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Take A Child Outside Week

The City of Novi announces Take A Child Outside Week, Sept. 17-23. A variety of programs will encourage you and your family to take advantage of one of our greatest resources -- the outdoors.



Take A Child Outside Week was founded to help break down obstacles that keep children from discovering the natural world," stated Nancy Cowan, acting director of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. "The goal of Novi's program is to expose children and their families to a variety of outdoor activities which hopefully leads to long-term interest and participation." For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400. To learn about the national initiative, visit takeachildoutsideweek.org.

A Blanket Blitz

Church of the Holy Cross will be making Tied Blankets (no sewing required) for Project Night Night (a charity that donates them to children at homeless shelters) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 at Church of the Holy Cross, 40700 West Ten Mile Road, Novi.

All are welcome to drop in to lend a helping hand for as long (or short) as you are able. For more information, call Joanne Quinlan at (248) 880-1104.

Workshops on saving college costs

A free workshop on getting money for your child's college education will be hosted at Northville District Library from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The speaker will be Robert Hoyer, a certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of.

Admission is free but seating is limited by the size of the room, so please call (248) 662-1300 to reserve your seats now.



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Novi seniors put the finishing touches on their upcoming production 'Thanks for the Memories: A USO Tribute Show' Tap dancing in front, from left, are Jere Phillips, Mary Lou Montville and Marie Macura.

High-energy cast

More than 40 seniors set to perform 27 different skits

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Don Hiefert has a simple message for anyone interested in attending the Senior Variety Show that starts today at the Novi Civic Center.

"Don't come thinking you are going to see a bunch of old farts standing on stage," he said. "We are going to perform."

The annual show is titled "Thanks for the Memories: A USO Tribute Show," and features more than 40 seniors ready to sing, dance and put on a show everyone is sure to enjoy.

Hiefert, who has been involved with the series for nearly four years, said people also will be surprised "there is this much talent in the older generation," and he is excited to get on stage.

"It's just like going back to my childhood," he said. "I like to be a ham on stage and perform, and people are going to get a show with a lot of enthusiasm."

The shows take place at noon on Sept. 9-10 and Sept. 16-17, and includes a lunch for \$20. There also are matinee shows at 2 p.m. on Sept. 12 and 19 at a cost of \$15.

Northville resident Marion Cowan has been performing with the group for 14 years, and even postponed her hip surgery until after the show so she could participate.

Despite the hip problem hindering her from dancing, Cowan still is look-



Novi senior Irene Fedorka, far right, and others, practice their vocals for the upcoming production 'Thanks for the Memories: A USO Tribute Show.' The first performance will be on Sept. 9 at noon.

ing forward to getting on stage.

"It's so much fun to learn the songs and the camaraderie is fantastic," she said. "It's making friends for life."

Both Hiefert and Cowan also agree that participating keeps their brains sharp and gives their bodies a work out.

"I feel great," said Cowan, who recently turned 85. "I don't even know what 85 feels like."

The show will feature 27 different acts ranging from singing to dancing

to acting and will close with a playing of the anthems from all the branches of service.

Cowan calls the show "very nostalgic." "It's very special to all of us who remember the war," she said.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.cityofnovi.org or visit the Novi Parks office located inside the Novi Civic Center. All seats are reserved.

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School aid fund at risk

Senate to vote on what to do with \$208 million

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

A proposal to use \$208 million from Michigan's school aid fund to help balance the state's budget has advanced to the Michigan Senate.

The Democratic-led Michigan House passed a bill by a 57-47 vote, mostly along party lines, two weeks ago, and Novi Community Schools District Superintendent Pete Dion said early indications show the bill is going to pass through the Senate, which was supposed to meet Sept. 7, and await Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signature.

To him that means one thing. "It shows me their priority clearly is not on schools," the longtime administrator said.

The money from the school aid fund will be used to pay for revenue sharing for local municipalities, the department of community health and corrections and more.

State Rep. Hugh Crawford, R- Novi, said he voted against the measure and will continue to vote against any funding cuts for schools.

"We have done enough cutting for K-12," he said.

Crawford said with the end of the fiscal year only weeks away, "people are grasping at straws to balance the budget." He said the House spent several months doing nothing in regards to the budget and blames the Democrats for waiting.

"It's extremely frustrating," he said. Maria Mazza, a Novi parent and member of the Legislative Action Network- Novi, questions why the school aid fund is being attacked when there are other places to cut from.

"Education is not the place to take it from," she said. "It's an easy fund for them to take money from because it's right there instead of getting creative and looking at other options."

Mazza is worried that her son, who is in sixth grade, is not going to get the same quality education as her daughter, who is now in college.

"If anything, I expected it to be better with more improvements," she said. "It's sad."

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High school makes changes to personal electronic device policy

Pilot program to be evaluated after first semester

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Students at Novi High School no longer have to keep their cell phones or other personal electronic devices hidden during the school day.

A pilot program has been

put in place to allow students to use such devices during passing time and lunch and in select classrooms barring teacher approval.

Superintendent Pete Dion is a supporter of the program, saying they hope to use it to educate students.

"What I like about it is it's

developing good ethics on using a cell phone and proper standards and procedures for using cell phones," he said. "We are going to teach kids what is appropriate and what is not appropriate."

Talks about changing

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South University-Novi hires new dean

Behrens will handle academic affairs and campus operations



Behrens

South University announced the hiring of Scott Behrens, Ph.D., as dean of Academic Affairs and Operations for its new campus in Novi. Behrens brings with him more than 15 years of experience in higher education.

Prior to joining South University, Behrens served as a tenured associate professor of education as well as the chair of Teacher Education in Michigan where Behrens was responsible for hiring and evaluating adjunct faculty, developing new programs in teacher education certification and leading the college through the initial steps of national accreditation in teacher education.

He holds a doctorate in foundations of education from the University of Florida and a master's degree in school psychology from the University of Arizona.

Dr. Behrens' extensive experience and dedicated passion for higher education make him a valuable addition to our new campus," said William (Bill) Bradford, campus president of South University-Novi.

"Our students and faculty will certainly benefit from his academic and administrative guidance."

As dean of Academic Affairs and Operations, Behrens is responsible for

creating and sustaining an environment of academic and professional excellence for students and faculty at South University-Novi. Along with other members of the campus's executive committee, Behrens manages the hiring of new faculty, maintains admissions standards, and oversees student services.

"It is a pleasure to be a part of South University-Novi," said Behrens. "Our institution is committed to providing quality education in a supportive academic environment — a philosophy I have had my entire professional career."

Classes at South University-Novi are slated to start Saturday, Oct. 2 in a new, 40,300 square foot academic campus at 41555 Twelve Mile Road. Initially, South University-Novi will offer bachelor's degree programs in business administration, criminal justice, healthcare management and graduate programs including a master of arts in professional counseling and a master of business administration.

For information about South University, call (877) 693-2085 or visit www.southuniversity.edu/novi.

Walk at Kensington Sept. 12 to help fight MS

BY ALLEN WINGBLAD
STAFF WRITER

Lyndsey Eccles was just 25 years old — and six months pregnant — when she got some disturbing news about her health.

Doctors told her the extreme fatigue, double vision and other odd symptoms she was experiencing were likely caused by multiple sclerosis.

Yet since some diagnostic tests could hurt her unborn child, she had to wait until the baby was born to find out for sure.

Soon after she gave birth and underwent further testing, the diagnosis was confirmed. And Eccles was shocked.

"It was very scary," she said. "It took six weeks to get my vision back — after they gave me steroids."

Since then, Eccles, a 29-year-old single mom living in Milford, has

struggled with raising her son, Ayden, on her own, as well as trying to maintain her job. She's had to cut back to about 20 hours a week at work, and even then still can't make it through the day without a nap.

The simplest exertions cause numbness and tingling. Vision problems and dizziness occur time and again.

Eccles has relapsing-remitting MS, the most common form of the disease. Her symptoms or attacks of MS are unpredictable, but like others with this form of MS, she generally recovers once the attack is over. There are also progressive forms of MS which result in increases in ill health and worsening of symptoms over time.

Eccles recently learned the medication she injects every two days isn't working as it should to relieve her symptoms. That was confirmed with an MRI that shows additional lesions on her brain — a hallmark of the disease. The

majority of people with relapsing-remitting MS will develop a progressive form.

Of the other drug options, she's already used most of them with no success. Doctors have one more they'd like to try — but there are no guarantees.

"It's hard, it's really hard," Eccles said. "Fatigue is my biggest symptom, and even the narcotic they give me for energy doesn't really do much."

Despite the extreme tiredness and weakness she lives with each day — as well as the intermittent bouts of other health problems and sensations brought on by disease — she's determined to do what she can to spread awareness



Lyndsey Eccles and her son, Ayden.

WALK MS
Where: Sunday, Sept. 12
Where: Kensington Metropark, South Westland Center
Registration: 9-10:30 a.m.
Route length: 3 miles or 6.5 miles
Info: www.walkmsmi.org

about MS and raise money for research and services.

Eccles will be among those participating in Walk MS, a fundraising event held at Kensington Metropark on Sept. 12. This is the first time the walk will be held at Kensington. It's one of 13 Walk MS 2010 events held by the National MS Society's Michigan Chapter.

Walk MS is expected to raise more than \$1.1 million this year in Michigan. Eccles hopes to raise \$2,500 with her team, "Saving Private Myelin," which includes her sister, Shawn Eccles, and friends Marlene Rankin, Sara McDermott and Shelly Herrington. Eccles came up with the team name because of myelin's role in her disease.

Myelin is an insulating layer around nerves, including those in the spinal cord and brain, that allows transmission of impulses along nerve cells. Damaged myelin can cause multiple sclerosis and other diseases.

Saving Private Myelin has brought in several hundred dollars so far, including \$150 from the White Lake Inn wait staff, which paid \$5 to wear jeans on Friday.

"Anyone else is welcome to join our team if they'd like to sign up online," Eccles said.

"And of course, donations are always welcome."

Eccles said she was thrilled to hear an MS walk would be held in Kensington. "I've been wanting to do this walk — I have to do it. It's perfect that it's at Kensington," she said. "And it's not a big commitment — it's only three miles. And they only ask you to raise \$100 in order to get a T-shirt."

Eccles is no stranger to fundraising walks — in the past she completed the 60-mile "Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure." But that was before her MS. Since her diagnosis, she has also participated in smaller fundraisers for MS, mostly sending letters asking for donations.

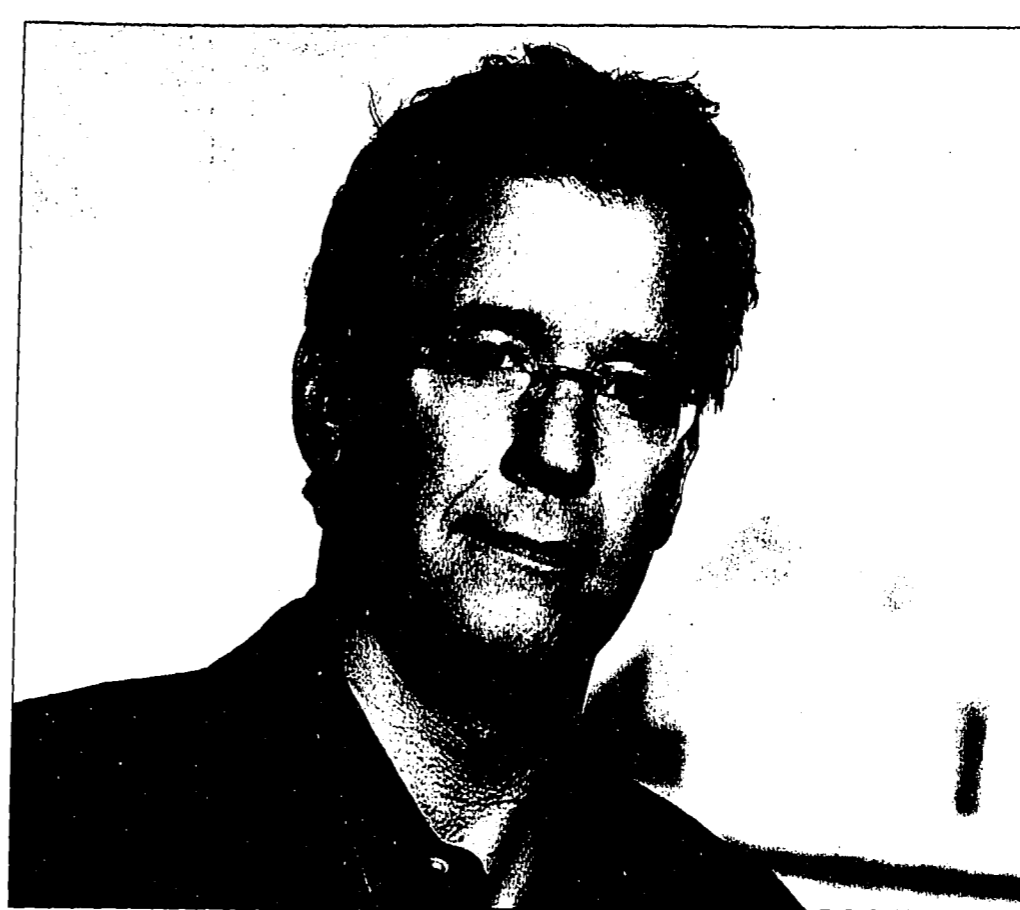
"People who have their health take it for granted. They don't realize how something like this changes your life," she said. "I want to raise awareness, and I want to raise money for this."

Register for Walk MS 2010 at www.walkmsmi.org. For information on Walk MS 2010, contact Andrea Jarvis (248) 351-2190, Ext. 218, or Eileen Wunderlich at (248) 266-8068. For information on multiple sclerosis, go to www.nationalmsociety.org.

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Northville bookstore to host Chicago author

Latest book is No. 1 August IndieNext Pick



Chicago author Bryan Gruley will appear at a book signing at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro at 141 E. Main Street in Northville for his new murder mystery, 'The Hanging Tree.'

Bryan Gruley, author of the No. 1 IndieNext Pick "The Hanging Tree," will appear at a book signing at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro at 141 E. Main Street in Northville.

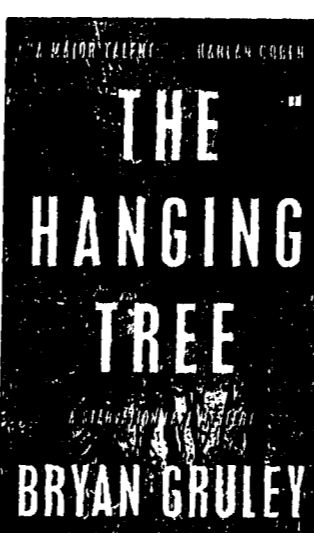
Gruley will also participate in a panel discussion with authors Steve Hamilton and Kent Krueger at the Kerrytown BookFest at noon on Sunday in Ann Arbor.

With the new release of "Hanging Tree," Gruley returns with the second novel in his Starvation Lake Mystery series. Now in its eighth printing, "Starvation Lake" was recently nominated for an Edgar Award for Best First Novel by the Mystery Writers of America.

When Grace McBride is found hanging in the shoe tree at the edge of Starvation Lake, her cousin, Gus Carpenter, executive editor of the "Pine County Pilot," and his old flame turned new girlfriend, Sheriff's Deputy Darlene Esper, set out to determine if McBride's troubled life really ended in suicide or if suspicious crime-scene evidence points to murder.

When Carpenter tries to retrace McBride's steps to discover what happened to her during the 18 years she was away from Starvation Lake, he's forced to return to Detroit, from upstate to Michigan, from upstate to Detroit to Melvindale, play key roles in Gruley's books, as does his love of journalism and hockey.

He's been playing hockey since he was a boy growing up



'The Hanging Tree' is the sequel to Gruley's first novel, 'Starvation Lake.'

in Detroit and still plays regularly at Johnny's Ice House in Chicago.

Hockey plays a big role in the life of the fictional town of "Starvation Lake," as do two of Gruley's other passions, north-

ern Michigan and newspapers.

TWIN LAKE FAMILY COTTAGE
Gruley loves to visit his father's cottage on Big Twin Lake in Michigan's northern lower peninsula — a few miles from the real Starvation Lake.

In his spare time, he enjoys skating and spending time with his wife, Pam, and their three grown children, Joel, Katlin and Danielle.

His first newspaper job was at the nearby Antrim County News in the summer of 1978.

After graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1979, he worked for newspapers in Brighton, Howell, Kalamazoo and Detroit, before joining The Wall Street Journal Washington Bureau in 1995.

He was won numerous awards for his writing and reporting. He wrote one of the front-page stories about the Sept.

11, 2001, terrorist attacks that won the Journal a 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News. "War Stories," his Nov. 25, 2003, tale about a black World War II lieutenant who saved a young Holocaust victim, was an alternate finalist in the Pulitzer feature writing category.

Gruley is the author of a prize-winning nonfiction book, "Paper Losses: A Modern Epic of Greed and Betrayal at America's Two Largest Newspaper Companies." (Grove Atlantic, 1993) He's also an amateur musician who sings, plays guitar and composes his own songs. They include "For A Son," which he wrote after the 2002 death of his friend and Journal colleague, Danny Pearl.

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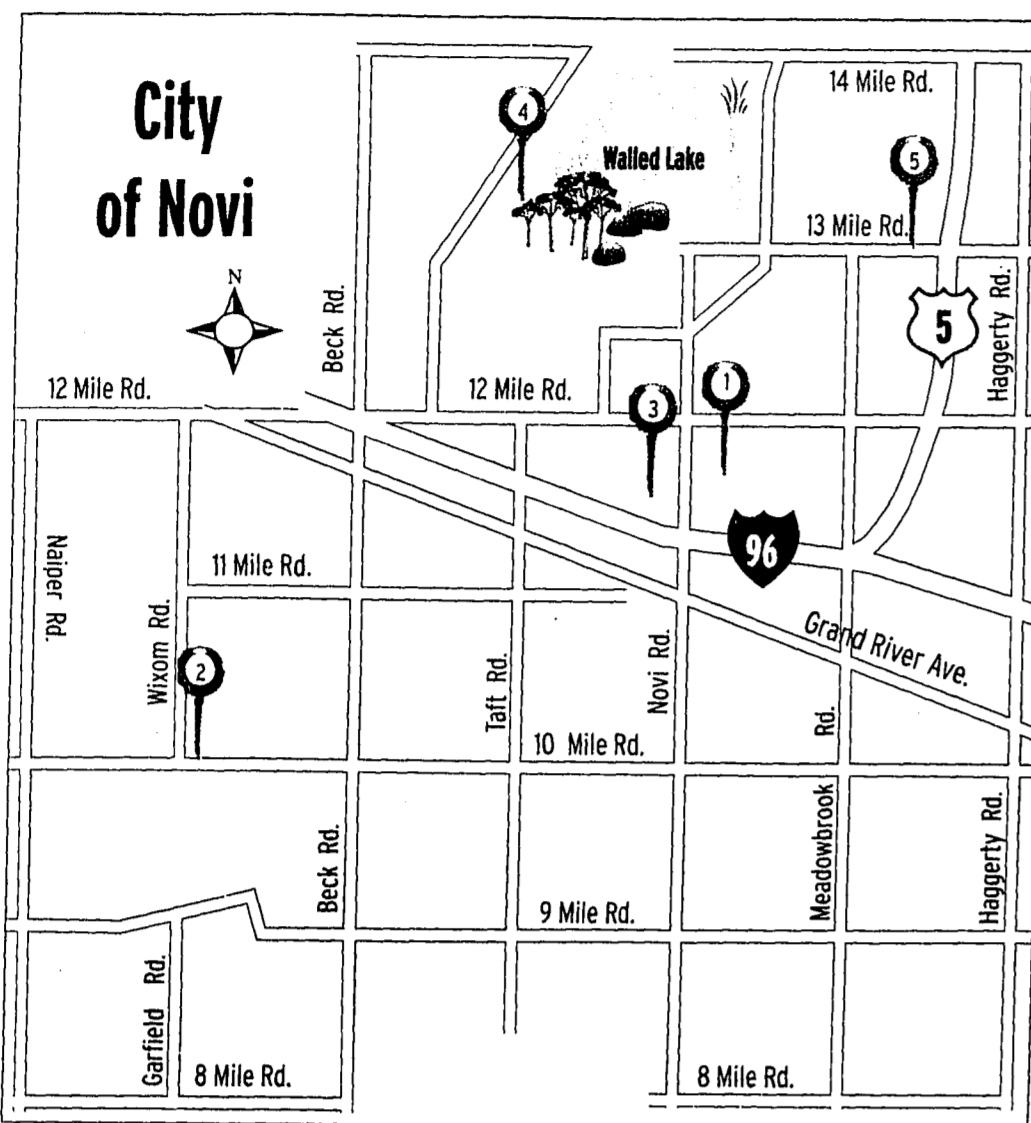
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Fight breaks out at Twelve Oaks

Two former business partners got in a fight around 4:15 p.m. on Sept. 6 while in the Apple store at Twelve Oaks Mall. According to the report, the possible assault took place when one of the men was standing at a iPhone display table and the other man approached him telling him to leave the store or he was going to kill him. The one man said he just stood there and the other man started to punch him in the face. The man then left the store and got into his car and drove away.

The alleged victim said he used to buy and sell phones with the alleged suspect but they no longer work together. He said his brother witnessed the confrontation but left before police arrived. Both men provided statements to security at the mall before police arrived.

The officer noticed faint redness on the victim's eye and forehead.

When talking to the manager, she said the incident was not caught on camera and both men were part of a phone buying scam who had purchased their limit of iPhones from her store. She said she was going to issue trespassing rights to both subjects the next time they enter the store.

The alleged victim said he did not want to prosecute.

Teen caught joy riding with marijuana

A 15-year-old Novi male was arrested at 11:51 p.m. on Aug. 26 for possession of marijuana and no driver's license after he pulled out in front of a Novi police car on Ten Mile Road near Wixom Road.

According to the report, the officer had to swerve to avoid hitting the car and when he approached the vehicle to obtain a driver's license, the teen told him he did not have one.

The teen then told the officer he took his mother's car for a joy ride and that there was a marijuana pipe in the center console.

Police notified his mother who picked up her car at the scene, and he was then transported to the Novi Police Station where he was picked up by his father after he completed the juvenile packet and paperwork for Youth Assistance.

Car broken into at Best Buy

A Best Buy employee had her Dodge Stratus broken into one-hour into her work day that started at 5 p.m. on Aug. 31.

According to the report, the woman was notified of the damage by her manager and when she went outside she noticed the driver's side window was smashed and her purse was missing.

The purse, which was on the floor of car, was a \$200 coach handbag and contained a Coach wallet, money, credit cards, driver's license and money.

Police have no suspects.

Driver busted for possession of marijuana

A 20-year-old man was arrested at 8 p.m. on Aug. 31 for possession of marijuana after being stopped for not having a title.

According to the report, the vehicle was traveling in front of an officer on Pontiac Trail near West Park when the officer ran the license plate.

When he initiated the traffic stop, the officer could smell the odor of marijuana coming from inside the car. The man said he was not aware of any marijuana inside the car and gave the officer permission to search it.

During a pat down the officer retrieved a prescription bottle from the man's pocket that contained marijuana and placed him under arrest.

The man was taken to the Novi Police Department and issued a citation and a court date.

Teen caught with pot

A 19-year-old man was caught smoking marijuana with his friends in a car at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 while it was parked on Lanford Drive northwest of Lenox Park.

An officer was dispatched to the area regarding a suspicious vehicle, and when he arrived he saw the vehicle parked and occupied by four subjects.

When he approached the vehicle he could smell marijuana and saw some of it sitting on the gear shift near the center console.

The driver admitted to the drug being his and said that he and his friends had just dropped his sister off at church and they were going to "smoke a blunt while waiting for her."

All the passengers said the marijuana belonged to him as well.

Police retrieved a grinder containing seven small ends of marijuana joints.

The driver was arrested and issued a citation for possession of marijuana and given a court date.

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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Spelling bee

Novi librarian Phyllis Weeks begins a spelling bee on Aug. 31 that featured 42 spellers in an hour and a half competition at the library on 10 Mile Road.

District restores four K-6 specials teachers

High school, middle school adapt to changes

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

A projected increase in enrollment combined with the school district having to adhere to specific contract language has forced the district to restore four K-6 specials teachers this year.

The change, which was approved at last Thursday's regular board of education meeting, is a drastic difference from the original proposal which called for reducing six K-6 specials teachers. Two teachers still were reduced, but the district is going to have to pay \$260,000 to recall the four others.

Returning to the schools were teachers in art, the media center, physical education and music. All four vacated positions were results of retirements and were replaced by new hires and recalling a laid-off teacher.

"We thought we could have

made some reductions there, but we think enrollment is going up and we had to comply with some contract language," said Superintendent Pete Dion.

Bob Schram, assistant superintendent of human resources, said they also were splitting up some planning time for the specials teachers, "which ended up probably not making a lot of sense, to make this work."

The district will be able to cover the cost of adding the four positions thanks to some positive changes to the budget realized in late July. The changes gave the district \$2.3 million in excess of the 10-percent fund equity required by the board.

OTHER CHANGES
High school and middle school teachers and students also had to adapt to new way of teaching and learning as the high school made its move to a

six-period day and the middle school teachers had their teaming period removed.

Saving money was behind both changes as six positions were eliminated at the middle school and 11 at the high school as a result.

How teaming worked was teachers in core subjects had a period where they could meet and talk about curriculum, the students, testing and more. Now they have to teach another section, but Dion said the hope is that the teaming concept is kept alive.

At the high school, the four-by-four block structure with 90-minute classes is being replaced by a six-period day with 55-minute classes.

While the change saves money, Dion said he believes it also will be better for the students.
"It will allow the child to be focused on a class all year long rather than just for one semester," he said.
Sahil Mehta, senior at Novi High School, said a lot of students have mixed feelings

about the new schedule, but he thinks it will be fun because students will get to sign up for more classes and meet new people.

"It should go really well," he said. "I think it's a better choice than the block schedule."

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Schools open in top shape

Crews spent summer making repairs, cleaning

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The first day of school is usually an anxious one for teachers and students returning from summer vacation.

And the same goes for the district's maintenance crew and custodians from GCA Services Group, who spent the summer manning the grounds, making repairs and thoroughly cleaning all the buildings in the district.

"We are notified when something goes wrong and nothing gets done about it," said Jeff Sozzen, director of maintenance.

Their work was noticed when the 2010-11 school year kicked off Tuesday, but for the right reasons. Administrators said many of the comments they received from principals and teachers praised the groups for having the buildings in better shape than they ever.

"I had a principal tell me that in 25 years it's the cleanest (their) school has ever been," Supt. Pete Dion said. "We are getting nothing but positive comments."

Sozzen and his staff of seven handle work both inside and outside the buildings, completing repairs and maintaining the grounds, while GCA employees are in charge of cleaning.

Some of the projects Sozzen's crew handled were preparing all the grass fields for athletic competition, working on landscaping around all of the schools, fixing a pipe leak at the high school, responding to work order requests from staff

members and more.

"Summer is the only time for us to do a lot of this stuff," Sozzen said.

This summer, the district had two bond projects completed as well.

One was upgrading the district-wide phone system and replacing it with a state-of-the-art system that includes an emergency locator that will notify emergency personnel exactly where the call came from. The other was fixing a malfunctioning lighting system in the Novi High School auditorium.

The sinking fund, which is used for major repairs and small construction projects, allowed the district to put a new roof on a portion of Orchard Hills Elementary and to complete parking lot repairs throughout the district.

The total cost of the projects was \$257,400, and the money for that comes from a millage voted on by taxpayers.

It is a 10-year millage at 0.4932 mills and will be up for renewal in November. Assistant Supt. Gail Credit said it "saves our general fund" and has allowed the district to save more than \$7 million over the last 10 years.

GCA Services Group, which has been with the district since January, cleaned more than 1,000 rooms in the district to make sure they were in top shape for Tuesday.

"It's not rocket science, but it's a lot of work," said Neil Campbell, regional manager for GCA.

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MSU Extension Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi

Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31

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.

Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Highland United Methodist Church 2801 Livestock Rd., Highland, MI 48357

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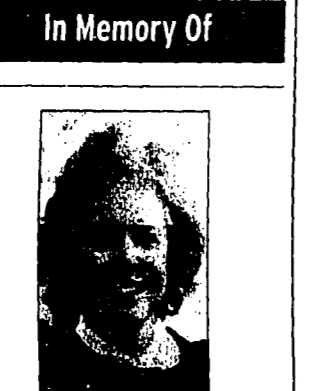
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In Memory Of

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Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 346-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Concert Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9

Details: Piano duet concert by Beth Kamish and Phyllis

Relays. The program ranges from classical pieces to Scott Joplin to contemporary popular selections.

Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study

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Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 31567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.nwhepocenter.org

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 412-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

Rally Day Pancake Breakfast Date: Sept. 12 Genesis Class Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 9

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Tastefest volunteers needed

The Sept. 24 date for the annual Novi Wildcat Tastefest is fast approaching, and organizers are looking for help to make this year's event the best one ever. Volunteers are needed in areas from setup and ticket sales to take down and T-shirt sales.

"Tastefest is an amazing night of food, fun and friends, but it is the work of dozens of volunteers that makes this event come together so seamlessly," said Angela Brown, who for the second year is co-chair of the event with Andrea Mohr. "Volunteers have a great time, too, so many return to help out year after year."

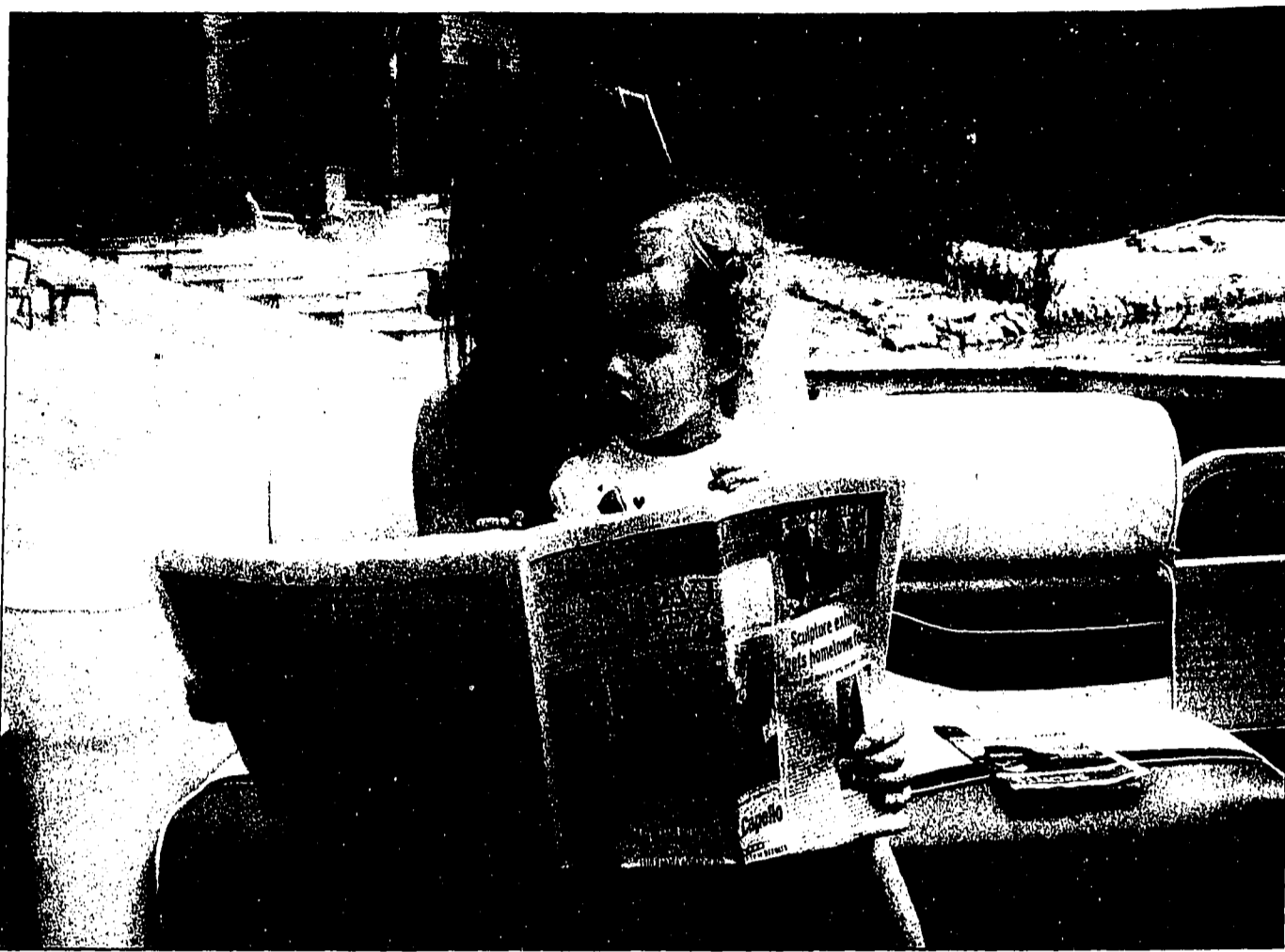
Sponsored by the Novi Athletic Boosters, Tastefest brings together the entire community to support all Novi student athletes. Proceeds from the sale of dinner items, desserts and drinks from seven local restaurant partners go to the Novi Athletic Boosters and are used to provide equipment and uniforms for all the Novi High School teams and to assist Novi Middle School teams.

Tastefest is truly a family event, as admission is free for

all students in kindergarten through eighth grade who attend with a parent will be admitted for free. Gates at Novi Wildcats Stadium will open at 5 p.m. for restaurant service, and the Novi Wildcats will take on South Lyon East at 7 p.m. In the event of rain, Tastefest will relocate to the Field House.

Serving up dinner this year will be the Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Marvelous, Famous Dave's and Subway. Desserts and drinks will be offered by Cold Stone Creamery of Novi and Biggby Coffee of Novi. Hot dogs, drinks and candy will be available at the concession stand as well. Dinner tickets will be \$1 each, and food items will range in price from two to six tickets.

The evening will also be a "white out" in the stands, so community members are invited to wear white to show their support for all of Novi's student athletes. White "Novi Nation" T-shirts with green lettering will be sold during lunch hours the week of the event at the high school and the middle school and also will be available for purchase at the event.



Wish you were here

Here is a photo of Heidi Helminiak (mother) and Ella Helminiak (daughter), taken by Jerome Helminiak (husband and father). The Novi family was vacationing in Canadian Lakes, Mich., for a week when this photo was snapped on the pontoon boat.

BRIEFS

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time 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 April 1960, a small group of citizens founded Novi's first library. The Friends is a non-profit group of dedicated individuals committed to sup-

porting 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@novi-library.org for advance membership or more information.

See our online images

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his videos of the Super Gardener, a young moth rancher and the Novi girls state soccer march. His photo galleries feature the Farmers Market, Boy Michigan Now Festival, the Michigan Art Institute's open house, Novi High's Band Camp and much, much more. Visit hometownlife.com every day and see what's new!

NOVI NEWSMAKERS



Widmaier

Widmaier says, "I have seen how important it is to have support within the system for patients and their families. I try to make it as easy as possible. Some people say I am like a big sister or best friend supporting them and making sure that they understand what happens next."

Gilda Snowden will serve as juror for this year's women's art exhibition at The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard

Ridge Campus. This 20th annual juried exhibition, entitled "From Our Perspectives," runs Sept. 16-Oct. 8 at the college's Smith Theatre Gallery. Viewing hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, at 7 p.m. Sept. 16.

Dolores Carlson of Novi is featured in the exhibition with her piece "Elsie Lois and the Welcoming Committee."

For further information, call the Womencenter at (248) 522-3642 or online to oaklandcc.edu/womencenter. The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.

Novi celebrates diversity with Ethnic Taste & Tune Festy on Main Street

It can't get any easier to experience the world when entertainment, crafts, and food from a variety of countries are part of a festival in your hometown! On Sunday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., the City of Novi will partner with the Novi Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market, Providence Park Hospital, and the Atrium of Novi to bring live entertainment, tasty treats, unique gifts, kids' crafts, and more to Main Street. The free Ethnic Taste & Tune Fest will be held in conjunction with the on-going Farmers Market held at Main Street every Sunday through October.

Performers representing over ten different countries will present live entertainment including Irish, Indian and Mexican dance, a Japanese choir, and more.

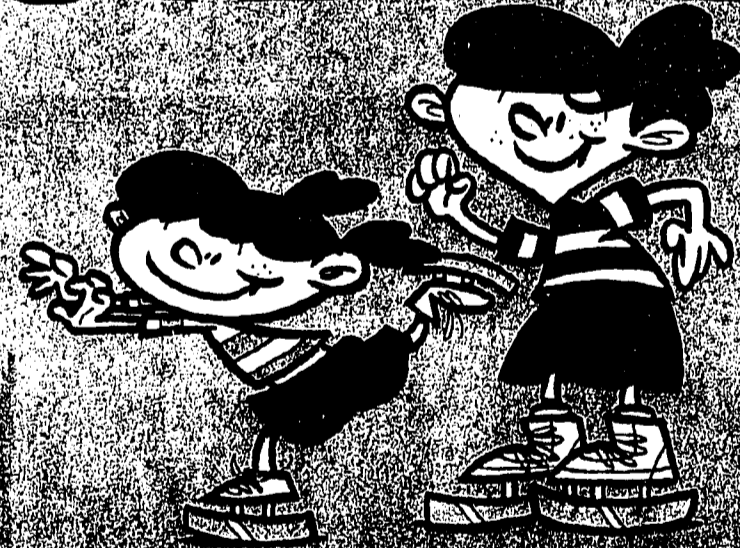
"It is always a pleasure to play for an audience that may not already be familiar with the music. Novi is such a diverse community and a festival like this celebrates diversity in a great way - with the entire community encouraged to attend," said Ara Topouzian, an Armenian musician scheduled to play at 11:30 a.m.

A variety of local restaurants/food vendors including Oishi, Bi Bin Bah, Gus

O'Connor's, On The Border, Toasted Oak Grill & Market, Famous Dave's, and One World Market will be on site sharing tastes of menu favorites. The kids' area will have children busy creating Indian, Japanese, and West African crafts. A number of vendors will be selling unique gifts perfect for the shoppers in the crowd. St. John Providence Park Hospital will host Japanese and Indian physicians at the event, ready to answer health questions and provide simple, free screenings.

To learn more about the Ethnic Taste & Tune Fest, visit cityofnovi.org.

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The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer, and an opportunity for family members and friends to par-

ticipate to honor or remember a loved one.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place overall male and female winners of each age division of the 5K Run.

The USATF-certified course begins on St. Mary Mercy Hospital grounds and runners/walkers are then routed through the residential streets of Livonia.

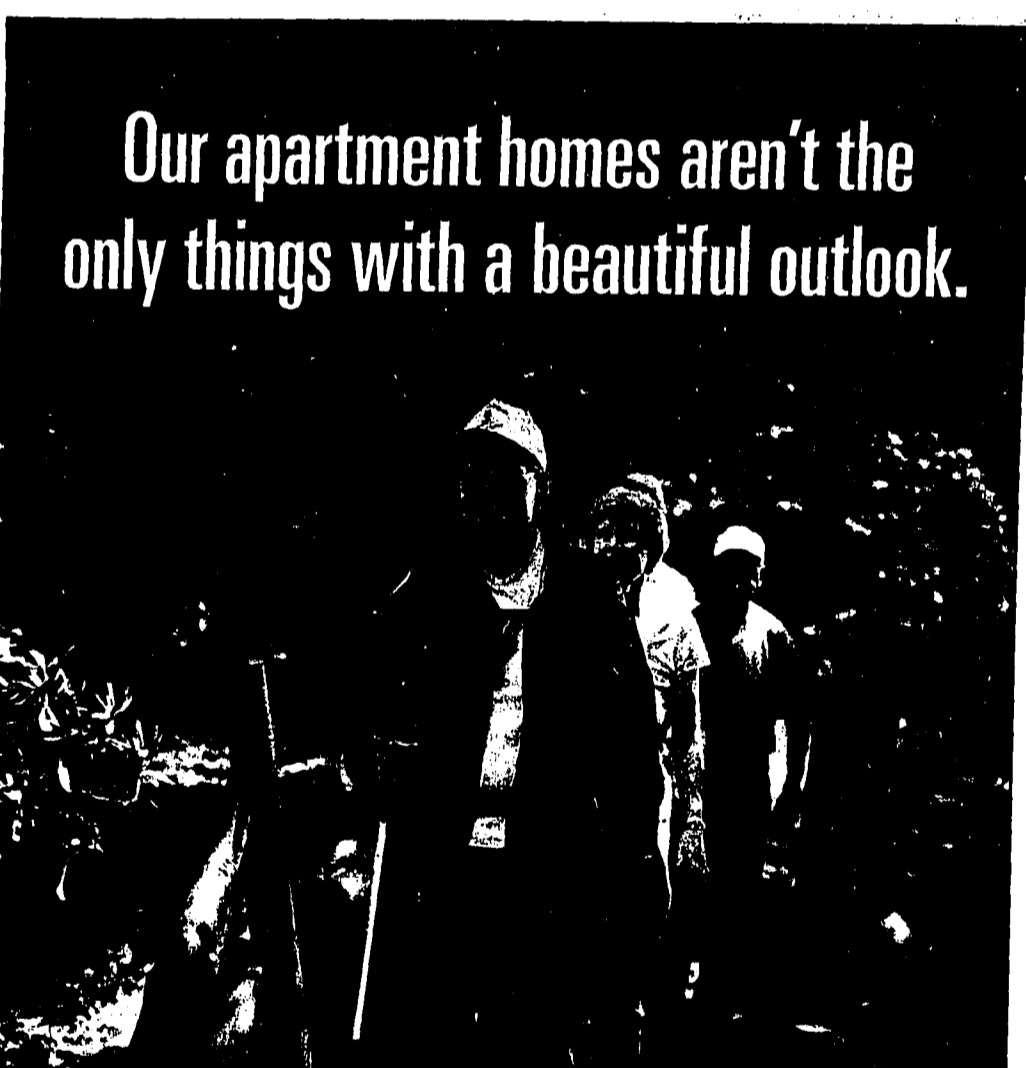
Visit www.stmarymercy.org to register or for more information. Registration is \$27. Following the 5K, begin-

ning at 10:30 a.m. is the "Celebration of Health" Community Open House, a family-friendly event that offers a variety of FREE activities for all ages—kids and adults.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES

- Blood Pressure and Bone Density Screenings
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- "Ask the Doctor" Booth
- Meet Stroke Robot

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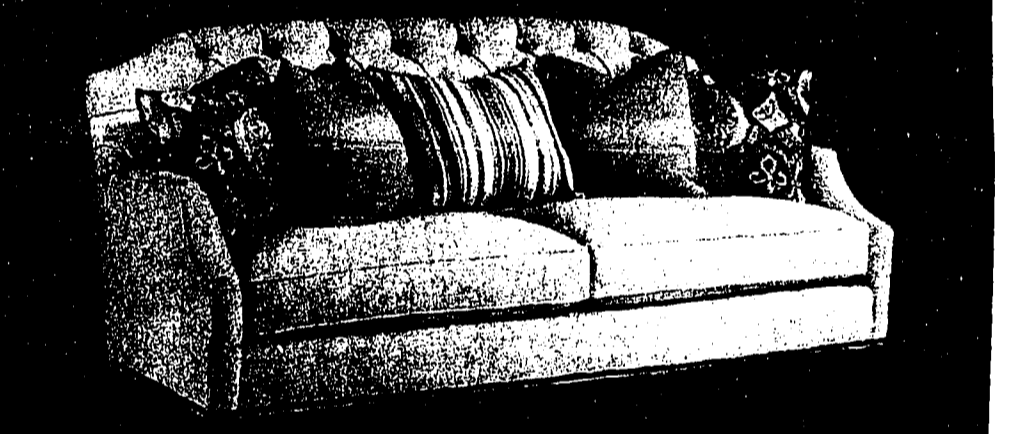
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Trailway to link Northville city, township

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

After two fiscal years, many meetings, lots of paperwork and hard work, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia), Northville Township staff and Wayne County staff have succeeded in making an educational trailway in the Bennett Arboretum a reality.

Supervisor Mark Abbo. "This project represented creative people, open to new ideas and ways of thinking, to bring this pathway to reality. The outcome realized will include increased pedestrian connectivity to our neighbors in the city while promoting safety to users."

The Northville Bennett Arboretum Educational Trailway will provide increased awareness of the Rouge Watershed and will become a motorized connection between the city of Northville and Northville Township.

The project, funded partially by parks millage funds and a recently-awarded \$450,000 Rouge Program Office Grant, will include an elevated boardwalk, block retaining walls with native plantings and a bridge over Johnston Creek that will provide educational information about the creek. The boardwalk will provide a

viewing platform for a wetland that straddles the city and township lines.

"This project is the realization of over two years worth of vision and commitment," Cox said. "The appeal of the trailway is not only in its natural beauty but also in its educational opportunities for everyone from children to seniors."

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER PRAISED
Cox praised Northville Township engineer Jill Rickard, who was the point person for the township when it came to the grant application work. She also expressed thanks to the

Wayne County Executive's Office staff members for their support. "The administration is pleased to have done its part in making Commissioner Cox's project a reality," said Assistant County Executive Alan Helmkamp. "The County places great emphasis on its parks and wetlands."

Cox's office has been pursuing the trailway project for many years, and for the past two fiscal years the commissioner has been putting on a full court press to complete funding.

The trailway will begin just north of Verona Lane, on the east side of Sheldon Road, where an existing 8-foot wide Northville Township pathway system ends. The route will continue along Sheldon, within the Bennett Arboretum, cross into the city of Northville, and end near the intersection of Sheldon and Seven Mile roads.

I was delighted to hear that Commissioner Cox and Northville Township were able to accomplish this new connection to the township's pathway system," said Northville Mayor Chris Johnson. "A lot of hard work went into making this happen. In fact, so many helped that we can't list them all. It really shows that when communities work together, great things can be accomplished."

CONNECTS COMMUNITIES
There will be multiple educational aspects to the project, but the path's largest benefit is the connector it creates for residents to the Rouge River, Linear Park and the Bennett Arboretum. It spans the gap to trailways and path systems, which will allow residents of both the city and the township access to the water resources.

"There simply aren't enough of these types of paths and trails," Cox said. "And I'm very proud to help bring one to the city and township of Northville."

For more information about the Northville Bennett Arboretum Educational Trailway, contact Commissioner Cox's office at (313) 224-0946.

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Novi finishes second at Pioneer Invite



Novi Wildcat Andrew Yang returns a shot from Northville's Matt Salterfield during an Aug. 31 match.

Wildcat netters win baseline meet battle

ON TAP
The Wildcats have a packed week of contests this week. Novi was scheduled to host South Lyon yesterday, visit Plymouth Salem tonight, host Livonia Stevenson Tuesday and visit Saline next Thursday in a series of dual meets that all begin at 4 p.m. Mixed into that schedule is an 8 a.m. Novi quad Saturday against Cranbrook Kingswood, Grosse Pointe South and West Bloomfield. All three schools were ranked within their divisions at the end of last season.

"Those are three very good schools. I'm looking forward to see how our kids do in that," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

Novi's boys tennis squad got a better idea of where they stand among state competition last week.

The first rankings of the new season are due out this week, but last year's state meet finishes indicate how tough the past week has been for the No. 5 Wildcats. Novi defeated No. 11 Northville and South Lyon East before coming in second at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational to the No. 2 Pioneers after getting the best of Troy Athens and Brighton.

The Wildcats defeated both Northville and East 7-2 to move to 2-0 in both overall and KLAAC Central Division dual meets. The team had a clean sweep in doubles matches, securing the meet by winning all five matches at both meets, surrendering no more than six games total between two sets at any flight.

"I thought Northville played extremely well for losing their top four singles players last year and their one and two doubles," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

"In doubles, we played extremely well first set, but Northville fought back second set. It was a good opening division meet."

Singles play was a bit tougher at both dual meets.

Sophomore Pavan Rao won his one singles match 6-1, 7-6(5) against Northville Aug. 31, but

Please see **NETTERS, B3**

Turnovers plague Novi in gridiron loss

Warriors score 18 straight, TD in final minute for 18-11 win

ON TAP
Novi (0-2) will have a tough task as they travel to Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m. tomorrow. The Spartans are 1-1 after winning 35-13 on the road at Waterford Mott (0-2) last week.

"Stevenson's as good a team as anybody. Iron sharpens iron," Novi coach Todd Pennycook said. A daunting baseline rivalry game looms ahead in week seven, as the Wildcats hope to right their ship by the time they visit Northville (2-0), who have outscored opponents 93-10 in their first two games.

Novi senior Brian Bush making a crushing hit on Western's Connor Ruby to knock him out of bounds.

The Wildcats got the ball back and almost had to punt it away after three plays, but a penalty against Western on fourth and three gave Novi a first down.

Novi found themselves at fourth and one on their own 44 soon after, but a hook run to the right by Sabo was stopped short of a first down with 5:23 left in the half.

The Warriors pushed to Novi's 36 with 3:48 remaining and lost the ball on a fumble. Four seconds later, they got the ball back on a Novi fumble. Western wouldn't go far though, as a bad pitch was dropped by Ruby and recovered by Novi senior Alan Mencer at the Wildcats' 45-yard line.

Junior Derek Ince completed a 39-yard pass to senior Mike Jocz up the left side to set up a 16-yard field goal with 0:1 seconds left in the half to give the Wildcats an 11-0 lead.

After being shut out in the first half, the Warriors got on the board early in the second half. The Wildcats fumbled and lost the ball at their own 17-yard line 52 seconds into the half and Western senior Rylan Probst ran the ball up the middle for a touchdown on the very next play. A two-point conversion pass from Ruby to Julian Pierce in the right corner of the end zone cut Novi's lead to 11-8.

Immediately after the score, Western senior Rylan Probst carried the ball up from his own 20-yard line to the 47-yard line before he was knocked out of bounds on the right side.

The quarter ended two plays later with

Please see **FOOTBALL, B2**

Wildcats defeat Bulldogs 2-1

Park scores game-winner

ON TAP
League play revved up this week with a three-game road trip. The Wildcats were scheduled to visit Plymouth Salem last Tuesday, Livonia Stevenson today, South Lyon Tuesday and South Lyon East next Thursday. All games kick off at 7 p.m.

"I scouted Stevenson against Saline and Stevenson is very good this year," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

Novi Wildcat forward Matthew Kiura gets into a struggle with a Pinckney Pirate during the team's Aug. 24 match.

Please see **SOCCER, B3**

Six Wildcats qualify for States at first dual meet

Marian tankers still too much for Novi

ON TAP
Novi's tankers host Farmington 6 p.m. tonight before competing in Saturday's Laker Invitational 9 a.m. at West Bloomfield. KLAAC Central Division dual meets begin next week when the Wildcats host Plymouth Salem 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

relay teams both shaved time off their times.

The 200 medley relay team of sophomore Andrea VanderMey, Kara Berg and seniors Madalyn Buha and Becca Berman took two seconds off their time, while the 200 freestyle relay team of Madalyn Buha and sophomores Maranda Buha, Kelsey Shurrur and Berg took one second off their time.

VanderMey, who won the state title in the 100-yard backstroke last fall, cut three seconds off her time in that event and five seconds off her time in the 400 individual medley.

Novi's swimmers improved their state qualifying times in several events from last year.

The 200-yard medley relay and 200 freestyle Berman took 13 seconds off her 500 freestyle time and three seconds off her 200 freestyle time.

Maranda Buha knocked two seconds off her 100 butterfly and 0.4 seconds off her 100 freestyle.

A few swimmers came up just shy of the cut, with Berg missing the 50 free by 0.5 seconds. Maranda Buha, Shurrur, Berman and VanderMey missed the 400 freestyle cut by less than one second.

"Regardless of the overall score -- with the two-a-day practice sessions and the intensity of the training and the overall achievements made tonight -- I chalk this in as a win in my book," Lynn said.

The Wildcats' young diving corps also showed big improvement, taking second and third place against a strong Marian squad.

Sophomores Rachel Appelbacher finished second with 189.60 points and sophomore Jillian Odom was third with 175.05.

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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Varsity girls golf
Novi varsity girls golf beat South Lyon 168-183 on Sept. 1. Novi's score of 168 was a new school record. Scoring for Novi were senior Megan Henry with a career low and new school individual record of 36; also with new career lows were senior Alyssa Miller, 44; senior Victoria Tomkinson, 44; and freshman Lauren Cojci, 44.

The team is now 2-0 in league play (previously beat Livonia Stevenson 182-192) and was scheduled to play South Lyon East on Wednesday at Links of Novi.

JV golf
Novi JV girls golf beat South Lyon 195-197. Scoring for Novi were Allie Krick, 47; Hannah Wagenberg, 48 (career low); Kristen Scherubing, 49 (career low); and Ashley Penzato (career low), 51.

JV is now 2-0 in league play. Allie Krick had her career low against Livonia Stevenson on Aug. 31 with a 42.



Turn up the heat

The Novi Heat Black III baseball team competed in the AABC World Series held in Brooklyn, New York from July 30-Aug. 2. The Heat finished in second place...

FOOTBALL

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Western's 26-yard line fell short and was intercepted by junior Gabe Costanzo...

The Warriors' defense pushed the Warriors back to third and goal on the 11-yard line before junior quarterback CJ McGorisk tried to make a break for the left corner of the end zone...

Bush helped break up a third-down reception attempt along the right sideline with 37.7 seconds left in the process...

Cingel nearly blocked a 45-yard punt by Western junior Brent Zdebski, only to have junior Adam Hayes drop and recover the return for a 12-yard gain...

The ensuing kickoff went out of bounds at the two-yard line, setting the Wildcats to start at their own 35.

Sophomore Lucas Buck caught a pass up the middle with 20.1 seconds remaining, but a Novi penalty canceled out the play.

Kempa's attempt at the exact same play fell short of Buck, who was less than 10 yards away.

After a Wildcat time out on third and 24 on their own 21, Ince dropped back and completed a pass to Buck, who was taken down at the 44-yard line after the clock expired.

"Right now, we're going to have to re-evaluate quarter-back play. Ince is throwing the ball well," Pennycurf said.

Ince completed 3-of-4 passes for 104 yards and an interception, while Kempa was 1-of-2 for 22 yards and three sacks.

The Wildcats again favored the running game, as did the Warriors. Novi was outgained Western 120-102 on the ground...

Jocz had two catches for 81 yards and senior Nick Littleton led the defense with seven solo tackles.

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Purple Pony champs

The Novi Youth Baseball League's Pony Division Purple team had an exceptional season. Initially, the Purple team won the Novi Division of the Inter-City Pony League with a record of 14-1...

State champs are too much for Wildcats in field hockey

Novi field hockey falls 7-0 to Pioneer

BY CHRIS JACKETT

CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcats' field hockey team faced their toughest opponent of the season last Thursday without three of their top players.

Novi (1-2-0) hosted defending Division I state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer (2-0-0) and held off the Patriots for 10:26 before Eliza Stein knocked her first goal ever in past Novi junior netminder Shelby Henley from the left side.

The Wildcats, who are Division III newcomers this season after winning Division IV last year, kept the game competitive despite playing without seniors Becky McKinley, Nikki Greenhalgh and junior Natalie Paul, who were ill.

Novi kept play in the middle third of the field much of the next 11 minutes thanks to some solid defense from junior Lauren Pollard and key stops by Henley before Pioneer's Sydney Supica knocked a straight shot into the goal from 10 yards away to give Ann Arbor a 2-0 lead following a Novi foul.

"She worked her butt off although she had two people on her, and didn't give up," senior Katie Murphy said of Pollard. "Shelby did amazing and had big saves."

It was only 1:14 before Pioneer struck again, as Anny Hully knocked one in at the left post after Henley saved two quick shots and was unable to recover and block the third.

I feel this was a great place

ON TAP

Novi (1-2-0) starts Division III play against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (0-3-0) today before facing Dearborn Edsel Ford (0-1-0) next Thursday. Both matches are at 4:30 p.m.

to be to see what we're capable of," Novi coach Amy Kilgore said. "The team that played (Thursday) was 10 times better than the one at practice (Wednesday)."

Hully had a goal called back 1:14 later after she set up her close-range shot by stopping the ball with her foot.

Pioneer's Sara Spaid was then given a card for arguing with a referee following a foul. Henley came up big with 3:34 left in the first half as Emy Guttman hit a shot from along the right baseline and it banked off the inside of Henley's right leg, but didn't skip across the goal line as Henley knocked the ball away.

"She had an outstanding game," Kilgore said of Henley. "The score could've been much different - 16-0, 17-0 - but she had a good game."

The Patriots got a skipping shot past Henley 19 seconds later, but the goal was called back as the Wildcats faced a 3-0 halftime deficit.

"I thought we did well and worked as a team," Murphy said. "I think we have a lot more depth. This year, we have more confidence than last year."

After a brief rest, Novi kept

the scoreboard steady for 11:25 before a deflection by Guttman skipped between Henley's legs for a 4-0 lead.

Just 70 seconds later, Stein was scored and sent off the field.

The second card to their squad didn't deter the Patriots, as Guttman had a quarter-field breakaway up the center 1:13 later and deked to the right before putting a shot past Henley.

Guttman completed the hat trick 2:24 later with an angled shot from the left that nicked off Henley's leg and into the far corner of the goal for a 6-0 lead.

Pioneer's quick pace slowed after that as the reserves took over, giving Novi a few chances in the final 24 minutes that didn't translate into many shots on net.

It wasn't until there was five seconds left in the match that Clanci Mackenzie knocked in a shot from the left side off a penalty corner pass to set the final score at 7-0.

"I'm incredibly proud of our girls. We moved up a division, but we're playing the top team in the top division last year," Kilgore said. "We were much more competitive. We stayed with them."

Emma Hamstra and Yoojin Chang split the shutout for Pioneer.

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NETTERS

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lost 6-1, 6-1 against East Sept. 1.

Freshman Andrew Ying had a similar fate at two singles, defeating his Northville counterpart 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 before losing 6-1, 6-1 to East.

East has two very good singles players. Both are U.S. (Tennis Association) players," Hanson said.

Freshmen Michael Chang and Kevin Xu lost their respective three and four singles matches against two Northville sophomores, both by 6-1, 6-1 scores. The pair teamed up for Novi's 6-1, 6-2 three doubles victory over East.

"They played very consistent tennis. They didn't make a lot of mistakes," Hanson said of the Mustangs' victorious pair. Juniors Andrew Cho and Brandon Sanders, who played three and four doubles in victories against Northville, came out on top against East with respective 6-0, 6-0 and 6-0, 6-1 victories.

The Wildcats continued the strong play as they traveled to Ann Arbor last Thursday. Novi earned 16 points to take second place behind Pioneer's 23. Athens earned six points and Brighton had three.

The invite was a good day of tennis for us. Pioneer is one of the teams that will contend for the championship in Division

1," Hanson said. "Overall, I think our kids played well. Everyone won at least two matches (except Ying). They split sets and won the tiebreaker."

The two doubles team of junior Bill Bell and senior Alex Brizard won the invitational title in their flight by defeating Brighton 6-0, 6-1; Athens 6-2, 6-2 and Pioneer 6-2, 5-7, (7-1 tiebreaker).

Bell and Brizard played extremely well winning their flight," Hanson said. "You have to take advantage of your opportunities if you're going to beat those top-ranked teams."

Rao defeated Athens 6-3, 6-3, lost to Pioneer 6-1, 6-2 and defaulted against Brighton in his one singles performance.

Ying improved throughout the day at two singles, transitioning from a 6-0, 6-2 loss to Pioneer to a 4-6, 7-5, (7-1 tiebreaker) loss to Brighton, so a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Athens.

Chang wrapped up the singles scores with a 6-0, 6-3 win over Athens, 6-4, 6-0 loss to Pioneer and 7-5, 7-6(3) win against Brighton.

"Michael Chang played his best tennis of the year at four singles. He gave the Pioneer kid a good first set."

In doubles competition, sophomore Jason Carless and senior Greg Richard lost 6-1, 6-3 to Pioneer before defeating Brighton and Athens both 6-1, 6-1.

"We took Jason Carless back (from singles) and paired him up at one doubles with Richard, who came back. He seemed to hold up and didn't re-injure it," Hanson said.

Senior Chantanya Kantkar and sophomore Jon Thompson had some strong matches at three doubles, defeating Athens 6-1, 6-2, losing to Pioneer 6-4, 7-5 and defeating Brighton 6-1, 6-1.

"Three doubles did a real workmanlike job," Hanson said. The four doubles team of juniors Stephen Kovacsik and Brandon Sanders lost to Pioneer 6-4, 6-1 before defeating Brighton 6-3, 6-1 and Athens 6-3, 6-2.

"If anything, these tournaments are good for conditioning. Overall, it was a successful tournament for us. Our kids hung tough and battled them," Hanson said. "How we do really depends on getting contributions from everyone, which I've said before. We've just got to stay focused and improve at practice."

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SOCCER

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Junior Dan Lumley scored his first career varsity goal in the first half when he knocked in a loose ball in front of the Brighton goal after a corner kick from junior Chris Park.

Brighton bounced back one minute into the second half with a goal off an indirect free kick.

"We did a great job of not letting the goal get us down or change the way we were playing," O'Leary said. "We really took it to them after their goal and pretty much for the rest of the game," O'Leary said.

The Wildcats outshot Brighton 12-5 with a 7-3 on-goal advantage. They also had a 6-0 corner kick advantage and senior Wes Smith earned the win in goal to improve to 5-1 between the pipes.

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Phil Soong and Sean Hazen clamped down and did not yield a shot on goal for the rest of the game," O'Leary said.

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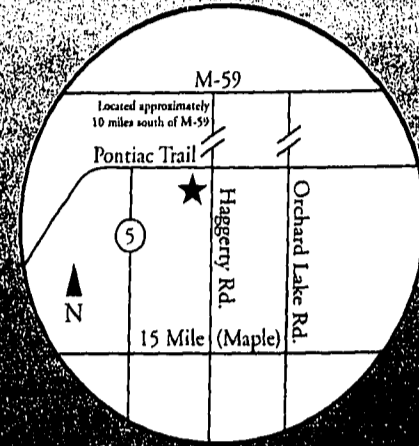
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