's never easy playing a team twice, and we knew this one would be even more difficult because we beat them once already. This was a very hard-hitting football game."

But not all hits are done with shoulder pads. The most critical and decisive blow of the game came after Catholic Central's score. The Shamrocks kicked a squib kick that bounced down the middle of the field and right to stellar kick returner Gary Hunter, who danced through the special teams wall and up the field for a 69-yard gain. Catholic Central's kicker, Corey Smith, scrambled on an angle and threw himself into Hunter and knocked the runner out of bounds at the Shamrocks' 12-yard line. "We wanted to kick it to anyone but Hunter," said Mach. "We ended up squibbing it right to him."

The defense held, despite having their back to the wall, and forced a fourth-and-nine

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conversion attempt failed, leaving Pinckney with a 9-3 lead. The Wildcats continued to struggle, as back-to-back false start penalties kept Novi from advancing past Pinckney's 32-yard line despite starting their drive on Nov's 11-yard line. Six rushing plays later, Konnor Seyfried ran over Nov's left tackle for a 10-yard score. A failed two-point conversion rush kept Pinckney's lead at 15-3.

"Erps, he was able to grind out the yards that they need ed," Kellepourey said. "We really didn't threaten offensively. We had difficulty with the blocking." Novi couldn't keep the chains moving, as four consecutive passes from Pletcher to four different receivers all fell incomplete. Turning the ball over on downs at the Novi 40-yard line, Pinckney continued their rushing assault. Six rushing plays later, Forrest Johnson ran over the left tackle for a 24-yard touchdown. The Pirates took the point-after kick this time, jumping to a 22-3 lead when Chris Schaffer put it through the uprights.

Senior QB Tim Hartland took over for the Wildcats, but two incomplete passes led Novi to turn back to their running game. Senior Tom Symanski rushed to the right on fourth and five, but Pinckney's Steve DeMars forced and recovered a fumble, setting the Pirates up at Novi's 38-yard line with 2:20 remaining. Pinckney's running backs got the Pirates to Novi's two-yard line before the team took a knee twice to cap the 22-3 victory in the conference crossover match. Novi could only muster six first downs on the day, as Pinckney ran for 18 of their 19 first downs in a ground-out competition. The Pirates outgained Novi 321-117 in total offensive yards, spurred by 295 rushing yards on 60 attempts. Novi earned 93 yards on 26 rushing attempts, led by 40 yards on eight attempts from senior Adam Paul.

The slippery game conditions limited both teams' passing games, as Novi went 2-for-13 and 24 yards, while Pinckney went 1-for-3 for 26 yards and one interception. Pletcher and Hartland each had one completion, both to Hopton. Novi struggled to keep the ball, losing two fumbles and having possession for 15:20, compared to Pinckney's 32:40. The Wildcats' conversion rate was also poor, as Novi went 4-for-13 on third-and-fourth-down conversions combined. Pinckney was 10-for-16, including 2-for-2 on fourth downs. The team did set a record for most tackles in a game with 90, led by sophomore Alex King with 10, juniors Krister Engja with nine, Brady Sheldon with seven and Nick Littleton with six. Alex King, a sophomore, led us in tackles. (Sheldon) is going to be an outstanding player. (The team is) going to have the opportunity to be good next year," Kellepourey said. "We have tremendous experience coming back."

The Wildcats, plagued by injuries all season, misses the playoffs for just the second time since 1997, with the other occasion taking place in 2006 when Novi finished with a 4-5 overall record. Novi's offense scored 138 points this season, the same amount as the defense allowed. Pletcher led Novi's rushers with 314 net yards and three touchdowns on 92 attempts over nine games, while senior Jimmy Gurey led the Wildcat quarterbacks with 352 yards on 23-for-47 passing and two touchdowns over five games before a season-ending injury at South Lyon. Hopton led Novi's receivers with 360 yards on 20 catches over an eight-game span, scoring four touchdowns. "I felt it was time I stepped down as head coach. The program is at the highest level of participation we've ever had," Kellepourey said. "I think it's going to be a smooth transition."

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His players view him the same way. They work hard because they see him work hard. PLAYERS' THOUGHTS Working hard never meant becoming the best football player on the field. Many years, the Wildcats found success despite not having the most athletic players in the contest. Tyler Hoover, who now plays for Michigan State University, said working hard to the players Kellepourey coached meant being their best -- no matter how good that was. "Coach Tab was one of the biggest role models I have had," Hoover said. "I was a great coach because how much he cared for each individual on the team and knew when to get to business on the field. Coach wanted to see each player grow in maturity, education and skill level. He and all of the players he has coached created a history for Wildcat football." Football was about more than just wins and losses to

some of Kellepourey's players -- even those who went on to make careers for themselves at the next level. Ryan Pritchard, who turned down an offer to play football for the University of Michigan in favor of Princeton, was one of those players. "I played four years of college football, and when I think about the most fun I ever had playing it was for Coach Kellepourey at Novi High School," said Pritchard. "He had a year-round commitment to the program and was someone you could always turn to."

Mike Hart, who quarterbacked the Wildcats during their 12-1 season in 2003, said that Kellepourey was always more than just a typical football coach. "Coach Kellepourey was not only a great coach, but a great person and teacher," said Hart, who's younger brother, Steve, also quarterbacked the Wildcats. "He was a coach that cared about his players and was always able to get the most out of them on the field and pushed them to succeed in the classroom. He was able to continue the winning tradition that Coach Osborne

established, and he brought the Novi football program many wins as well as district and a regional championship during his years at Novi. It was an honor and a pleasure to be able to play for coach Tab Kellepourey." As much as he led them on the field, Kellepourey took great strides to lead his teams off the field. He pushed them to be the mature young men he knew they could be. "Coach Kel was not only a good coach but a great mentor for all of his players," said Frank Tafallan, who played for Kellepourey from 2002 through 2005. "He would always hold us to higher standards off the field. If it was bad grades in class, he was there to help find the problem, help us resolve it, and make sure we tried harder and did better. If it was behavioral problems in school or at home, again he was there to get to the root of the problem, help us resolve it, and make sure we straightened up and kept on the straight and narrow." If it was all of the above, like in my case, he was a real pain. Nonetheless, a pain I am very thankful for. Coach Kel made men out of us. The combination of all of the outstanding coaches we had when I was playing was something special. Now, with Coach Kel's resignation, I feel bad for future Novi football players. They just won't get that same irreplaceable experience I got, especially off the field."

MEASURING GREATNESS Kellepourey said he has had the joy of great athletes, great teams and great coaching. That, he said, is how you measure a great career -- not by wins or losses. "Just look at the staffs I've had," he said. "From the time I started until now, they've been all great coaches. And there has been so much talent and so much dedication. That's how you can tell it's been a successful career. It's been an outstanding career because of the people that have been involved in it." While many of Kellepourey's top athletes went on to have college football careers -- Jarrod Woods, Brandon Carnegie, Matt Gorman and Kevin Cislo, just to name a few -- some were prompted to other careers thanks to his guidance. Brent Pantaleo's football career ended before his senior season even started. A bruise to his leg led doctors to find the cancer that was attacking his bones. Pantaleo -- who played a single down his senior year with a catch against the Northville Mustangs in 2004 during the Baseline Jug game -- said it is because of Kellepourey that he discovered an interest that led to his current career. "Coach Kellepourey was a great coach and mentor off the field," said Pantaleo. "He allowed me to keep an active role with the team editing video following my career-ending condition, which spurred my interest in football video and ultimately led to working with college football players and the University of Michigan, and the University of Arizona, where I work today."

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City of Novi Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant Funds
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The hearing will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program 2010 applications in the approximate amount of \$100,647.

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get any closer than three points back, as Novi built a 21-18 lead before two Salem errors and two Novi aces sealed the 25-18 victory. Novi dictated pace in the fourth game, looking to close out the match. Tied 6-6, the Wildcats went on a series of two- and three-point streaks to build a 15-9 lead before Salem's mid-game time out. After a Novi error gave Salem a point, the Wildcats got the next three to build a comfortable 18-10 lead. The Rocks didn't give up, as Salem had a 9-9 surge to take a 19-18 lead. Novi regained posture and capped off the match with a three-point run. Junior Kayley Bowles and sophomore Kathrine Enright combined to block a kill attempt back over the net for the final point to get the Wildcats a 25-21 in the fourth game, clinching the match and division title.



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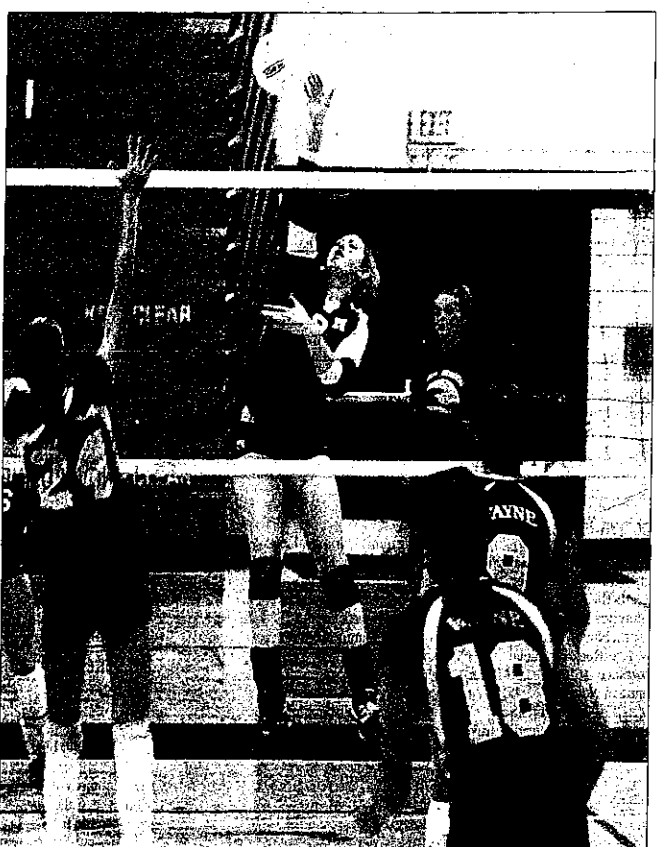
Novi seniors Anne Irvin, Christine Mech, Jelia Thomas and Ally Hooamian led their team in an undefeated conference season, winning the KLAAs Central Division.

ness to attend to following the division title-clinching win on senior night. "The girls are having fun, playing well together," Fissette said Oct. 20. "Our goal is to go undefeated. We've been conference champs, but never undefeated."

Two nights later, the Wildcats got their chance at an undefeated division season and prevailed on the road, defeating Stevenson (23-17-2, 5-5 Central) in a five-set 13-25, 26-24, 25-21, 27-29, 15-12 thriller in preparation for last Saturday's KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament. "Churchill will be there. This KLAAs tournament,

they made into a big deal," Fissette said. "We're gonna have to go all out." The Wildcats (39-8) took second at the 12-team tournament, losing to Livonia Churchill (47-4) in the final. Novi defeated Wayne Memorial (0-11-0), Northville (10-14-5) and Plymouth (25-14-1) in pool play, earning a second seed for bracket play. The Wildcats then defeated seventh-seed Northville 25-14, 25-19 in the quarterfinals and Salem 25-21, 25-22 in the semifinals before losing the conference title to Churchill 25-19, 25-10.

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Novi sophomore Katie Enright gets up and hits over the block during a game against Wayne Memorial in the KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament.

Advertisement for Keith J. Pierce, MD Internal Medicine, 38525 Eight Mile Road Livonia, MI 48152. Features a scale and the text 'FREE WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM' and 'NEW PATIENTS'.

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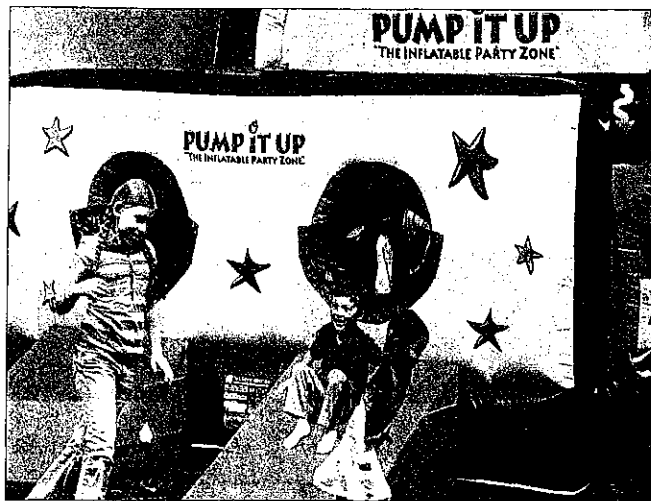
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Pump it Up offers inflatable playgrounds

1. Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature. Pump It Up is part of the nation's largest franchise of giant, indoor inflatable playgrounds. Our inflatables range from slides to bounce houses and obstacle courses that stand nearly two stories high. Private parties for birthdays, team, school events, etc. are available to everyone from toddlers to adults and are reserved in advance. We also offer Pop-In-Play times throughout the week where our facility is open to the public.



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2. How did you first decide to open your business? I've been involved in the franchise industry for more than 15 years. I own and operate several other franchise concepts in the lodging and food sectors, so when I heard that Pump It Up was for sale in Wixom, I jumped at the opportunity. This business is all about fun! There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the smiles of the children and adults who come to our facility.

3. Why did you choose Wixom? Pump It Up was previously operated under a different owner in Wixom. There is nothing else in the area like Pump It Up that offers a safe and private party experience, so many families were very disappointed when the venue closed. I knew that reopening

Pump It Up has reopened in Wixom and offers large inflatable slides, bounce houses and obstacle courses for private parties.

interacting with their children on our inflatables.

4. What makes your business unique? Pump It Up is unlike any party venue in the area. The franchise originated the indoor, inflatable party concept, and unlike most other party facilities that host special events, our focus is on providing a private and safe party environment. This way, parents have the comfort of knowing all the guests that are

interacting with their children on our inflatables.

5. How has it changed since you opened? We've remodeled parts of the building to really give the location a face lift. Also, we're launching new programs that the previous owners of Pump It Up in Wixom did not offer. We are now offering Glow Parties, featuring a combination of black lights, outer space lasers, and even an incredible LED light

shows synchronized to music. In December, our facility will roll out Jump-N-Art, an enrichment camp that combines play time on the inflatables with art classes for our guests. This camp will be a great option for parents looking for creative and fun ways to keep their kids active during their breaks from school.

6. Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with

DETAILS

Your Name/Title: Nawar Zama, owner Your Hometown: West Bloomfield Business Opened When: Sept. 12, 2009 Number of Employees: 27 Hours of Operation: Reserved for private parties, check the Web site for open play times. Your Business Specialty: Private parties for a variety of special occasions, including birthdays, school outings, sports team gatherings, team building event, and more. Phone: (248) 912-1090 Web site: www.pumpitupparty.com

our readers?

There was very little time between my decision to re-open Pump It Up and the day that we opened our doors. Few people knew that I was even thinking about buying the facility in Wixom. So when one of my neighbors saw me running the party that they were attending, they were very surprised! I told them my story over cake and pizza in our party room.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business? The recession has forced us to get creative. We're always looking for ways to attract new families to our facility as well as bring back the families that have already been to Pump It

Up several times in the past. Our new programs, such as the Glow Parties, have allowed us to really separate ourselves from the competition.

8. Any advice for business owners? Surround yourself with people who are as passionate about the business as you are. You can't do it all yourself, so having the right staff in place makes all the difference.

9. What's in store for the future of your business? We are constantly evolving in order to cater to our customers' changing needs. In the near future, we hope to launch our structured Corporate Team Building program, which allows adult professionals to build their communication and cooperation skills through interaction on our inflatables. In addition to niche programs like Corporate Team Building, we are also catering to children and families who are looking for a unique and fun place to celebrate important milestones in their lives, like sweet 16 birthdays and bar and bat mitzvahs.

Finally, Pump It Up is heavily involved in supporting the Autism Society of America and providing children with Autism a safe place to play. Next April, we plan to host a large fund-raising event and get our local community involved in raising awareness and funds for children with autism and their families.

Michigan Tax Conference

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants presents the Michigan Tax Conference from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, and Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Rock Financial Services, 4600 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

MACPA's Michigan Tax Conference is back for the third year as the second largest tax conference in the nation. This year will include special tax ethics, some AICPA and speeches by state Treasurer Robert J. Kleine and Speaker of the House Andy Dilkon. National tax experts including Harley Duncan, Jim Eads, Paul Frankel, Joe Huddeber, Doug Lindholm and Tim McCormally will speak on tax issues ranging from the Michigan Business Tax application and lessons learned from the first filing season to ethical/professional challenges confronting state tax professionals.

This event provides the flexibility to attend both days or each day separately.

The two-day event fees are \$480 for MACPA/State Bar members and \$630 for non-members.

• Pricing for each one-day only option for MACPA/State Bar members is \$270 and \$370 for non-members.

• When enrolling multiple attendees from the same organization, save \$50 off the two-day fee or \$25 off the one-day option after enrolling one full-price registrant.

Register at www.michcpa.org using course code MTC. Call (888) 977-4273.

Community Financial one of the 'best and brightest' companies

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 program is presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Association

(MBPA).

Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Monticoney.

"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!"

New AT&T store opening

A new AT&T store will be opening in Novi Town Center in November and will provide a one-stop shopping experience for wireless customers with a wide variety of cellular and bundled calling plans and the latest in wireless accessories.

"The new AT&T store is a great addition to Novi Town Center for shoppers looking for the right cell phones and calling plans for their lifestyles," said Jim Clear, Novi Town Center manager. "Along with their extensive selection of phones and accessories, the store will

feature expert advice from their knowledgeable staff."

The AT&T store will be located at 26050 Novi Road in the center. For more information about AT&T stores, visit www.att.com

Toastmasters International turns 85

Eighty-five years ago (on Oct. 22), Dr. Ralph C. Smedley held the first official Toastmasters meeting in the basement of a YMCA in Santa Ana, Calif. Not even Dr. Smedley could have envisioned the history he was making on that day. The organization that started as a small group of people dedicated to teaching after-dinner speeches to young men has evolved into a worldwide leader in communication and leadership development.

Since that first meeting in 1924, more than 4 million people have benefited from the Toastmasters experience.

Locally, Toastmasters Club at Walsh Novi, meets at Walsh College Novi Campus on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8 a.m. The general public is invited to visit a meeting and learn more about what Toastmasters has to offer. Contact Mary Anne Britton at (810) 231-9447 for more information.

"Toastmasters' long-term success and growth is a tribute to Dr. Smedley's vision," says Toastmasters International President Gary A. Schmidt. "He understood that communication isn't optional and leadership isn't always innate, but both can be learned through doing."

Today, Toastmasters' 250,000-plus active members participate in over 12,500 clubs spanning 106 countries. From Dubai to New Zealand, Saskatchewan to Connecticut, each day thousands of Toastmasters participate in meetings to learn and practice valuable communication and leadership skills in a supportive environment.

Goldfish Swim School makes a splash

The temperature outside may be dropping, but inside Goldfish Swim School of Farmington Hills conditions are always ideal

for learning how to swim. With two 90-degree pools, cabana-style changing rooms and a Caribbean themed décor, this tropical setting opens its doors to the public for a grand opening party on Friday, Oct. 30 from 4-8 p.m.

The Goldfish Swim School Grand Opening Party will offer the community an opportunity to tour the facility and meet Olympic gold medal swimmer Peter Vanderkaay. Children who attend the event will receive fun giveaways and those ages 12 and under who dress in a fish costume will be entered in a drawing to win a birthday pool party at Goldfish.

The Goldfish Swim School is Michigan's first aquatic facility dedicated entirely to indoor swim classes and programs for children, ages 4 months to 12 years. This fun environment eliminates the anxiety and chill that often accompanies traditional swimming lessons by providing warm-water pools, small class sizes and a focus on perpetual learning that allows children to progress naturally.

Instead of lessons that start and stop with the seasons, Goldfish students go year-round and are less likely to forget what they've learned.

Brian and Hope Bayer of Northville entered their three children at the first Goldfish Swim School in Birmingham. They were so impressed with the school's unique approach they decided to become owners of their first franchise.

"Our children love Goldfish, because it's fun and they feel safe in the water," says Hope. "We saw this as a great business opportunity but an even greater opportunity to share this amazing concept with our friends and neighbors here in western Oakland County. Brian and I are excited to begin helping area children learn a skill they'll keep for life."

Classes for all ages and skill levels began Oct. 19. Goldfish Swim School is located at 22710 Haggerty Road, just north of Nine Mile Road. For more information on the school or the upcoming event go to goldfish-swimschool.com or call (248) 596-1914.

Mems are to be posted at http://matprenticeorg.com/events.html.

- Detroit Free Press

Prentice offers \$30 deal at No. VI Chophouse

The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group launched a new promotion Tuesday, offering guests a three-course dinner and glass of wine for \$30 per person at its four fine-dining restaurants Monday through Friday for the rest of the year.

The promotion, called Three'sThirty-One, is available at No. VI Chophouse in Novi.

The economy has caused many consumers to consider fine-dining venues suitable only for special occasions, company president Matt Prentice said. The promotion is designed to put them within reach of more dining, more often.

The offer cannot be combined with other promotions, including gift cards, gift certificates or frequent-diner promotions and is not available for private functions or catered events.

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- Detroit Free Press

Advertisement for 'Complete 10' X 10' Kitchen Installed!' featuring various kitchen fixtures like Silestone, Granite Counter Tops, and Pergo Laminate Flooring. Price is \$11,850.





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- Check alternator output

**\$29<sup>95</sup>**

Dead battery or draw concern require added diagnosis. Must present coupon when order is written. GM vehicles only. Cannot be combined with any other specials. Plus tax and shop supplies. Valid only in our service department. Expires 11/12/09

**Front-End Alignment Balance & Rotate Tires**

**Goodwrench**

Includes:

- Set toe-in on applicable vehicles
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- Caster or camber adjustments are extra
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