

PUBLIC I NOVI NOW lynch to speak at **IBK** Novi Public Library Renowned author Thomas Lynch will be the quest speaker at the Friends of the Novi Public Library's 50TH Jubilee Celebration on Friday, Oct. 8 from 6-9 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, Lynch, National Book Award Finalist, will discuss • "Apparition & Late Fictions" and his highly anticipated November 2010 release, a collection of poems, "Walking Papers". Both books will be available for sale and Lynch will do signings. Lynch has read and lectured at universities and literary centers around the world and has appeared on C-SPAN, MSNBC and The Today Show. His essays, poems and stories have appeared in The Atlantic and Granta, The New York Times and Times of London, The New Yorker and Paris Review and more. His work was the subject of PBS Frontline's film documentary, The Undertaking, which aired nationwide in 2007 and won the 2008 Emmy Award for Arts and Culture Documentary. Lynch, a longtime resident of Milford, has been a funeral director there since 1974. This year, the Friends of the Novi Public Library celebrates 50 years of volunteer service to the library and Novi community. In

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Council OKs speed limit changes

Decision not yet made on segments near two schools.

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Another wave of speed limit changes are coming to Novi roads. In an effort to comply with the

Uniform Traffic Code, which requires traffic control orders issued by a traffic engineer and approved by the city council to be on file for the enforcement of speed limit signs, nine segments of road in Novi could see increases in speed.

According to the Traffic Improvement Association, speed limits are set based on the number of drive openings or the 85th percentile speed.

The 85th percentile speed is "the speed at, or below which, 85 percent of the traffic is moving."

Brian Coburn, city engineer, said for a speed limit sign to be fully enforceable it has to have a traffic control order behind it.

"We looked at all the speed limits we have in place and identified those that lacked proper documentation and we are going back and addressing those," he said.

The goal is to have all road segments on file by the end of the year. There is some concern that increas-

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TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS

Approved

• 13 Mile Road: Meadowbrook to Haggerty roads; 45 mph (was 40 mph) West Park Drive: 12 Mile to West roads; 45 mph (was 40 mph) Crowe Drive: Novi Road to Ingersol Drive; remaining at 25 mph · Ingersol Drive: Crescent Blvd. to Crowe Drive; remaining at 25 mph Crescent Drive: Novi Road to Town Center Drive; 30 mph (was 25 mph) Town Center Drive: Crescent Blvd. to 11 Mile and Grand River Avenue to 11 Mile: 30 mph (was 25 mph)

Awaiting approval

 Novi Road: 12 Mile to 7,640 feet south of 13 Mile; 45 mph (is 40 mph) Novi Road: 1,640 feet south of 13 Mile to 13 Mile; 45 mph (is 35 mph) • Novi Road: 13 Mile to 14 Mile roads; 45 mph with 30 mph school speed zone (is 40 mph) Meadowbrook Road: 12 Mile Road to Meadowbrook Elementary; remaining at 35 mph Meadowbrook Road: 13 Mile Road to Meadowbrook Elementary; 35 mph with 25 mph school speed zone (is 25 mph)

Breaking down barriers

Ambassadors help make transition to high school easier

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Sara Hudgens is a year removed from wandering the halls of Novi High School for the first time as a wide-eved and anyious freshman



April 1960, a small group of citi zens founded Novi's first library. The Friends is a non-profit group of dedicated individuals committed to supporting the Novi Public Library in a variety of functions.

This event is open to the public. Cost to attend is \$10 and includes the presentation by Lynch and book signing, refreshments, strolling exhibits, live music by world musician Ara Topouzian, a silent auction and a one-year membership to the Friends of the Novi Public Library.

Current friends members are encouraged to attend free of charge. Contact friends@novilibrary.org for advance membership or more information.

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Now the sophomore is part of a group of more than 60 students who want to help others make that transition to high school an easier one. The group, called the New

Student Ambassador Team, was created by the high school counselors and the Novi Interact Club to make all freshmen and transfer students feel more comfortable in their new surroundings.

Hudgens, who took several freshmen on tours of the school last week, said they had many of the same questions she did last year.

"It's difficult as a freshman," she said. "The teachers are very helpful but I think it's better coming from a student. "Hopefully this gives them more confidence."

Counselor Amy Kilgore said she was shocked at the response she received from the upperclassmen at the school as 86 students applied to be ambassadors. About 60 students have gone through training and have been meeting with students during registration.

Every freshman at the high school will receive a handwritten letter from an ambassador, and the students will

be available on the first few days of school to help them get The team consists of female

receive upperclassmen ambassadors to help them get acclimated to the school.

like them. "This has been the most inspirational and exciting thing that has happened for me since I've been (at the high school)," Kilgore said.

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Police command group agrees to concessions

acclimated.

City manager says he is hopeful more do the same

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Novi Mayor David Landry was effervescent in his praise of the city's police command group last Monday after the city council approved \$48,000 in wage/benefit concessions from the 12 union members.

The concessions will help the city with meeting the

\$1.1 million cost reduction target that is part of the 2010-11 budget, and also could encourage other groups in the city to do the same.

"This is almost culturedefining," Landry said. "This is leadership at its best because it's action."

The previous contract the command group had was approved before the economic struggles tightened its grip on

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the city. The members were the only group in the city due a raise this year, but under the new contract will be giving it back. They also were one of the

expired contract and be in negotiations.

not in a position to be giving raises," Landry said.

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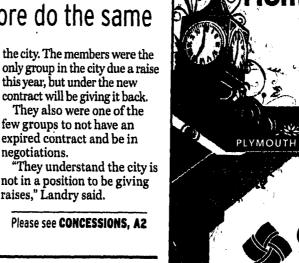
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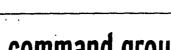
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and male students from various racial and social groups, and allows the new students to be paired up with someone



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi High School Principal Carol Diglio goes over schedules and concerns with incoming freshmen Brian Stewart, left, and Ali Taha. The two freshmen will

will remain the same for 2011 and 2012 with a 2.5 percent increase coming in 2013. It also includes replacing their current Blue Cross Blue Shield plan with Community Blue and contributing 10 percent of the health care premium.

do so.

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Mayor Pro tem Bob Gatt said the fact the 12 members made up of lieutenants and sergeants, voluntarily made concessions speaks volumes. "These are the men who make the decisions day in and day out and they should be commended for stepping

of jobs, and the command

this year and those wages

up to the plate and recognizing an economic problem," he said. Pearson said he hopeful more groups will come forward with concessions as well. "I think everyone has taken a hard look at what the police command group did and realize that things aren't going to

better any time soon," he said. nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

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Jason Shah, left, and Van Iszler, both age 7, wind down summer at Novi's Lakeshore Park beach with little thought to the dreaded back-to-school mantra.

FROM PAGE A1 ing the speed limits will cause people to drive even faster, but Coburn noted that the changes in speed limits on 10 segments of road last year hasn't been an issue. The average change after the new speed limits were posted was plus-0.8 miles per

LIMITS

"People tend to not understand that drivers, no matter what the speed is posted, are driving at a certain speed already based on their comfort level with the road." he

said. "Generally people don't hike their speed up when we repost." The Novi City Council approved traffic control orders for seven segments of road last Monday and requested more

information regarding five others The speed limit on 13 Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Haggerty Roads and on West Park Drive from 12 Mile to West Road is now 45 miles per hour. A 30 mph speed limit is now in place on Crescent Boulevard from Novi Road to Town Center Drive and on Town Center Drive om Crescent to 11 Mile Road

and from Grand River Avenue to 11 Mile Road. Council member Andrew Mutch said he had qualms about two areas on Meadowbrook and Novi Roads that are close to schools as well as a segment on Novi Road that has pedestrian walkways close to the road.

The proposal is to increase the speed on Novi Road from 13 Mile to 14 Mile to 45 mph and enforce a school speed zone of 30 mph. On Meadowbrook between 13 Mile and Meadowbrook

"The concern I have is the elementary schools are used all hours of the day not just during school hours," he said, noting that raising the limit could pose a safety issue. Rob Hayes, public services director and city engineer,

said they are going to look with.

at the pedestrian flow to the schools before, after and during the school day to see what type of traffic they are dealing **Recommendations fol**lowing that research will brought back to the council for approval. ist for a rolling

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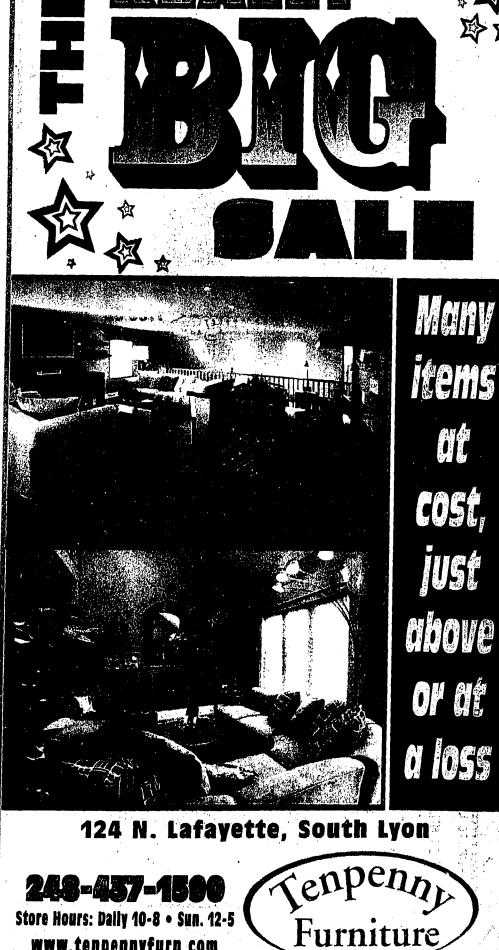
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Charity organization is eager to help community

Plan is for group to be operational in 2011

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The city is home to several

successful businesses, mil-

lion dollar homes and one of

the best school districts in the

But Zerkich said all of that

sometimes masks the prob-

"In terms of what a poor

person or a person in need

looks like in Novi it's differ-

ent," he said. "We do have eco-

nomic issues in this city, and a

lot of people don't know where

churches are in the process of

nity-wide benevolence organi-

zation to help people through

The churches have teamed

Love In the Name of Christ, a

helps people with basic needs

such as food, shelter, clothing,

The organization has 130

affiliates nationwide with the

closest one to Novi located in

United Methodist Church is

board, said she is "super excit-

asm to grow once people start

"When our church looks

at what we can do as a small

church, we are sometimes

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Rev. June Smith, whose Novi

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non-profit organization that

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Soon they will. A group of nine Novi

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First Baptist of Novi: Pastor Gary Elfner, 45301 W. Eleven Mile Road, Michael Zerkich under-248-349-3477 stands there is a sense of deni-The Relational Church: Pastor Michael Zerkich, 24139 Brentwood Court, al about people in need living

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Crosspointe Meadows Church: Pastor Danny Langley, 29000 Meadowbrook Road, 248-669-9400

overwhelmed," she said. "We forming the city's first commu- do what we can, but to know we will be working side-byside with other churches or other community organizations to augment what we can do, we are thrilled."

Zerkich, who is the pastor of the Relational Church, is serving as the acting director while the organization gets off the ground. He said they are already helping two or three families and "we haven't even opened our doors."

The first order of business for the organization is appointing a board of directors. There will be a presentation for people interested in joining the board or helping the organization on Oct. 8-9. The Oct. 8 meeting is from 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. to get more informember churches.

mation, and the Oct. 9 meeting is from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

for those looking to get into a leadership role. Both meetings are at Faith Community Presbyterian Church. "This is a grand opportunity for people to bring their talents together collectively," he said.

The goal is to be operational in 2011, helping all Novi residents regardless of if they go to church or not. One of the main areas Smith wants to focus on is educational support to help people get back to school and back to work.

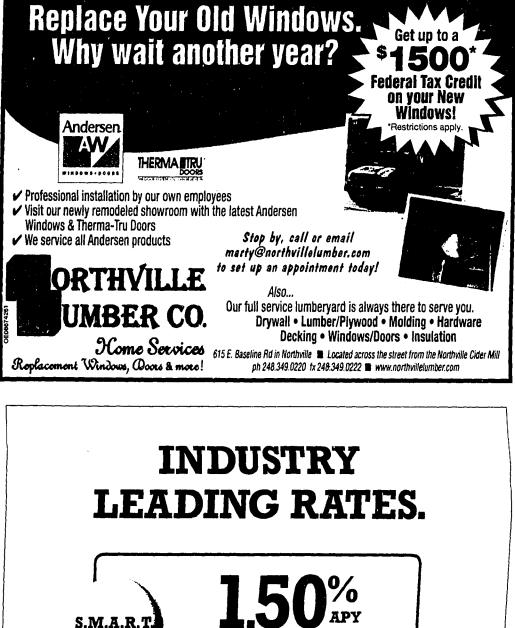
"There is a spirit in this town of people wanting to take care of each other and this is an extension of that spirit," she said. For more information about Love INC, visit www.loveinc. org or call one of the nine

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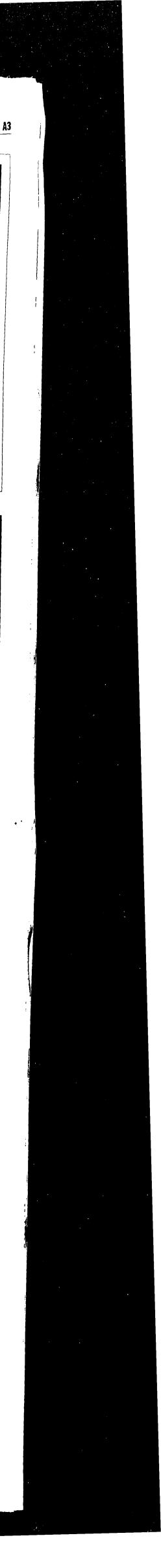


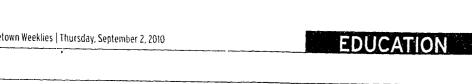


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They spent their summer

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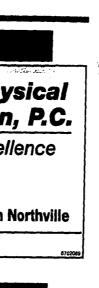
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Making a difference

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Friends Lauryn Zwarych, Morgan Krupic and Maddie Kohne, all 12, organized The Helping Hands team this summer to to the high school in the fall to raise funds for the Autism Alliance of Michigan by selling shirts and other items.

FUND-RAISING ITEMS T-Shirts – \$12 Drawstring bags - \$10 Sweatpants – \$22 Sweatshirts - \$30 To place an order or make a donation, contact Traci Grant at tjgrant@gmail.com.

The name of their team is The Helping Hands and it's depicted in their logo with hands for the eyes and the mouth. They also used a font that was kid-like as a way to show they wanted to she is amazed by the girls' help kids who have autism. drive and their ability to The logo is on T-shirts,

drawstring bags, sweatpants and sweatshirts. They started by selling their products to family and friends, and today will be selling them in the Town Center of the DTE cafete-

Last month, the girls gave a presentation to DTE Energy CFO and co-founder of the Autism of Alliance of Michigan Dave Meador as well as 10 other DTE leaders.

Susan Lerch, president and CEO of AA of MI, said take on a leadership role

and be successful. Lerch also invited them to sell their apparel at the Autism Speaks Walk in October at the Palace of Auburn Hills. "I am so impressed when

kids want to make a difference for other kids," she said. Zwarych said she felt the impact of their work first-

hand this summer when she was up north camping with her family and met a woman whose grandson was autistic. "It feels good to be help-

ing other kids," she said.

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Catholic girls school update

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High school Principal Carol Diglio called the program "critical" because the school lost its seminar program as it makes the switch to a six-period schedule this year. She also wants to bring eighth-graders shadow a student and get a feel for the school.

in the fall of 2011. "The more we can work on the culture of the school and break down barriers the better we will be," she said. Kilgore said she feels the team is already having a positive impact and is going to make the high school an even

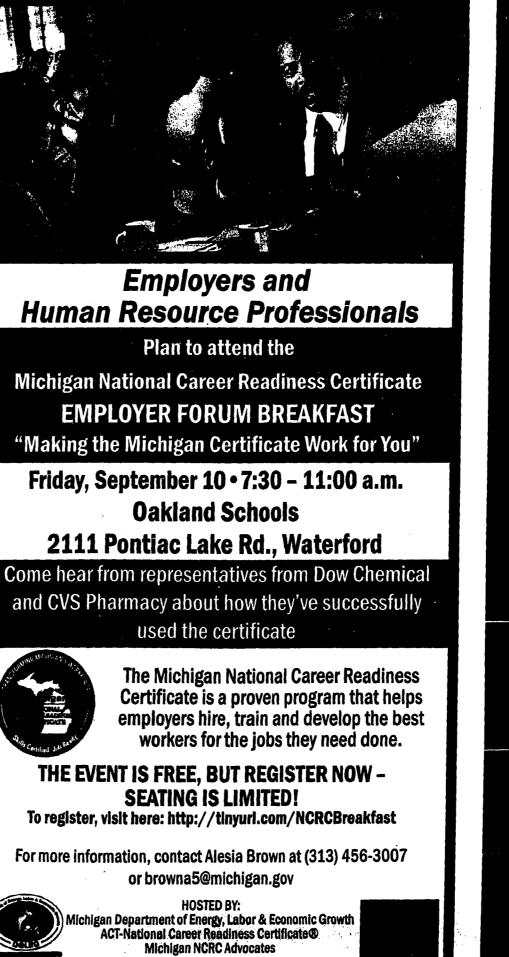
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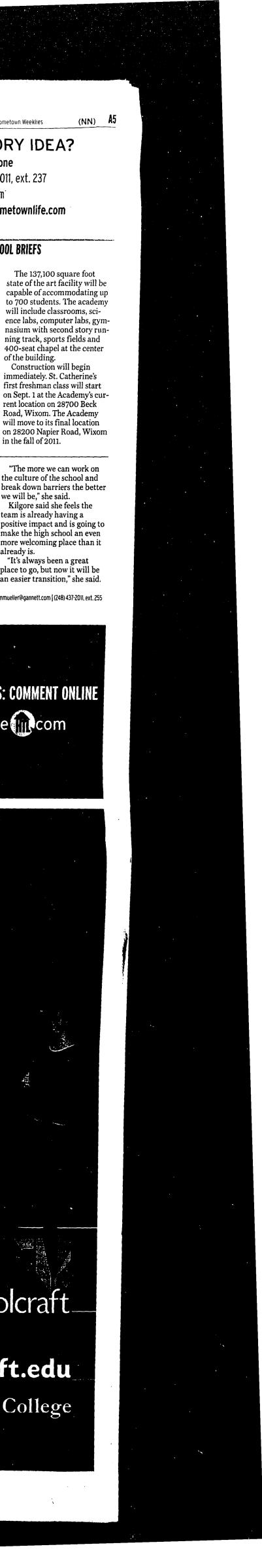
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PAMELA E. AHONEN Age 56, passed away, August 27th, A lifelong resident of Milford, died,

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1954, in Detroit, daughter of Stanley home surrounded by his loving famand Blanche Peters. Pam was a lov- ily. He is survived by his beloved ing and devoted mother. She enjoyed wife of 10 years, Carolyn; daughters, taking long walks and being out- Teresa (Scott) Berres, Deanna doors. She loved animals, but most (flance Tom Baker) Kovac; son, importantly, she loved being with her David (Paige) Lutomski; grandchilfamily. She is survived by: her dren, Brandon and Kimberly Berres, beloved children, Nicole (Brian) Faith and Stone Lutomski, Corey and Madden, Joseph Ahonen, her mother Blake Baker; brothers, Matt (Rodger Blanche Peters and her brothers, Chrysler) Dick, Dayle (Jaki) Dick, Timothy (Janis) Peters and Stephen Robert (Ellen) Dickman; and many Age 69, of Northville, passed away Peters. She will also be survived by nieces, nephews, extended family August 28, 2010. He was born July her granddaughter, expected in members and dear friends that join 28, 1941 in Detroit to John and December. She was preceded in with the family in mourning his Maxine (Byrne) Martin. death by her father Stanley and her death and giving thanks to God for November 25, 1964 he married the former husband Thomas. A Liturgy of his life among them. A Memorial love of his life Jane A. Higdon; he the Word funeral service will be held Service will be held on Saturday, was very devoted to her. He worked on Tuesday, September 7th at 11:00 August 28, 2010, 11 AM, at the as an Internal Auditor with AAA in AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Dearborn for many years until his 122 W. Lake St. Online Guestbook at: Main St., Milford. Family and friends retirement. Jack enjoyed spending www.phillipsfuneral.com

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BETTY MAY DAVIS Passed away peacefully at her home on Aug 22, 2010, She was born Betty

Durocher on Feb 22, 1930. She lived in the South Lyon area in the 1960s and worked at Jimmy's restaurant and Andy's Steakhouse. She is survived by all her children including local residents Charles Bennett, George Bennett, Steven Davis and 1901. He was born on March 27th, many grandchildren and great-issue of the late bond for the late bond of the late bonations in Celia's name may be grandchildren. If you remember our Joseph and Elizabeth Kovatch. In made to the Alpha-1 Foundation. mother we would be very grateful to June of 1987, Joseph was united in hear your memories of her. E-mail marriage to his beloved wife Mary. steven2063@chartermi.net and you He worked at the Ford-Rouge steel can visit her guest-book at: plant for 38 years prior to his retirewww.borekjennings.com or mail 63 ment. Joe enjoyed fishing and was Emerald Cir, Whitmore Lk, MI 48189 an avid hunter. He is survived by:



CHRIS G. DICK

2010. She was born on July 29, Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at



RICHARD PAUL DORRANCE Catholic Cemetery. Contributions and Age 58, of Gaylord, MI (formerly of Highland, MI) passed away Sunday, August 15, 2010. He is survived by Age 63, August 26, 2010. Long time his wife, Julie; two young sons, companion of Maria and her family; Patrick and Daniel; his daughters, Jennifer (Ron), Jocelyn, Makayla & Shari (Scott) Roselle of Milford and Son Funeral Rome in Gaylord, Mil.



WILLIAM ROBERT JARRATT

South Lyon, MI, age 87, died on Monday, August 30, 2010 at University of Michigan Hospital. He was born April 21, 1923 in Windsor, Canada, the only child of William James Jarratt and Margaret Burns Moore Jarratt. He became a U.S. citizen to join the August 24, 2010. Beloved husband Air Corp and was stationed in the ind Donald Covell. Brother of After the war ended, he attended and

Church. 5221 Church St., Dixboro, followed by food and fellowship. to the Michigan Heart Association.

JOSEPH A. KOVATCH his beloved wife Mary, his children. Joe (Sharon), Jeff (Katina), Vicki (Phillip) Stanny, Sherry (Rich) Franz, his adoring grandchildren, Krystine, Shannon, John, Joey, Max, Ashley Andrew, Alex and Cooper. He is also survived by his sisters, Joanne Richardson and Diane Mahaney. Visitation was held on Sunday, August 29th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A liturgy of the Word funeral service was held on Monday, August 30th. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart

Association. Online Guestbook at:

www.phillipsfuneral.com

JOHN "JACK" MARTIN

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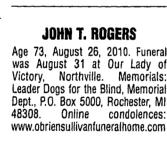
may gather beginning at 10 AM until time at his beloved Lake Ann home time of service. The Rev. Dr. R. and coordinating games and crafts John Harris to officiate. Memorials during the Martin family gatherings. may be made to the American He was an avid boatsman and was a Cancer Society or the American soccer coach in Northville for many Heart Association. For further infor- years. Jack adored all of his grand-O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home. Funeral Home 248.684.6645 or visit: found out about the future addition www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com He is survived by his beloved wife Jane; his children, Kristen (Larry) Schlagheck, Lisa (Chad) Wiltrakis, Erin (Scott) Krueger, and J.P. (Ann) Martin; his grandchildren, Will, Emma, Grace, Evelyn, Sophie,

Charlie, Ava, Anne, and Jake; and his brother William Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Michael, and his grandsons Jack and Martin. A funeral mass was held last Wednesday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Jack was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre

suggested to Our Lady of Victory 133 Orchard, Northville, MI 48167. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

ANNA RAIL

Age 81, August 24, 2010. Funera neralhome.com





CELIA ANNE WILLIAMS NEE BLOOM

is survived by wife Norma, son graduated from Eastern Michigan Timothy, daughter-in-law Janet, son University and received a bachelor of Peter, daughter-n-law Karrie, son arts, major in English and literature William, daughter-in-law Libby, and and later a special education teachgrandchildren: Marguerite, Seth, Daniel, Caitlin, Georginna, Thomas, Landon and Carly. William was an angle distribution of the Northville ISEP program as a acclaimed architect, loving husband, special education teacher and for the father, and grandfather, who loved Michigan Department of Corrections his family, banjo and haven here. He as a basic education teacher until her will be sorely missed. A memorial retirement in 2002. Celia was surservice will be held Tuesday, Sept. 7 vived by children Robert (Sharon) G at 4:00 at Dixboro United Methodist Williams Jr. of Westland, MI; Eve (Barb) Williams of Pittsford, NY Kirstin Williams of Fenton, MI: and Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association. John Williams of Ann Arbor; sister Martha (Dick) Lyon; grand children Jesse (Crystal) Williams, Avery, Giovanni and Avery Williams. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am, September 4 at the First

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Or fax to: 313-496-4968 · Attn: HTWObits For more information calls Char Wilson 586-826-7082 Liz Keiser 586-977-7588 The first seven "billed" lines of an obituary are published at no cost. All additional lines will be charged at \$3 per line. You may place a photo of your loved one for an additional cost of \$25. Symbolic emblems may be included at no cost (example: American Flags, religious symbols, etc.)

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Sun, Water and Seeds 4-H students gathered at the MSU Tollgate Farm last Saturday to sell some of the produce they've grown over the summer. (From left) Jonathan George, 13, Claire Berschbach, 13, Sydney Clark, 13, Samantha Bates, 13, Lindsay Clark, 17, and Allison Learner, 17.

Youth get chance to grow

4-H club gives kids valuable business experience

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

People searching for fresh produce grown locally have made farm stands a hot commodity

And for a group of students involved in the 4-H Youth Gardens and Farm Stands

Project, it has turned into an educational experience as well. The Sun, Water and Seeds 4-H Club at MSU Tollgate Farm has been growing and selling its produce every other Saturday since June, and the students involved have a new perspective on what it takes to eat healthy and run a success-

ful business. "It's a great experience because they learn about the produce they normally only see in the store and get an understanding of where it comes from," said Mary Hutka, volunteer coordinator. "And from an adult perspective, they learn business skills ... and those translate to any occupa-

The club started in February and features nearly 15 students ranging in age from 8 to 16. With the help of parent volunteers, the students work in the gardens, learn about the different vegetables and how they relate to nutrition and learn about entrepreneurship and how to develop business plans. They meet once a week to do their planting, maintenance

and other activities, and on select Saturdays they sell their Walled Lake resident Lindsay Clark. wares.

Lindsav Clark, 17. said she got involved after her sister own vegetables.

produce and learning about the different vegetables," she said.

Alana Hutka, 9, is one of master at weed removal.



Aaron and Alana Hutka, 9, check out some of the tomatoes that members of the Sun, Water and Seeds 4-H program have been growing at MSU Tollgate Farm.

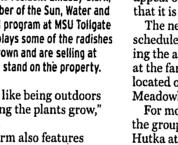


10 17, a member of the Sun, Water and

Seeds 4-H program at MSU Tollgate Farm, displays some of the radishes

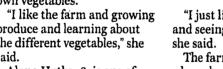
"I just like being outdoors and seeing the plants grow," The farm also features a hoop house, which is an

house, that will allow the club





did, and it has encouraged her they've grown and are selling at to want to eventually grow her their farm stand on the property.



the younger participants and a unheated, sustainable green-

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uled for Sept. 18 during the annual Fall Fair at the farm. The stand is located on the farm at 28115 Meadowbrook Road. For more information about

the group or to join, e-mail Mary Hutka at sunwaterseeds@ gmail.com.

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to continue growing through the winter months. Mary Hutka said even though many students are consumed by various other activi-

ties and many would rather sit inside and play video games

or work on the computer, the appeal of the farm stand is that it is "different." The next farm stand is scheduled for Sept. 18 during the annual Fall Fair at the farm. The stand is located on the farm at 28115 Meadowbrook Road.

For more information about the group or to join, e-mail Hutka at sunwaterseeds@

nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

gmail.com.

online at hometownlife.com





The next farm stand is sched-





online at hometownlife.com

NOVI IN THE SERVICE

Daniel G. Williams Army Pvt. Daniel G. Williams has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individua Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain, and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications. Williams is the son of Melendia M. Grant and stepson of Ebenezer Tackei-Newton of Novi. The private is a 2008 graduate of Novi High School.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Varley & DePerro Dennis and Ro Varley of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Varley, of Novi, to Christopher DePerro, of Grand Blanc, son of Phillip and Karen DePerro of Saucier, Miss. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University and works for Livonia Public

Schools. The groom-elect is a University and works for

Logicalis. an Oct. 8 wedding at St. James Catholic Church.

Zoe Jacklyn Mason Erik and Krista Mason of Novi announce the birth of

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their daughter Zoe Jacklyn Mason. graduate of Michigan State Zoe was born July 4, 2010. She weighed 6 pounds and measured 19 inches at birth.

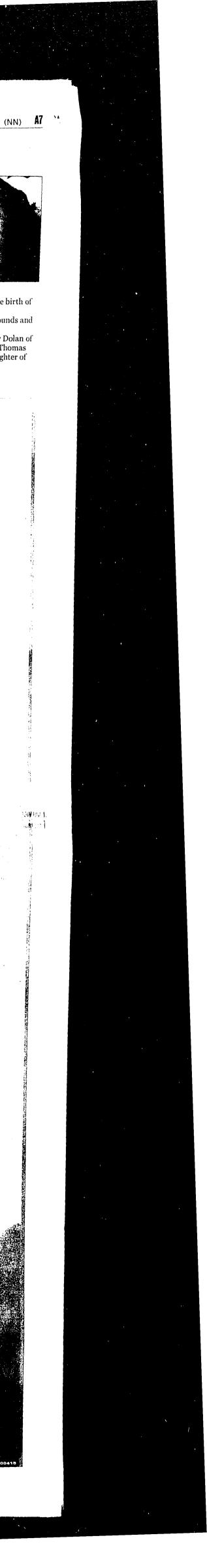
Zoe is the granddaughter of John and Nancy Dolan of The couple are planning Milford and Terry Masserant of Newport and Thomas Kallao of New York. She is the great-granddaughter of Don and Kathleen Rossman of Brighton.

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OUR VIEWS So long, summer Get ready for school and enjoy this weekend

Summer, where have you gone?

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While it's hard to believe, the football teams at Novi and Northville high schools took to the field for the first time last week to kick off the 2010 season. Activity has picked up at all the schools during the last week or so, as teachers and administrators began getting ready for a new school year, which starts on Tuesday. While

many parents are probably celebrating the milestone, and the fact that the kids More than New Year's will be out of their hair, it still seems like yesterday when the kids got out of school season is when school in June.

More than New Year's many families resolve Eve, the back-to-school season is when many famito make changes for lies resolve to make changes for the better. And why not? The start of school is the best time to establish good habits that will help kids succeed in class.

After a summer of staying up late, spending too much time in front of the TV and computer, and eating too much junk food, class. After a summer children are ready for a little more structure in their

Here are several common-sense tips from the American Academy of TV and computer, and Pediatrics and other childadvocacy organizations to eating too much junk help your child get off to a good start.

• Start the day off right ready for a little more by getting your children up in enough time to get ready without rushing and to eat a healthy breakfast.

• Develop a homework routine. • Communicate with

your child about his day. Ask specific questions.

• Check younger students' backpacks for notes, missed assignments, book orders, etc. • Limit the time your child spends in front of the TV

and computer. • Communicate with your child's teacher.

• Spend time at your child's school. • Set a bedtime and stick to it.

• Read with and to your child; get your child a library card.

• Be supportive of your child's teachers and the school system. • Be a positive role model for your children. Let's face it, the beginning of the school year is kind

of like the unofficial end of summer. All we have left, then, is this weekend, - a three-day holiday weekend in which we celebrate Labor Day.

While Labor Day has come to signify summer barbecues and family vacations for most people, its origins date back to the late 1800s and the beginnings of the trade union movement. While it is still a big deal for most union members, many people don't really appreci-ate the meaning of this annual holiday. Of course, with so many people unemployed these days, the appreciation level has probably gained some momentum.

Let's all have a fun (and safe) holiday weekend, but also take a moment and reflect on the meaning of Labor Day and the importance of having a job, and how many people right now are without one. Keep them in your thoughts. If you are fortunate enough to be employed in this job market, you should give thanks. There are far too many who would be happy to change places with you.

And as you are cooking that burger or hot dog, sipping a cold drink and spending time with family, remember how nice Michigan summers are. Autumn is right around the corner, and we all know what comes after that.

CLARIFICATION

Last week's editorial, "Consolidation: Is now the time to combine Novi. Northville school districts?," included this statement: "According to Watkins, a study was done in the mid-1990s that demonstrated an annual countywide savings of up to \$10 million

- but it was never implemented." To clarify, Watkins indicated that "the \$10 million saving was for special education transportation in Wayne County, not just Northville/Novi ... Imagine if reforms were initiated years ago?"

COMMUNITY VOICE

Why do you swim competitively? (Asked of Novi High School swim team members.)



"Because I love the sport and I'm good at it. It's relaxing, and I'm calm when I swim."



Better off with Republican leadership

Letter writer Irene Piccone, in her Aug. 19 letter, is concerned that Democrats may skip the Nov. 2 elections, sweeping Republicans to power in Congress. Since we've had recent history of Republicans leading Congress (1995 to 2006) and Democrats in control (2007 to present), it is easy to compare results of the two parties, as follows:

The average unemployment rate during Republican control was under 5.0 percent, and was about 4.6 percent when they ceded control to the Democrats. Under Democrat control, it has now more than doubled.

 The federal deficit averaged \$200 billion per year under the Republicans. It is now averaging \$1.2 trillion per year under the Democrats.

 Housing values increased about 3 percent per year under the Republicans, and decreased about 9 percent per year under Democrat control.

 The stock market increased by an average of 16 percent per year during the Republican years; it decreased about 5 percent per year under the Democrats.

Maybe some of the Democrats she's concerned about are worried about their jobs, homes and 401(k)s and are waking up to this realization: A Republican-led Congress is a

"I swim because



"Because I like it and people say if I don't swim that I'm wasting a talent."

Jacque Carless

our whole life."

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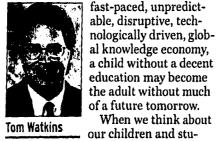
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Novi News for allowing me to share my story and help raise awareness for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure. The heat and humidity Aug. 13-14 challenged the walkers,

GUEST COLUMN Welcome back to school: Public education remains vital in the U.S.

elcome back to school — words that might be dreaded by some students, but celebrated by many students, parents and teachers.

A quality education in America today cannot be considered a luxury, it is a necessity. In today's



education may become the adult without much of a future tomorrow. When we think about our children and students, we need to create every opportunity and condition for

them to be successful learners. Preparation begins with the parents, so here's a message to Mom or Dad or the caretakers of kids: YOU are your children's first and most important and lifelong teacher. Please hug, love and read to them — even before they pop into this world.

Don't stop being engaged as they leave elementary school to enter those challenging teen years — stay involved! Child development brain researchers and Nobel Prize-winning economists have determined that up to 85 percent

of the human brain is developed in the first five years of life (See National Scientific Council on the Developing Child @ http://www.stpt.usf.edu/fsc/ documents/CradleofProsperity.pdf).

Investing in these early years has the best economic impact for the child, community, state and nation. Send your child to school ready to learn, whether it's to kindergarten or senior high school

In today's economic and political rancor, teachers may find it hard to recall why they devote their lives to this vital profession. But teachers DO make a difference and will be re-energized when they see students seated in a classroom ready and eager to learn. Teachers truly touch our collective futures with every lesson taught.

When we stop and think for a moment, public schools - whether traditional or charter - are the true Statues of Liberty in our great country. Can you name another American institution that takes the tired, hungry, poor children, kids with disabilities to give them the opportunity to learn? That is

truly what our schools are all about. If you believe as I do, that our schools are symbolic Statues of Liberty, then teachers are indeed the torch bearers, lighting the way for us all.

THE BEST YEAR EVER! So as the new school year begins, let's remember these three basic ideals: • In spite of the current economic challenges, great things are happening in our schools every day thanks to dedicated educators. • The world is changing in dramatic

ways as educators struggle to embrace and lead these changes. • Our future is sitting in our classrooms today. The vitality of our state, the strength of our economy, the quality of our lives, the vibrancy of our democracy, and our place in the world depends on the quality of our schools. All of us might reflect on the value of a quality education, re-dedicating

ourselves to do our part in assuring our children, ALL of our children, get the education they need and deserve. Let the school year begin. My hope is that this might be the year, as Bill Cecil, Michigan's 2003-04 Teacher of the Year (http://www.bestyearever. net/) calls it in his book, "The Best Year Ever!"

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China. He was Michigan's state superintendent of schools 2001-05. He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

be heard with your own blog at www.hometownlife.com a Democrat-led Congress. **Rick Engelland** Cancer walk kudos I would like to thank Pam Fleming and the

breast cancer.

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by cheering on walkers. cancer will not cure itself. It's up to you and me to do something about it. I look forward

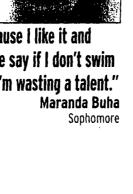
but thanks to many volunteers staffing aid stations along the route and countless cheering supporters, the walkers persevered. Sixty miles later, we stood proudly alongside breast cancer survivors, joyful in the fact we had collectively raised \$5.4 million towards a cure for This is not the finish line, but another step

towards a world without cancer. In the United States, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. Men can also get breast cancer; during the 3-Day I met a woman who had lost her father to breast

The Michigan 3-Day for the Cure is one of 15 similar events taking place across the country this year. I encourage every reader to challenge himself or herself to find a way

to participate in next year's event. Sign up to walk 60 miles or volunteer to staff the aid stations. Make a donation or show your support Cancer is not going to go away on its own;

to walking together with you next year, and every year, until these walks are no longer necessary.



swimming has been my life for the last nine years. It's what I know Becca Berman and love."

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"I swim because my parents got me into it when I was young, and it's a sport that you can do Andrea VanderMey

Rob Mutch



who also is disabled.

said MORC advocate Joe Dzenowagis "It's kind of like rescuing someone," he said

that can make people happy. And the smile on Roberts'

"This is why we do what we

Dental professionals who





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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www. hometownlife.com.

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS Northville-Novi Newcomers

Membership Tea and Kickoff Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8

Location: Northville Hills Golf Club, Main Banquet Room Details: Find out about the many activities the club offers. Tea and sandwiches served; \$8.50 for quests (applied toward membership); complementary for paid

members Contact: Claudia Snyder khunclau dia@hotmail.com/248-374-4093 Teacher Appreciation Day

Date: Sept. 10 Location: Just Baked, Twelve Oaks Mall (second level near Nordstrom) 27500 Novi Road, Novi Details: All day, teachers can receive a free Just Baked cup-

cake of their choice. Teachers must show a school ID in order to receive the cupcake. Contact: www.justbakedshop.com

or call (248) 255-1441. Jordan Rubin visit Time/Date: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday,

Sept. 18 Location: Better Health Store, 42875 Grand River

Details: It's not to late to change your life and experience extraordinary health. Everyone has the potential. So says, Jordan Rubin, nutritional expert, Garden of Life Founder and New York Times best selling author. He will share with you the keys to having better health. Reservations are recom-

mended. Contact: Phone (248) 735-8100. then hit option #2 to RSVP.

Free Varicose Vein Screening at Providence Park Hospital in

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday,

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Sept. 25 Location: The Providence Park Outpatient Center is located at 47601 Grand River Avenue at Beck Road, Enter the campus off of Grand River Avenue and come to the main entrance of the Outpatient Center. Details: Do you or your family suffer with varicose veins and the discomfort they cause? If so, please plan on attending this free screening. You will learn what types of treatment are available for Varicose Veins including surgical procedures, compressive stockings, sclerotherapy and laser ablation. The free screening will be conducted by Comprehensive Vascular Care, P.C. Dr. Kevin Nolan, Dr. William Oppat, Dr. Tamer Boules. Contact: (248) 424-5748 to schedule the time of your screening. Rock Financial Showplace

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600 Michigan Antique Arms Show Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.Saturday Sept. 11; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept.

Details: Adults \$6; members and children under 12 free. This is the largest antique arms collectors show in Michigan. Antique and modern arms and accoutrements, part and accessories, as well as other related merchandise. The show also features historical displays and presentations. Contact: (517) 676-4160 or www. michiganantiquearms.com

Brides Day Bridal Show Time/Date: noon-5 p.m. Sunday,

Sept. 12 Details: Admission \$9. This popular bridal event has fast become a bride's first choice for finding everything she needs to plan her special day, plenty of exhibitors, prizes, fashions, fun and more. Contact: (888) 900-Expo, www. thebridalexpo.com

Michigan Gun & Knife Show Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 Details: Admission \$6. Anyone

under 18 years must be with a responsible adult to attend this show Contact: (517) 676-4160 or www.

migunshows.com





Good deed

When Northville resident Tom Murphy learned that one of his wheelchair Meals on Wheels clients, a stroke victim on his Novi route, needed a ramp to get out of her dwelling, Murphy checked with the government. It would take too long to get approval and financial backing, so his senior golfing buddies agreed to build a ramp for her. She is paying for the wood from Home Depot but these six men -- Murphy, Jim McAmmond of Plymouth, Jay Edmunds of Livonia, Roger Herrington of White Lake, Bill Gardiner of Bloomfield Hills and George Keith of West Bloomfield -- volunteered three days to build a ramp for her. Tom Murphy's golfing buddies chipped in their time and skills. Pictured (I to r) are Herrington, Edmunds and Murphy.

Fall Camper and RV Show Time/Date: 2-9 p.m. weekdays; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday; Oct. 6-10 **Details:** The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds present an expansive event featuring all types of recreational vehicles, parts and accessories, campground information, on site RV financing and RV rentals. Adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$8, senior admission is \$7, and children 12 and under get in opportunities visit the website at free. Discount entry coupon avail- HealthAndBeautyExpo.net or call able on website.

Contact: www.marvac.org Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo Date: Oct. 16-17 Details: This exclusive event is

looking to collaborate with businesses in the Detroit Area to endorse the only expo designed to inspire and encourage individuals to embrace a life of health, beauty, wellness and fitness. The Health,

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event. The Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo will feature 150 exhibitors and a wide variety of demonstrations, seminars and speakers offering information a variety of topics, and it's a free event for the public.

Contact: For general information about The Health, Beauty & Fitness Expo or to inquire more about sponsorship and exhibitor (866) 625-6161.

ever-growing market. Attendance

for the show is expected to be

thousands during the two-day

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third

Tuesdays Location: Rock Financia Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. **Contact**: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer

Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.

online at hometownlife.com

MSU Extension Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi Contact: (248) 858-0887; smithlin@oakgov.com; www.msue.msu. edu/oakland

BUSINESS

American Business Women's Association - ABWA Novi Oaks Charter Chapter Sept

Dinner Meeting Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Sept. 8 Location: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Boulevard, Novi Details: Dinner meeting featuring member and quest speaker, Novi City Councilwoman Kathy Crawford. She will present "Dare to be Great" Why should she try, at age 68, to make a run for Oakland County Commissioner, since she is too optimistic to buy a five- year calendar? It will be an enlightening and entertaining presentation relating to government and participation or lack of participation in our system. Cost is \$16; pre-registration via

PayPal is \$17. Contact: For more information and RSVP by Sept. 3, please visit www.

abwa-novi.org. 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. #201,

Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com. Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31 Location: Main Street, between Grand River Avenue and Novi Road Details: An open-air market featuring fresh and tasty produce, gorgeous plants and flowers, yummy baked goods, honey and jam, sensational crafts and works of art. Presented by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, Bright House Networks and the Toasted Oak Grill. Face painting and artisans. List of vendors available at www.novifarmer: market.com. Closed Sunday, Sept. 5. Sept. 12 Market Day featuring: Asian veg-

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Entertainment: John Latini Face painting and artisans List of vendors available at www. novifarmersmarket.com Networking Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Sept. 8 Location: Carrabba's Italian Grill, 43455 West Oaks Dr., Novi

Chevrolet; \$20 per person. Preregistration required by 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7 **Business to Business Breakfast** Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. Location: Comerica Bank, 47440 Grand River, Novi

breakfast; \$5 payable at door After 5 Networking Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23

53503 W. 10 Mile, South Lyon tion required; \$20 at door. Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every

Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for pro-

fessionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to

attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided. Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail. com; www.metronovibni.com. 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

tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, rhubarb, spinach, broccoli, radishes, turnips, mushrooms, strawberries, cherries, raspberries, blueberries, plums, peaches, cheese, fresh eggs, bedding plants, statice, flower baskets, herbs, baked goods, coffee, jams, sandwiches, and other concessions

Details: Networking luncheon sponsored by Marty Feldman

Details: Networking and a light

Location: Tanglewood Golf Course, Details: Networking and wine tasting; \$15 per person. Pre-registra-

online at hometownlife.com

LOCAL NEWS

Legislation needed to address MEGA audit findings

he confidence of taxpayers is a cornerstone of good government. A recently released state audit of the state's main economic development program has shaken that trust. That is why the Senate Finance Committee last week continued its important hearings on the state auditor general's review of the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) and Michigan Strategic Fund. This was the first performance

audit of the MEGA credit program in its 15-year existence. As a direct result of the audit and the committee's first hearing in May, the Michigan Department

of Treasury has already recovered nearly \$3.1 million in credits that had been over-claimed. This represents only a small sample of the total credits and illustrates the potential financial impact to the state. This audit identified serious problems on validation - or lack of valida-

tion - by the strategic fund regarding critical information needed to qualify for the MEGA tax credit certificates. As chair of the committee, I led the questioning of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) officials - who oversee the fund and MEGA – about the audit's major findings and what actions have been taken to address material issues

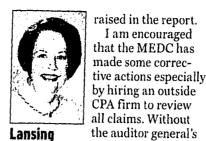
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mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoathost.us. Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi. freetoasthost.us

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; noviro-

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CPA firm to review all claims. Without the auditor general's report, the state Connection would be continuing business as usual Nancy Cassis - potentially put-

ting at risk millions of taxpayer dollars at a time when Michigan faces another billion dollar deficit.

A major finding by the state auditors was that the strategic fund's procedures were not sufficient to validate the summary information detailing job claim and wage data maintained by the companies. Auditors reported 10 of 15 of those sampled, or 67 percent, of companies failed to submit all requested information needed to verify the data for the tax credit and often relied on selfreporting for new jobs and payroll

figures. In the report's material finding. the audit determined "that either the Michigan Strategic Fund or the company inputted formulas or standard amounts for missing data elements

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Sept. 9 - Paul Keller Trio's

Location: 42705 Grand River The Grapevine of Novi thegrapevineofnovi.com "Toast to Nat 'King' Cole"; 7 Live blues Fridays and Saturdays: 8:30-midnight Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at The Post Bar Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 465-9600 Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Hollywood

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Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixxnovi.com Thursday-Saturday:

most alarming finding in the report. We cannot lose sight of what is at stake. Michigan is on track to lose a million jobs this decade. In 2009, the state awarded the largest number of MEGA credits in the program's history, yet Michigan had a net loss of 233,000 jobs last year alone. If the MEDC and the governor created 1.4 million jobs as they claim, Michigan's unemployment rate would be less than 4 percent instead of more than 13 percent.

I am extremely concerned about the impression of MEDC inflating job creation numbers in press releases, especially with the strategic fund's failure to verify job and wage numbers before giving out a number of refundable tax credits. These actions over time could significantly erode the public's trust and result in an inability to measure the program's effectiveness to create jobs. I will soon be introducing several

tecting the state's limited financial resources. I will also be introducing legislation to ensure that wages for these jobs are real and calculated

correctly Information given to legislators

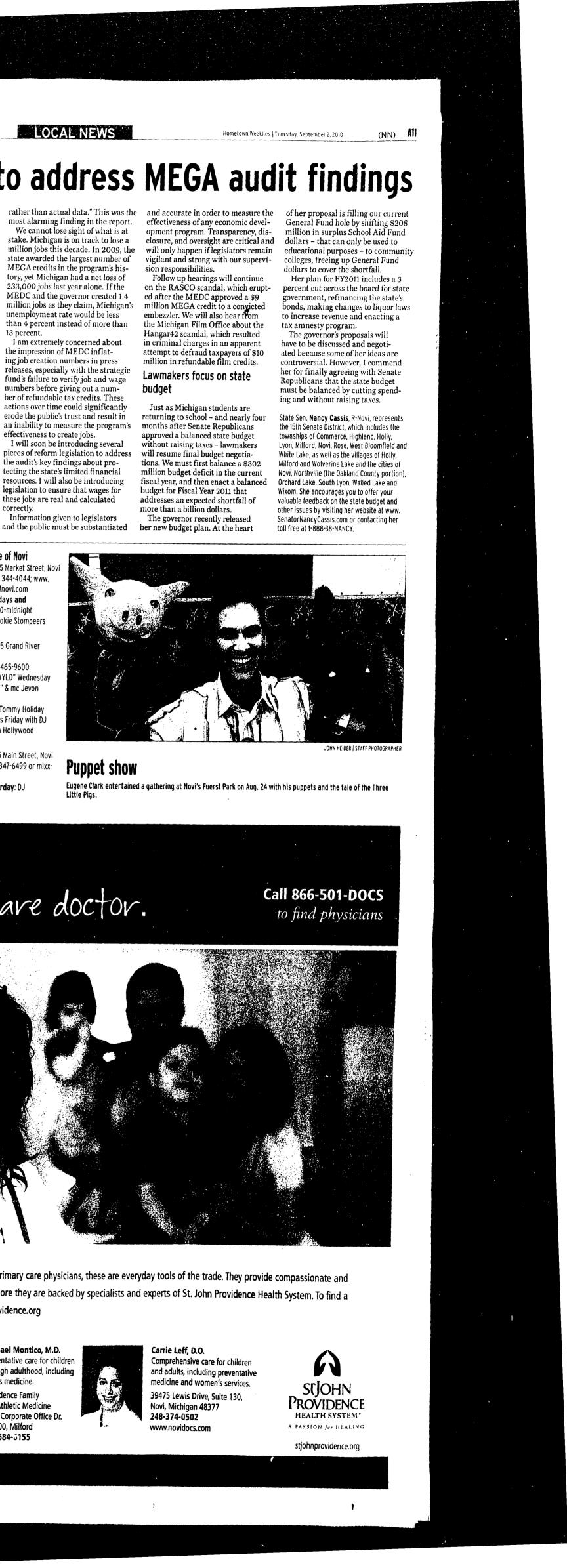
Location: 43155 Market Street, Nov Contact: (248) 344-4044; www. Sept. 3 - Okie Dokie Stompeers Location: 42875 Grand River Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ

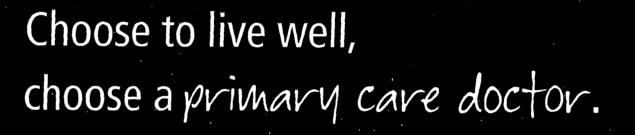
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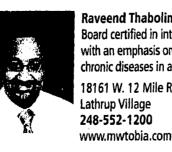
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time

near Beck Road.

Novi police arrested a woman at

4:33 a.m. on Aug. 28 for her second

drunk driving offense after an officer

observed her vehicle crossing over the

center lane line several times while

traveling westbound on Pontiac Trail

According to the report, when the

officer approached the car it smelled

strongly of intoxicants. The woman

said she was going home after drop-

ping a friend off in South Lyon, but

when told she was coming from the

wrong direction she said it was a

The woman failed field sobriety

breath test at the scene. When the

officer attempted to put her in hand-

cuffs, the woman tried to pull away

from the officer several times before

The officer also found an open

bottle of alcohol on the front passen-

woman agreed to take a breath test

drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

At the Novi Police Department the

and registered a blood alcohol content

The woman was issued a citation

for operating while intoxicated second

offense, open intoxicant and resisting

arrest. She was released pending issu-

tests and refused to take a preliminary

friend's house in Wixom.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS.

Drunk driver caught for second ance of a warrant.

Car keyed at Novi home

2 A Novi man had his Lincoln LS keyed overnight on Aug. 23 while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Chase Drive.

The owner discovered multiple scratches on all four doors of the vehicle as well as on the hood, trunk and roof.

He did not know who would have vandalized his car and will be contacting his insurance company to have the car repainted.

Car broken into at Novi High School

3 A woman had her Ford Explorer broken into between 10:40 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 24 while it was parked in the staff lot at Novi High

School. The woman said she left her purse in the passenger seat or on the floor when she went inside the school then the library. When she returned, the passenger side window was broken and her purse was gone. Her cell phone was found on the ground.

of .22 percent. The legal limit for adult The purse contained her identification, gift cards and a small amount of cash

Police are reviewing security cameras in the area to determine if any suspects or suspect vehicles could be

Truck windshield shattered **4** A Novi man had the windshield of his Ford Ranger broken overnight on Aug. 27 while it was parked on the

street on the corner of Broadmoor Park Lane and Northumberland Street. According to the report, it appeared the suspect climbed on the hood and kicked the windshield with their foot.

The victim said he had no idea who committed the act and had no reason to believe he was specifically targeted. Driver nabbed speeding

A 38-year-old woman was arrested Dat 1:32 p.m. on Aug. 28 for drunk driving after she was caught speeding on Taft Road near Nine Mile Road. According to the report, the officer tracked the vehicle traveling 57 miles per hour in 35 mph zone and it crossed over the center line once.

The woman failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of. 197 percent. The legal limit for adult

drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. She was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation for operating

while intoxicated and released when sober.

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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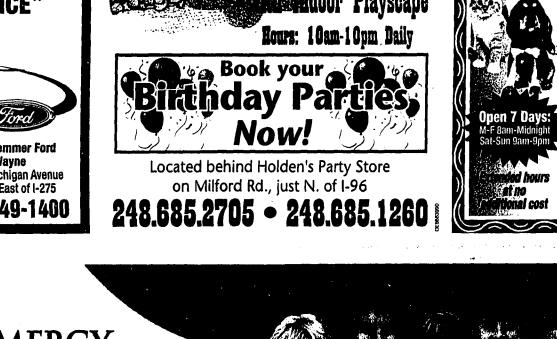
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 Tour the operating room and meet our new da Vinci[®] surgical robot

Kids' Activities

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- Inflatable Bouncers
- Score-O Hockey Game (Get Plymouth Whaters' autographs))
- Clowns, balloon animals and face art Livonia Fire truck, Police, Huron Valley & Concord Ambulance and
- Midwest Medflight Helicopter on site Civil Air Patrol Unit: Livonia Thunderbolt Squadron

Kids' Crafts Entertainment

- Music by the Sunset Boulevard Band
- Road Runner demonstration trailer
- Meet Dora the Explored Detroit Tigers Mascot PAWS
- Magic Shows at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
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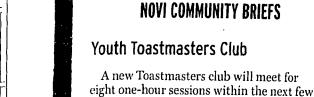


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months. Toastmaster members basically present short speeches to be peer critiqued during the meetings. Organizers are looking for enthusiasm and a positive hardworking attitude from dedicated young adults ages 11-18. The first meeting will be an information session. Call or e-mail Pooja Singhi for more information: (248)-996-5253 or asinghi@yahoo.

online at hometownlife.com

Wanted: Vacation photos!

Take a copy of your Novi News along on your vacation and we'll publish a photo of you and your travel companions in the paper with the headline: Wish You Were Here. Just be sure to include the newspaper in your

Send your photo in a jpg format to cstone@ gannett.com. Identify everyone in the photo (first and last names) and tell us where they live. Tell us when the photo was taken and where. Tell us what was special about your trip, if you wish. Include a daytime phone number so we can

contact you if necessary. Then look for your photo in the newspaper and on our Facebook site under WISH YOU WERE HERE!

Under way: Novi Road link construction project

The long-anticipated Novi Road "link" construction project is underway. The project includes the widening of Novi Road to five lanes from approximately Main Street to south of the U.S. Post Office, connecting to the completed widening at the Ten Mile and Novi roads intersection. To enhance Novi Road to the five line profile, the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) will construct a bridge over the CSX railroad tracks.

The City of Novi and the RCOC invite all community and business members to a an information meeting from 8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Gus O'Connor's, 42875 Grand River Avenue (at Main Street) in Novi to hear first-hand: Project timeline

 Roadway closure/detour information • Marketing/PR tips, Don Tanner of Tanner Friedman

 Communication venues If you cannot attend but would like to receive electronic project updates, visit cityofnovi.org and click on the Novi Road "Link" project icon to receive e-construction news. For more information, contact the City of Novi Community Relations Office at (248) 735-5628.



LOCAL NEWS

Scooterin' around

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Carter Reece, 5, scoots around the basketball court of Novi's ITC Park on Friday, Aug. 27. Reece was at the park with his brothers Andrew and Garrett as they awaited a picnic party later that afternoon.



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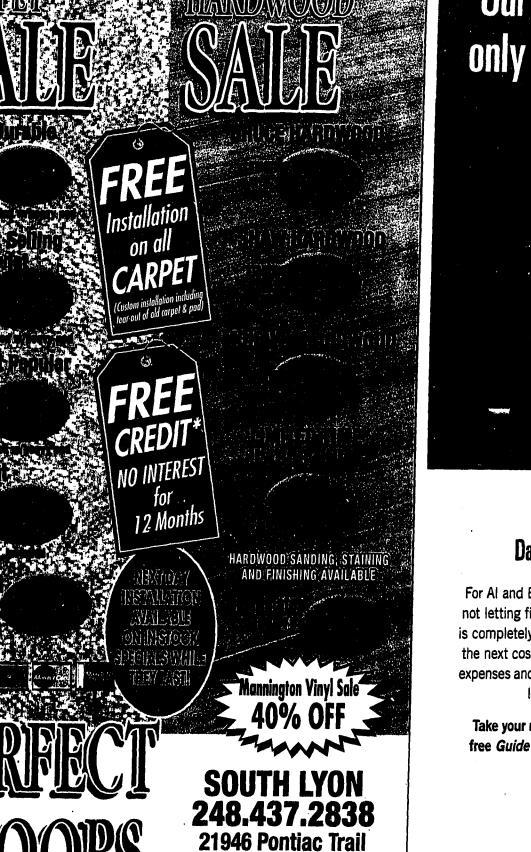


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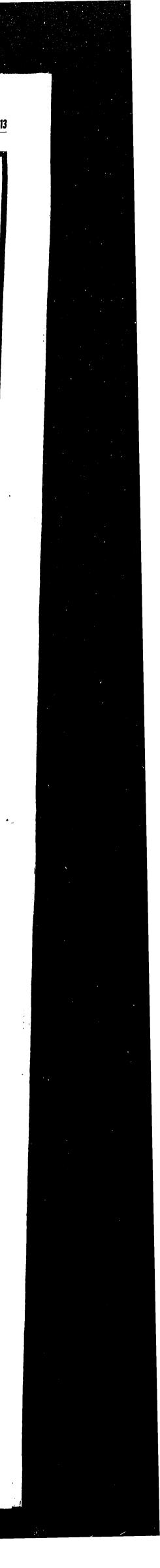
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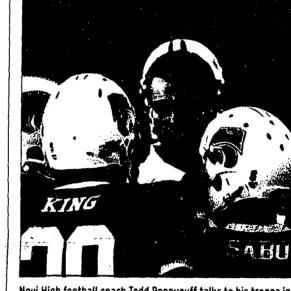


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The Novi Wildcats group up before beginning a game against the Brighton Bulldogs on Aug. 24.

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Wildcat spikers can't stop Marian, Lakeland powerhouses

Subject, Lu combine for 133 assists in opening week of play

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's volleyball team has all the right tools, but defending state champion Bloomfield Hills Marian still has a few of the best players in the state on the floor this fall. The Wildcats (4-2-1) hosted Marian (15-1),

along with Brighton (1-4-1) and Chelsea (0-3), in a quad meet Aug. 24. After edging out defending KLAA West Division champion Brighton in the first match with 25-17, 21-25, 15-12 game scores, the Wildcats faced what is likely to be their toughest task of the season. "We're still working with each other and learning to play together," said Novi coach Julie Fisette. "We really struggled passing against Marian. They had already played in a couple

tournaments together." Novi scored the first point in both games and kept a back-and-forth score going through the first 10 points of both games, falling behind just 5-4 in each before either team could hit a rhythm. That's when Marian found their stride. The Mustangs went on a 5-0 run to widen the

spread to 9-4 in game one. The Wildcats got the core back to a manageable 12-9 deficit before Marian senior Alexandra Lovell took over. The 'Cats had no answer for Lovell, who scored seven points in the midst of a 13-1 run to

vin the first game 25-10. "The errors, we just could not pass. I'm not ure if it was just nerves or inexperience. It's the talk. You have the state champions coming in," Fisette said. "When you're putting that much

pressure on it instead of just getting out there, there's a lot of undue pressure." Novi regained their composure for the second game and kept several long rallies going thanks to a two-game total of 14 digs from senior Erin Hoomaian

"I think Erin came off a great club season and worked on her middle-back passing. She's really digging well and receiving excellent," Fisette

Both teams began getting points off each oth-ers' errors, which led a 5-4 Marian lead to build to a 12-6 Marian game two lead. The Wildcats were able to keep Lovell in

check the second game as she finished the day with 11 kills on 22 attempts against Novi. However, Marian senior Alessandra Dietz continued her consistent play to notch nine kills against the Wildcats.

Novi went on a 5-1 run to bring the deficit to 21-16, but it was too late, as the Mustangs closed out with a 4-1 run to win the second game 25-17. support of five kills apiece from Enright and "I think we just started picking up our passing a little bit. The next game we started to get some more offense," Fisette said. "We struggled in the middle. Most of the girls are coming off club season playing outside (positions)."

Senior Erica Robb led the team with seven kills against Marian, while junior Kate Enright had four total blocks.

The third game of the quad was arguably Novi's easiest. After falling behind 2-0 to Chelsea, the Wildcats went on a 12-0 run and never looked back. Down 18-4, the Bulldogs tried for a comeback, but several kill attempts either went long and out or were blocked back over the net by Novi players. The 'Cats wrapped up a 25-13 win and played

solid in a 25-16 game two victory as well. "The girls did a really nice job trying to rebound. Being able to turn around that same night against a team like Chelsea (showed great resolve). They relaxed and pulled it together,"

Fisette said. Going 2-1 at their quad meet, the 'Cats were led by Robb with 17 kills, Hoomaian with 26 digs and senior Laura Subject with three aces

and 29 assists. Novi followed up the quad performance by taking on four teams and going 2-1-1 at last Saturday's Dakota Invitational at Elite Sports Center.

Novi started the morning by battling it out with 25-20 and 25-18 wins over Flushing (1-2) and two dominant 25-12 wins over Romeo (0-2). Enright led the way with eight kills against Flushing, while Subject had 17 assists and Hoomaian had 11 digs.

Junior Aly Ryan led the 'Cats with four kills against Romeo, while also scoring on four

blocks. Subject had eight assists, while junior Anna Lu added five. Robb and Hoomaian each



A pair of Wildcats go up for a block during an Aug. 24 home game.

ON TAP

The Wildcats are back in action 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Milford when the Mavericks host Novi (4-2-1), White Lake Lakeland (2-1-2) and Saline (7-4). "We've got another shot at Lakeland. We're going to practice real hard this week and go in,"

Coach Fisette said. "We'll just keep plugging away."

Erin, Molly's been doing that libero position. I think she's back stronger than ever." The afternoon games didn't go so smoothly for the Wildcats. After edging out Farmington Hills Mercy 25-22 in the first game, Novi lost 25-17 in the second. Robb had nine kills to lead the way, with

Ryan, and senior Kailey Bowles adding four. Hoomaian was strong with two aces, eight digs and seven serve returns against Mercy (6-1-1), while Subject and Lu each had 12 assists.

"We had a pretty solid game and then we came out and lost our mojo and started committing errors that carried over to the Lakeland game," Fisette said. "Kailey's filling in great on the left side. Anna Lu also came a long way since last year."

The final match of the day was against defending KLAA champion White Lake Lakeland (2-1-2). The Wildcats showed why they had state finals aspirations with a 25-15 victory in the first game, but fell 25-20 and 15-8 in the second and third games of the playoff round. "We errored huge. Of their 55 points, we

errored 48," Fisette said. "The things that happened on the court Saturday are things we can fix throughout the season." Novi had more kill attempts (86-79) than the Eagles, but Lakeland's Maggie Hannon had

nine kills to lead all players. Subject led Novi with team highs in kills (five), assists (17) and digs (13). "She's very smart on the court. She knows where to put the ball," Fisette said. "She's just a

pleasure to watch on the court because she's so exciting." Robb had three aces, 15 returns and 12 digs

against Lakeland, while Hoomaian also came up with 12 digs and eight returns. Novi added spouses Brandon and Ginette Parsley to the team's coaching corps as assistants Aug. 24. Fisette said she's known the pair through volleyball since she started as a coach at Novi 18 years ago.

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

Shamrocks win Lansing Invitational

Catholic Central takes five of top 10 spots

It's only been five years since

mere 22 points to secure the victory, while the University of Detroit Jesuit had 72 points for in the invite, following the second and Lansing Catholic Overall, there were 14 teams

The Shamrocks used supe-

ON TAP The Shamrocks will be running in the West Bloomfield Invitational at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11 before hosting Orchard Lake St. Mary's and DeLaSalle at 4:15 p.m. Sept. 13. a time of 17:26.

rior pack running to earn their third-straight victory leadership of Andrew Garcia for 55th overall. Garrison, who ran a 16:05 to secure the top spot in the race. Right on his heels was Austin Zebrowski, who ran a 16:38 for second place overall.

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

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was third with 92 points. participating in the invita-

the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks started running in the Lansing Invitational and for the past three years it's been Catholic Central collected a

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BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

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had seven digs, while Robb and junior Molly Marzonie both had

seven returns against Romeo. "We started out the day great, beating Flushing and Romeo Fisette said. "Back with

Taking fourth in the event was Mackenzie Boyd, who turned on the jets for a 16:57. while John-Paul Zebrowski literally finished at his shoulder for a fifth-place finish with a time of 16:58. Rounding out the

top 10 was Shamrock harrier Thomas Fagan, who turned in Running to 26th overall for Catholic Central was Matthew Carney, who finished in 18:33, while Preston Felty ran a 19:49 online at hometownlife.com

ON TAP

ROM PAGE B1 Mikkelsen blocked to keep the Hawks' early lead down to 6-0. It was the start of a long night for Novi that would lead to a 24-7 loss. A rush-heavy Novi team

WILDCATS

fumbled and recovered the ball on their first offensive play off a snap, but still fell short of a first down on their opening drive and had to punt the ball away from their own 27-yard line.

Harrison (7-4 in 2009) alternated pass and rush plays as they advanced from their 24-yard line to Novi's 15-yard line before senior quarterback Tommy Vento dropped a handoff attempt to senior running back Steve Slobin and Novi senior Austin Wertheimer recovered it for a 3-yard push.

With 6:24 left in the first quarter, the Wildcats (3-6 in 2009) ran nine straight rushing plays. Senior Dominic Sabo ran up the middle four times on five plays to get Novi to fourth and one on the

Wildcats' 37. Harrison was flagged for too many men on the field and junior Scotty Kempa carried the ball over the left tackle

four straight plays, including a 35-yard burst up the middle, to get the Wildcats to Harrison's 17 at the turn of the quarter.

"We went to the run game to try to control the clock," Pennycuff said.

Facing third and goal on Harrison's 2-yard line, senior Krister Engja punched the ball up the center for a touchdown 2:38 into the quarter. Harrison got a defender around Novi's left corner so quickly on the point-after kick attempt by senior Scotty

Stanford that the blocker ran past Stanford before he let loose a boot that gave Novi a

7-6 lead. "First half it was 7-6 and they were in shock," Pennycuff

A dropped pass by junior Devin Funchess near Novi's 41-vard line set Harrison at fourth and 10 at their own 40, but Jake Vento's 34-yard punt was fumbled by Novi junior Zach Mohr at Novi's 26-yard line and recovered by Harrison junior Mario Ojemudia to start a new Harrison drive

from Novi territory. The Hawks quickly made their way to Novi's 16-yard line, but Mikkelsen sacked Tommy Vento for a 12-yard loss on third down. Harrison shoved it back down Novi's throat on the next play as Tommy Vento completed a 27-yard fourth-down pass to

Funchess up the right side. Harrison got a penalty on the next play, but Slobin rushed over the right tackle of fourth and inches for a touchdown. Tommy Vento completed a two-point conversion to senior Derek Head, who was hit at the line, but turned into the end zone to give the Hawks a 14-7 lead they would never

relinauish. "They're gifted athletically. They're probably one of the better teams out there, but I'd take a Novi team any day because they have a tremendous amount of heart,"

Pennycuff said. Novi drove to their own 32yard line as time expired, but loss.

Someone will get their first win of the season 7 p.m. tonight when Novi and Walled Lake Western, both 0-1, square off in Walled Lake. The Warriors dropped a 30-7 decision to Lowell on Aug. 26 and the Wildcats lost 24-7 to Farmington

Hills Harrison last Friday. Both Novi and Western were 3-6 in 2009. "Walled Lake Western had another great team; well coaches, disciplined. We're going to have our work cut out for us there," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said.

a 15-yard Harrison penalty moved the 'Cats to the Hawks' 46-yard line heading into the break.

The Wildcats got the ball back on the second-half kickoff and advanced from their 28-yard line to the 37. On fourth and one, Engja rushed up the middle for a big 1-yard first down. Kempa rushed on the next two plays, fumbling at

Novi's 38 on a bad snap, and Head recovered the ball for Harrison The Hawks grinded through

Wildcat territory with an 8-yard Slobin run and 12yard Tommy Vento pass to sophomore Garius Coleman to eventually land on Novi's 10yard line. The Hawks couldn't get in the end zone and had to settle for a field goal by junior Brandon Buckner to take a 17-7 lead.

Buckner's ensuing 47-yard kickoff skipped past Mohr near Novi's 20-yard line and was recovered by junior Ken Russ to start a new Harrison drive from Novi's 13-yard line. "That was probably a coaching error on my part. We

didn't coach up the special teams. That'll be corrected," Pennycuff said. Four plays later, Engja and

junior Derek Cingel combined with 2:31 left in the third quarter to stop Slobin on fourth and one at Novi's 4yard line. However, Novi's next 8-yard return to the 50-yard drive was also unsuccessful and the Wildcats had to punt from their own 8-vard line

after three plays. The third-down play on that Novi drive included the Wildcats' first pass attempt of the day, a bullet by Kempa that went wide right of senior

Brady Sheldon by more than 10 yards and landed out of bounds with 33 seconds remaining in the quarter. "We don't put an emphasis on passing. Our emphasis is on our running game. We don't drop back and throw the ball,"

Pennycuff said. "When I was at (South Lyon) East, we led the area in throwing, but we didn't win games. It isn't any running teams' strong point when they get down and have to throw.

Harrison got the ball on Novi's 38-yard line with 24 seconds to go in the quarter and Tommy Vento completed a 21-yard Tim Tebow-esque jumping pass to Funchess with 17.2 seconds remaining to

close out the quarter. The Hawks had 12 yards to get to the end zone, but started the final quarter with junior Keith Marshall suffering a crushing hit in the middle courtesy of Cingel for a 5-yard

15-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Evan Patton up the right side on the next play, but it was called back on a flag for an illegal block. Two plays later, Tommy

Novi QB Scotty Kempa tries to elude a Farmington Hills Harrison linebacker.

Vento completed a 10-yard touchdown pass to senior Chandler Bonner-Wilson in the right corner of the end zone after Novi senior Brian Bush bobbled and nearly intercepted the pass. Bush led the Wildcats with four interceptions last season. An extra point from Buckner put Harrison ahead

Novi's rebuttal drive was unsuccessful, but the second play of Harrison's next drive resulted in an interception by junior Kyle Edwards and

"I thought, overall, I was in awe of the heart these kid played with. I was amazed," Pennycuff said. "Our kids jus kept fighting the adversity. I'm very proud of them."

The Wildcats couldn't secure a first down on their drive and turned over the ball on downs at fourth and seven on Harrison's 47 with 4:47 to go

in the game. Harrison's final drive ended similarly, with a fourth-andsix punt from the 50-yard line with 3:19 remaining.

The 'Cats drove 46 yards up the field with a series of plays by junior Derek Ince and Kempa, including a 10-yard pass from Kempa to Sabo and a 22-yard pass from Ince to sophomore Lucas Buck. A 15yard penalty to Harrison after Kempa rushed out of bounds at the first-down marker also helped get Novi to Harrison's 34-vard line.

"Ince made a key throw there to Lucas Buck. Great throw, great catch and he didn't have a lot of time,"

Pennycuff said. Kempa rushed to the right on fourth and 11 with 32 seconds remaining and was stopped for no gain. Harrison ran out the final guts, these guys have it. They out of the equation and we're right in it. You pretty much spot

Despite the lopsided score, the Wildcats dominated time of possession (27:52 to 20:08) and were outgained 200-132 in net yardage against a team that earned a pre-season No. 5 ranking by the Detroit Free Press.

2-for-3 as quarterback. Kempa gained 12 yards and was sacked three times. Ince gained 23 yards and was sacked once.

11-for-20 for one touchdown, one interception and one sack in a 134-yard performance. Kempa led all Novi rush-

ers with 48 net yards on 16 attempts, followed by Sabo's 25 yards on eight attempts and 10 yards each from both Sheldon and Engja. Harrison was led by Slobin's 37 yards on 10 attempts and Bonner-Wilson's single 19yard run.

The 'Cats rushed 38 times and passed six times. The Hawks threw 20 times and ran the ball 25 times.

Funchess also added 72 yards on four catches for Harrison and Coleman gained 31 yards

Both teams' defenses played

Brant and junior Zach Masserant. Pennycuff declined to specify on what the injuries were. "They're probably going to be out a couple weeks,' Pennycuff said. "I'm hoping

10 total tackles, two unas-

King's five total tackles fol-

lowed. Mikkelsen and Cingel

a 12-yard sack by Mikkelsen.

real well," Pennycuff said.

the game, including star

senior running back Mike

"We executed our defense

Several Wildcats sat out

possibly week three, more likely week four. Brant may

strong games. Harrison had 59 tackles to Novi's 47, while also be a little longer." making four sacks and recovering three fumbles. Novi had one Chris Jackett is a freelance writer sack and recovered one fumble. and former Novi News staff writer.



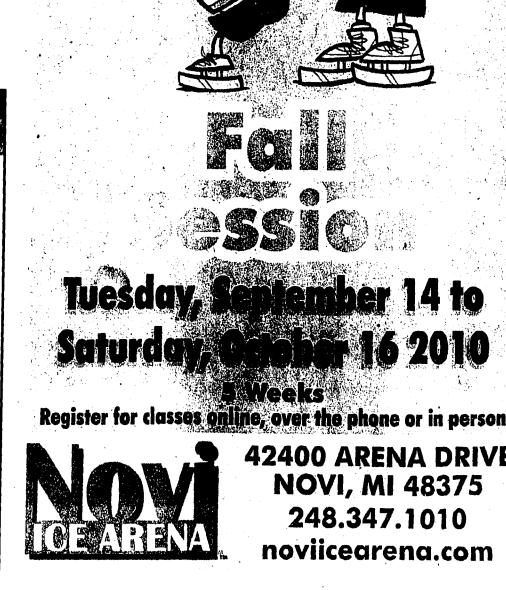
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Tominy Vento completed a 26 seconds on the clock to wrap up their 24-7 seasonopening victory. "We had a couple breakdowns, but as far as heart,

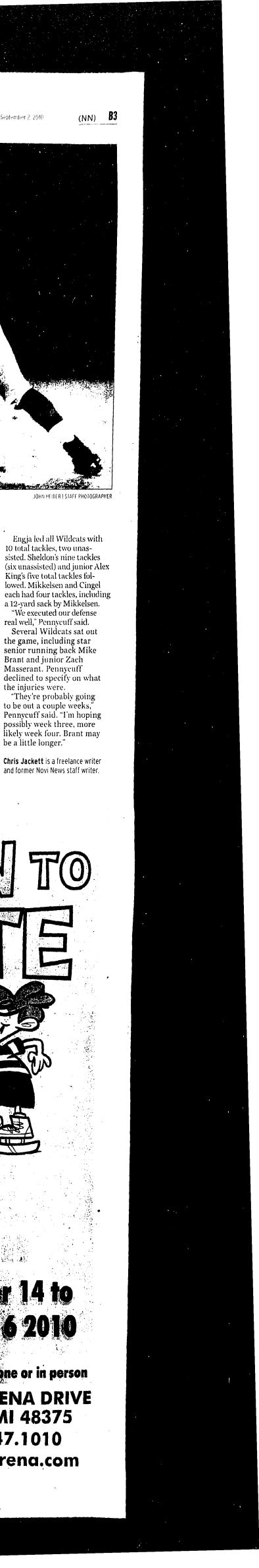
smacked us, but we smacked right back," Pennycuff said. "You take the special teams them 21 points."

Kempa and Ince each went

on three grabs. Harrison's Tommy Vento went

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Field hockey team shows they belong in new division

'Cats split opening week of games

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The first week of Novi's field hockey featured two opponents who played at very different

The Division III Wildcats (1-1-0) kicked off the season by hosting Division IV Farmington (0-1-0) last Thursday and then visiting Division II Detroit Country Day School (1-1-0) last Monday. Senior Tia Faraon got the first goal of the season five minutes into the Farmington game off a pass from senior Becky McKinley. Shortly after, senior Sam Lindberg buried a Faraon rebound in the back of the net for an early 2-0 lead. "Novi controlled the flow of

the play for most of the game," parent media volunteer Tom Pollard said. Senior Katie Murphy buried

a pass sent to her by junior Natalie Paul off a penalty corner hit just before halftime to put the Wildcats ahead 3-0 at the break. Junior Kylie Olkowski

knocked a pass from Murphy into the net five minutes into the second half before Murphy scored another one for herself just a few minutes later to extend the lead to 5-0. "Murphy scored again after

putting on some nice moves to break through the defense and then beating the Farmington goalkeeper with a hard shot in the left corner of the goal," Pollard said.

Senior Nikki Greenhalgh added two quick goals. The first was off a rebound of her own shot and the second was off an assist from senior Megan Burkhardt. Paul scored on a long shot

ahead 8-0 with 10 minutes, remaining in the contest. Junior Emma Walter capped

ing a pass from Burkhardt.

ON TAP Novi (1-1-0; 7-4-2 in 2009) will have their talents tested this week as they host Division I state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer (0-0-0; 11-1-1 in 2009) tomorrow before starting Division III play against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (0-1-0; 4-6-4 in 2009) next Thursday. Both contests are 4:30 p.m. on the field south of Novi High School.

In her first varsity contest, Shelby Henley earned the shutout in goal for Novi. The girls tried to transition their success against the

Falcons into their Monday contest with in Beverly Hills against Country Day, but the Yellow Jackets were too strong. Country Day got on the

board seven minutes into the game during a scrum in front of the net and neither team would find the net again. "After the goal, Novi used a

time out to regroup and, after that, was able to control possession and put pressure of their own on Country Day," Pollard said. "The rest of the game was an even battle with both teams getting scoring chances, but failing to score." Henley came up with several big saves to keep the Wildcats in the game with help from defenders Paul, senior Naomi Kiura and junior Lauren

Pollard. "Novi's conditioning held up and allowed the Wildcats to put on some tremendous pressure in the last five minutes of the game, forcing the DCD goalkeeper to make several tough saves," Tom Pollard said. through traffic to put the 'Cats - "A late scoring chance off a penalty corner also went just wide of the goal."

off Novi's goal-fest by redirect- Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

believe in upgrading their game plan. But, then again, why would you when it still works like the day it won yet another state championship? The Shamrocks looked like a team set on defending their state title last week as they crushed Dearborn Fordson, 35-0, to open the season. And how did they do it? Well. here's a hint--they only

passed twice. One of those passes turned into a highlight reel moment for one of the team's running backs: well-known and fearsome senior Justin D'Agostino. Quarterback Mike Birney tossed the ball on a five-yard pattern to D'Agostino and the fun began. D'Agostino, channeling last year's stud fullback Niko Palazetti (who was in attendance at the game), simply refused to be tackled. Not only was he hit, and hit well, initially by a Fordson defender, he went on to break away from that and three more hits before finding the end zone on a 56-yard play.

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks don't

"I just kept moving my feet," D'Agostino said. Those moving feet ended up with 94 yards on 12 carries in addition to the 56-yard reception. Birney added six carries and 71 yards, including a 15-yard scamper for a score in the first quarter, while run-

ning back Justin Messner added four carried for 65 vards and two touchdowns. athletes this year, but Catholic Central ended

Novi netters win 22 of 24 without two key players Wildcats to face two ranked

ball

opponents this week

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Opening the boys tennis season with a near-sweep victory at the Rochester Invitational was the right start for a Novi team missing a few key players. around.'

The Wildcats, who are ranked No. 7 in Division 1, went 22-2 in matches as they won the tournament in six of eight flights, finishing as runners-up to Division 4 No. 3 Grosse Ile at three and four singles after a pair of threeset contests.

We had a good tournament work hard in practice, to be showing there. We won six of eight flights," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Even in the unforced errors," Hanson said

Jason Carless were strictly business in sweeping the one and two singles flights. Rao defeated Rochester 6-1, 6-1; Grosse Ile 6-2, 6-1 and Utica Eisenhower 6-0, 6-1. Carless took care of Rochester 6-1, 6-2l Grosse Ile 6-3, 6-0 and Eisenhower 6-0, 6-1.

"Pavan's a battler. He's going to play a lot of tough people this year, but he's going to make them earn their wins against him."

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rushing on 49 carries. The

"We did a very good job

of blocking up front," said

Tom Mach. He explained

the his backfield doesn't

consist of just one or two

Catholic Central coach

Shamrocks scored the first

Hanson said. "Jason has the capabilities to move the ball Freshman Andrew Ying, who was playing up a flight at three singles with freshman Michael Chang absent,

defeated Rochester 6-2, 6-2 and Eisenhower 6-0, 6-0, but fell in a close 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 match with Grosse Ile. "The key of course is to

more consistent. Too many double faults, too many over for Farooq and defeated matches we lost, I thought the of his team's overall play. kids played well." Novi won all four doubles Sophomores Pavan Rao and flights, each which played up a level because senior Greg Richard was injured and his one doubles teammate, senior Nathan Farooq, played four singles for the tournament. "Hopefully we get Greg back and Eisenhower 6-3, 6-2. this week," Hanson said, noting that Richard had a deeply

bruised right calf. "He has a

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY

COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18,243 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 24, AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE, REMOVING SECTION 2401, PRESERVATION OPTION AND SECTION 2402 SUBDIVISION OPEN SPACE PLAN, AND AMENDING AND RENUMBERING SECTIONS 2403 RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER **OPTION, SECTION 2404 RUD RESIDENTIAL UNIT** DEVELOPMENT, AND SECTION 2405 OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION OPTION IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE APPROVAL PROCESS AND PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBLE DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS TO ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE.

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Two Shamrocks team up to bring down a Dearborn Fordson runner during the Aug. 27 game at Catholic Central.

ON TAP

The Shamrocks will be back in action today when they visit Hudsonville for a 7 p.m. kickoff. Hudsonville started their season with a 54-22 victory over the Bowman Academy from Gary, Ind. Last week. to just 45 yards of total

have some very good running backs this year that two first downs. have worked hard. We feel like any of them can break it at any time.' Detroit Catholic Central rather a slew of them. "We held Dearborn Fordson

"We've got a big week ahead of

us. We just need to play hard

and remember to have fun at

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NOVI COACH JIM HANSON

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lot of discomfort playing. He's

Farooq was solid as a singles

player, earning a 6-2, 6-2 win

over Rochester before illness

contributed to a 6-4, 3-6, 6-2

"Second match he lost, but

he got sick. So I didn't play him

the last match," Hanson said.

Freshman Kevin Xu, who

Hanson said would likely be

paired with someone to play

doubles this season, took

Eisenhower 6-1, 6-2 at four

Junior Bill Bell and senior

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Junior Andrew Cho and

senior Chaitanya Kanitkar

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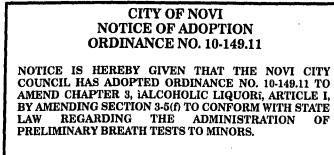
tennis squad will have their work cut out for them this week. Their first dual meet was two days ago against defending KLAA Kensington Conference champion and No. 9 Northville, who the Wildcats managed to win the Central Division from last year with a dual meet victory. The 'Cats were also scheduled to face South Lyon East on the road last night before traveling to the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational today, where they will face off with No. 4 Pioneer, Brighton and highly touted, but unranked, Troy Athens.

Rochester 6-0, 6-1; Grosse Ile 6-1, 6-0 and Eisenhower 6-0,

6-2. "I thought they did extremely well," Hanson said of Kovacinski and Sanders. "I thought the young kids, three bles role and shined in a 6-1, 6- and four doubles, played well 1 victory over Rochester before for their first match." Sophomore Nishant Kakar and junior Vedant Ram defeated Rochester 6-1, 6-1; Grosse Ile 6-4, 6-0 and Eisenhower 6-0, 6-0. "We've got our work ahead of

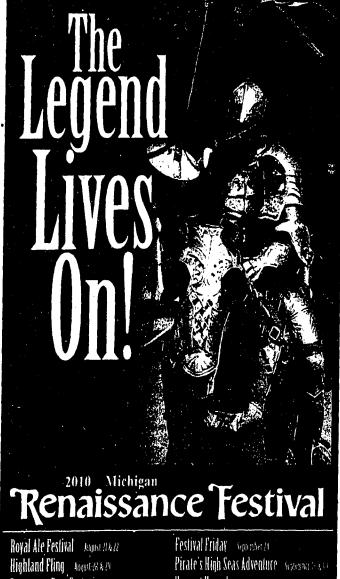
us," Hanson said. "Our success is going to be based on we need contributions from everyone."

Juniors Stephen Kovacinski and Brandon Sanders were nearly perfect on the scoresheet Chris Jackett is a freelance writer at three singles, defeating and former Novi News staff writer.



The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 23, 2010 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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STRICTLY BUSINESS

Headquartered in Plymouth, Community Financial Credit Union has a team of 150 employees who serve members at eight branch locations in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Gaylord, Hillman and Lewiston.

Community Financial named one of the best to work for

For the fifth consecutive year, Community Financial Credit Union has been named one of Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For. The credit union was selected from more than 1,000 nominations and over 400 applications

submitted by a diverse field of local companies who compete for the award presented by the Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA) The winning companies

exhibit exemplary human resource practices, recognize their employees as their great assets, and work with imagination and assurance to create an exceptional work environment. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey, and winners are selected based on independent research that evaluates each entry based on key measures in various categories including communication, community initiatives, and employee education and development.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The Michigan Association of Certified Public

Accountants will be holding three confer-

the conferences run 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

ences on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Rock Financial

Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

methods to help enhance your leadership and

financial skills at the Controllership Conference.

This program offers techniques and tips to help

you succeed at business, and includes a special

track for professionals in manufacturing. Hear

strategies for business growth, integrating plan-

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bricks and mortar and property development...they

Construction Industry Conference:

Construction companies offer more than just

are vital to the overall resurgence of Michigan's

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Automotive Dealers Conference: The

automotive industry is on the rebound, but

the turmoil of the past two years has brought

and accounting issues affecting dealerships

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your perspective with optional breakout ses-

Industry Conferences at the same venue.

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Diamond Jim Brady's closing

they face. As an added value, you can broaden

sions from the Controllership and Construction

Attendees can choose sessions from any of

Cost is \$215 for MACPA members; \$315 for

non-members. Register at www.michcpa.org;

course code is CNC. Or, call (888) 877-4273.

Mary Brady, certified executive chef and

owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, received

new standards, regulations and challenges to

this still unstable industry. Learn the latest tax

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Registration and refreshments begin at 8 a.m.;

Controllership Conference: Learn real world

Accountants conferences

"The selection, recognition and awarding of their year's 101 companies allows our organization to showcase their best practices. The honorees have clearly demonstrated why each of them would be an ideal place for employees to work. Companies that capitalize on their greatest resourcetheir employees-know how to attract and retain top talent." said Jennifer Kluge, MBPA executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"We are very proud to be a five time winner," said **Community Financial CEO** Bill Lawton. "I want to acknowledge the commitment, mutual respect and exceptional level of member service provided by our credit union team for making this award possible The credit union conducts

ongoing training and leadership development programs to maintain a talented and dedicated team. Team members and their families are provided with the resources

they need to protect and enhance their financial security and to balance the priorities of work and personal life. Lawton said, "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 elping others." Membership in Community

Financial Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or 👘 are held in the Oakland attends school in the Michigan County Executive Office cities, townships or counties of Building Conference Center, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road (west Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency. With more than 44,000 members, Community Financial provides financial services to members at eight branch locations and through a variety of automated and online services. For more information, visit the credit union website at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

word that her restaurant needs to close within 30 days. Originally scheduled to close (tem-

"I was notified by Novi Town Center manage-

ment that the construction is ahead of sched-

team of the closing. It was sad. They are in

Road in Detroit. Since then, the restaurant

munity that would benefit from the business

and planning experience the team is able to

in order to maintain and grow their business

sales involved with this assistance.

offer includes:

ule," said Brady. "I have informed my wonderful

shock. At the same time, I showed them designs

porarily) on Dec. 31, that date has now been

moved up three months. Mary said,

for the new restaurant."

its fine culinary tradition.

BAT assistance Sept. 30

overall.

Michigan policies penalize business owners, residents

ichigan leads the nation in unemployment and many other negative ousiness statistics. This is not

just a function of the economic downturn but partly our own fault - we have created extremely user-unfriendly tax laws that discourage businesses from operating here. Most businesses are set up as LLCs or corporations - establishing limited liabilities for the owners. The owners are personally liable for unpaid 'fiduciary" taxes collected by the business on behalf of a government (payroll withholding axes, sales taxes, etc.) and the owners are considered as trust-

ees for these types of taxes. The State of Michigan has taken this much further. Any liability owed by a business to the State of Michigan including Michigan Business ax, penalties and/or interest on these debts) becomes he personal obligation of the ousiness owner regardless of whether the business is a LLC or Corporation. Michigan is nique in this - other states including the largest states in the country – New York, California, Arizona) and all of our neighboring states (Ohio,

Oakland County offering business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Seminars

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GUEST COLUMN

Illinois, Indiana) do not have such anti-business laws. Our CPA firm has witnessed a number of occasions where a business has failed; the owners have lost all of their investment in the business, their livelihood is gone and, more often than not, they have used up their savings trying to keep the business afloat. If there are unpaid liabilities to creditors, as a corporation or LLC these debts normally will be discharged. However, if there are any monies owed to the State of Michigan for any reason, the State will go to the business owners individually and seize personal assets to the

extent of the debt - including their homes. This process is exacerbated by the fact that the State does not seek to collect on its debts directly. Instead, they

have outsourced this collection process to the Michigan Automated Collection Service, a robotic agency that does not concern itself with the source of the debts or their accuracy only enforced collections, period. The IRS and some state governments have procedures

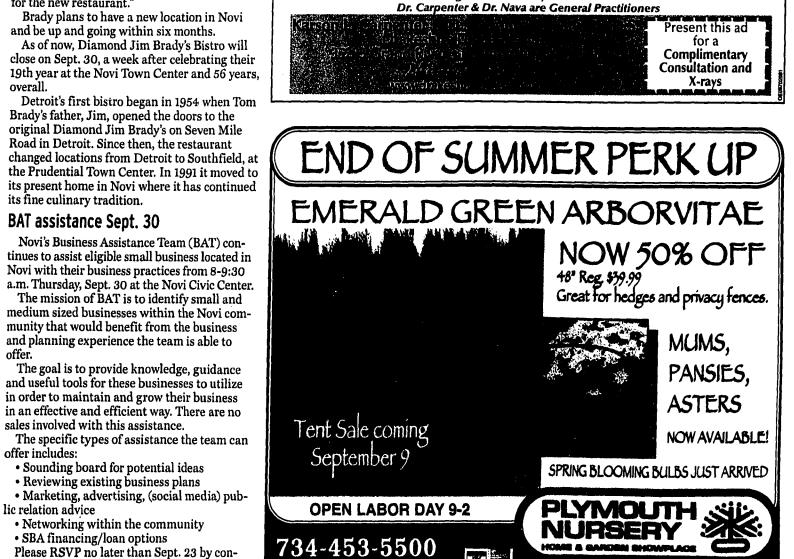
pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/ peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. (AM) Morning Class

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8: Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business 9: Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM) 10: FastTrac Growth Venture (Venture Forw Fall 2010 (10 weeks) 15: Sales I: Effective Networking 16: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM)

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for adjusting liabilities and

will allow individuals to pay

their tax debts over time with

owner. The State of Michigan

has no such program.

In addition to all this

we have an onerous sys-

tem of taxation in our state

the Michigan Business Tax

(again, unique to the State of

Michigan). The result should

come as no surprise that we

have a depressed State econ-

omy. Why would a business

struggle with these unfriendly

policies and can only wonder

why the State of Michigan is

unable to figure out that no

one wants to do business here

Professionally, we have a dif-

ficult time advising businesses

Michigan. Our incoming state

legislature and governor need

to evaluate the system and ask

themselves if this is part of the

economic failure we are expe-

riencing here in Michigan.

David Shindel, CPA, partner, and

Monica Silwanowicz, accountant, at

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