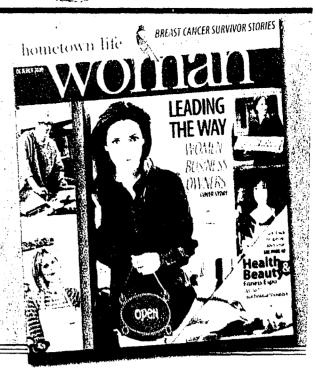


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### City survey sent to 1,200 residents

at both entry gates of the

second quarter.

Northville Football Field from

6:30 p.m. until the start of the

Novi residents are being asked to rate several community characteristics and City services with 1,200 households receiving surveys this week.

The City of Novi is conducting the survey to compare 2010 results with those received with the 2006 and 2008 National Citizen Surveys. The survey will determine which services residents use most often, what they think about City services. and how they view general issues such as development. the local economy, parks and recreation offerings, public safety and traffic. Findings will help Novi gauge budget and service priorities.

The survey is being conducted by the National Research Center, a Denver firm. The firm has worked with the International City and County Management Association to develop the National Citizen Survey, a standardized questionnaire that allows cities across the nation to compare results. A report on the results will be presented in early December.

Randomly selected residents began receiving postcard notification alerting them they had been chosen to participate in the survey in late September. The City has no role in selecting survey participants. Participants were chosen at random by the National Research Center.

Residents who were not selected to participate in the mailed survey will still have the opportunity to have their voices heard. The same survey sent to randomly selected households will be made available online at cityofnovi.org.

Residents who have questions about the survey can contact the Community Relations Office at (248) 735-5628.

# Sinking fund millage up for renewal

### Tax helps school district protect general fund

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Supt. Pete Dion said it cannot be stressed enough how important the

sinking fund is to school operations. The sinking fund is a 10-year millage, set to expire in 2011, that helps the district complete small construction projects and repairs.

Dion said without it, many of the buildings and school grounds would not be in as good of shape. The sinking fund can only be used for those purposes and not educational programs or wages and benefits.

The renewal, which is on the Nov. 2 ballot, is for another 10-year period at the same millage rate of 0.4932 mills, which equates to roughly \$59 per

household per year for a home valued at \$120,000.

"This is Novi money for Novi schools," he said. "We have done a very good job over the years keeping or facilities up to date and safe for kids, parents and the community and we want to continue that."

Since 2001, the sinking fund has helped the district complete more than \$7.6 million worth of projects. Some of the more notable ones include parking lot and roof repairs on several buildings, new HVAC equipment at the high school, athletic field upgrades and much more.

The district used \$1,361,762 from the sinking fund last school year for projects and has budgeted \$818,000 worth for this school year.

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PETER DION, superintendent, Novi Community School District

Gail Credit, assistant superintendent of business and finance, said without the sinking fund these projects would likely not happen because the district is already working with a depleted general fund.

"We cannot overstate how important it is because that \$7.6 million would have come out of the general fund," she said, citing that the district would rather use its general fund money on programs and educational opportuni-

### **NOTABLE PROJECTS**

HVAC equipment at Novi High School - \$364,725

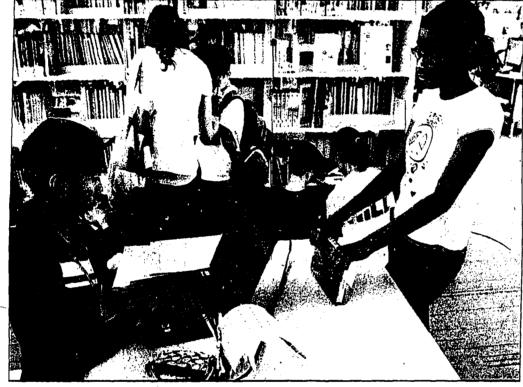
Entrance loop and parking lot reconstruction at Village Oaks - \$345,564 New roof at Parkview - \$313,135 Track repairs at Novi Middle School

- \$257,176 Paving work at bus garage - \$201,860 Total sinking fund dollars spent since 2001 - \$7,642,390

ties for students.

Sinking fund projects are chosen based on safety issues and safeguarding of equipment. The district has a five-year plan based on priority, and the school board approves all projects.

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Brittany Felder, 13, (above) right, signs up for the Novi Public Library's summer reading program, sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Public Library. with the help of volunteer Hannah Lesko, 12 at the new Novi Public Library. The library is celebrating 50 years in the city, and the current building is the third in its history. Nicholas Barron, 8, (right) checks out a handful of books at the old Novi Public Library in 2009. The library was housed in that building from 1976-2010, and was taking down to create the parking lot for the current



# A golden event Novi library celebrates 50 years

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The Novi Public Library has come a long way in the oast 50 years.

What was started by a group of volunteers in 1960 in a former bank building on Novi Road near Grand River Avenue with about 150 donated books, is now a milliondollar state-of-the-art facility with a collection exceeding

80,000. Its success hinged on the success of the community, and Novi residents continue to back its mission.

"Not all communities are supporting a library like Novi's," said Friends of the Novi Public Library member Jennifer Pearson. "Novi is a vibrant, well-educated, diverse community - and having a library of this caliber supports the population."

In honor of 50 years, the library and the nonprofit Friends group are hosting celebrations for the community.

The Friends are bringing in author and Milford resident Thomas Lynch from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday to discuss his several works and sign autographs. Cost is \$10 to attend and includes Lynch, strolling exhibits, live music by Ara Topouzian, a silent auction and a one-year membership to the Friends of the Novi Public Library.

### **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Friends Jubilee Celebration takes place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday featuring author Thomas Lynch. Cost to attend

The Novi Public Library will have its celebration the following day and contains activities for the whole family.

The Friends group acts as a fund-raising arm for the library and supports such programs as the summer reading program, a scholarship for a graduating high school student and a middle school reading program among others.

The library's event takes place the following day and includes free activities for the whole family ranging from an appearance by the Bubbleman, refreshments, crafts and more.

Laura Liddicoat, communications specialist for the library, said the library's function is much different than it was 50 years ago.

"It's not just books anymore," she said. "It's a place to expand your learning, a place that is an extension of your home and a place where you can feel comfortable." Kathy Crawford, a city

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# Walmart submits plans to join Novi Town Center

### Businesses ousted to make room for supercenter

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The redevelopment and reconfiguration plans of the Novi Town Center could soon receive a big boost as Walmart has submitted plans to the city of Novi to construct a supercenter on the property.

A preliminary site plan for the store, as well as a plan for additional retail space adjacent to the store, were given to the city in mid-September and are currently under review by city staff and a consultant.

The plans call for a 149,855square-foot store and additional tenant space of 17,442 square feet to connect the proposed Walmart to existing tenant spaces.

Steve Russo, president of Russo Communications representing the Town Center,

said with the loss of several "anchor" stores in the Town Center over the years, adding a Walmart makes sense.

"It should promote traffic growth for all the merchants and will attract a wide variety of shoppers, making it attractive to future and current tenants of the Novi Town Center," he said.

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aspect that would require a

pecial land use permit.

No timetable has been set

as to when the plans will go

"The earliest it would combefore the planning commis-

sion is the end of October or

early November," she said.

"Then the planning commis

sion would make a recommendation

According to the plans,

Walmart will face west, simila

to the existing Mervyn's store that will be demolished, and on

nect to existing businesses such

McBeth said if the two site

plans are approved, it would be

approximately the same size as

There have been some rum-

blings in the city by residents

Russo said that is not for him

who oppose the store, but

as the TJ Maxx and Borders.

the buildings are now.

dation to city council."

special land use permit.

forward.

# Youth to speak on alcohol, drug addiction

Program aims to bring awareness to community

STAFF WRITER

Dodie Varhol admitted to being a naive parent when she thought her daughter steered clear of alcohol in high school. But when Varhol found out about a party she had at her home about five years ago, she quickly realized that the problem was out there and her

Now Varhol is a volunteer with the Novi Youth Assistance program and wants other par-

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

Novi's first and only com-

organization is getting closer

to working toward its goal of

helping the poor and needy in

Love in the Name of Christ,

munity-wide benevolence

laughter was not immune to

a blind eye to a problem that is prevalent in Novi. "No one wants to admit it's

here in the schools," she said. "Some parents would rather bury their heads in the sand and say, 'It's not my kid; it's so-In an effort to educate both the parents and students,

the NYA is hosting its second program this year from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 at the Novi Public Library titled "What Parents Don't Know: Young Adults Speak

is a non-profit organization

needs such as food, shelter,

Ten Novi churches, the

board, and the organization

munity for more assistance.

latest being Holy Family

Catholic Church, are on

that helps people with basic

clothing, transportation and

ents to know they cannot turn Out About Alcohol and Drug Addiction."

The program, which is free and open to parents and students, features a panel of young adults who will talk about what life was like when they were addicted to drugs and alcohol, how it has affect ed their lives, how they kept it secret and what motivated them to change.

Dr. Mark Menestrina from

Brighton Hospital spoke Sept.

20 at the first program, called

"Just the Facts: What Every

"We want to bring the

entire Novi community

together to do this," said

Michael Zerkich, pastor of

the Relational Church and

An informational meet-

ing will be held from 7 p.m.

to 9 p.m. on Oct. 8 at Faith

Church for people interested

in getting assistance or those

wanting to become part of the

Community Presbyterian

acting director while the

organization gets off the

ground.

Parent Should Know," and he

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from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Faith

Church for people wanting to

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Community Presbyterian

Varhol said the program is

"This is really going to open

a lot of people's eyes," she said.

For more information

347-0410. The program is

tion with Novi Community

Departments and Brighton

Schools, Novi Police and Fire

not intended to put the city or

school district in a bad light,

rather bring the problem to

about the program, call (248) sponsored by NYA in conjunc-

To make room for the Walmart, three businesses closed their doors at the end of September — Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, Pita Café and Nonprofit hosting informational meetings for community

Town Center 8. Russo said all were informed of the pending plans and The Indian-themed movie rent during the past three years, was already slated to

Mary Brady, owner of Diamond Jim Brady's, said in early September she hoped to open a new location within six months.

to discuss. "Walmart's place in retail speaks for itself and far be it for me to comment on what shoppers today prefer or don't prefer," he said.

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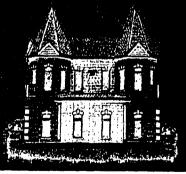
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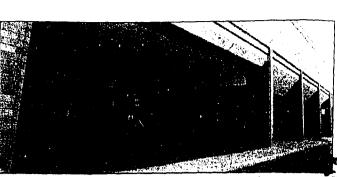
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A Walmart store is being proposed for this vacant store location at Novi Town Center. It was formerly occupied by a Mervyn's.

received reduced rent as a result. The business owners also have been in negotiations with management to find new locations. theater, which paid no

help people in need," Zerkich be knocked down prior to Walmart's plans. The goal is to be operation-

> Barb McBeth, deputy community development director for the city, said the proposed retail use fits the Town Center zoning district, and the out-

said. "Volunteers found a little

door garden center is the only building on Novi Road, and

volunteers brought in books from their own homes, and those volunteers also staffed the little library. council member and life-long "We have come a very long way Novi resident, said the library

in 50 years," Crawford added. represents the character of the "and thank goodness we are still a community that takes the "Fifty years ago Novi citiresponsibility for meeting our zens wanted and recognized needs and shaping our destiny." the need for a library," she

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# Crawford looks to build on first House term Novi attorney seeks state representative seat

BY NATHAN MUELLER

online at hometownlife.com

It has been two years and Hugh Crawford is back for

The current Michigan state representative serving the 38th District is running for reelection Nov. 2 and is eager to continue learning and finding a way to help the state come out of its economic downturn.

Township, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom. His message when he ran for the seat in 2008 was that the state needs to put everything on the table except for Medicaid and education

- and he plans to stick to that

His House district includes

Lyon Township, part of

Northville, Novi, Novi

"It's not easy because we don't have the funds I would like us to have," he said. "But I don't think raising taxes is the way to get out of this. I don't know all the answers, but I know we have to do something different than what we have been doing." Crawford, who served for 15

1 - How would you balance the

Favoring tax cuts doesn't

elimination of that waste will

not necessarily mean a cut in

services, only a streamlining

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Michigan has not done all it

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will change. years on the Novi City Council

Crawford

and eight on the Oakland County Board sioners, said that "on the job training" preand it has to stop." pared him for One of the ideas he has the challenges

on the House floor during his He does not have a particular goal in mind, but is focused on the big picture of improving

he has faced

"I've never been a politician on a mission," he said. "I've always just been a positive supporter. Certainly working in a bipartisan way, whether in the majority or minority, is extremely important." Crawford is a life-long The House's Bipartisan resident of Novi and his Freshman Caucus, which

consists of 20 Democrats and 22 Republicans, was one of Crawford's ideas. His hope was to create relationships across party lines and thus be more He said if the class gets in

Focus is on working better on a bipartisan basis

eadership positions, things "I am not going to treat

iugh crawford

Children: three adult children; two grandchildren

Education: High school and some college

Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce.

Residency: lifelong resident of the City of Novi

Employment: State Representative Michigan House of Representatives

Community involvement: Southwest Oakland Cable Commission for

13 years; Novi's Parks and Recreation Commission for 10 years; Novi's

Parks and Recreation Chair for six years; and member of the Oakland

County Republican Executive Committee, Novi Lions Club, Multi-Lakes

Conservation Association, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, the

Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Novi Chamber of Commerce, and the

Related experience: City of Novi Councilman - 15 years

Oakland County Commissioner – eight years

Age: 68

Spouse: Kathy

- 38th district

treated the last two years and the reason for that is because the Republicans treated them like that two vears before," he said, "It keeps going back and forth,

to help the economy is asking state departments to be more transparent with their "If all our departments

were more transparent on the state level, I know we would find funds. I know we would find inefficiencies, I know we would find fraud," he said. "Transparency, not only to the legislators but to the public, would probably come up with a lot of extra funds."

wife, Kathy, is running for his former seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. In his spare time, he likes to travel, play golf and is involved

in the Novi Lions Club. He said it is a "honor" to serve a community he has lived in for the last 67 years. He's been all over the state

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Enjoys policy debate despite no public office

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Lansing, Ann

"I've always

Arbor — and

decided to

Rapids,

Jeff Gedeon wants to give voters a choice in November's

election. So the Novi resident, engineer and trademark and patent attorney decided to run on the Democratic ticket against Republican Hugh Crawford for the state House seat for the 38th District.

currently a member of the city of Novi Zoning Board of Gedeon, 32, and his wife, Nina, an Indian-American born in the U.S., have two

small children. "Her parents are immigrant, and we're all very close," he important.

**BEEN IN MICHIGAN ENTIRE** 

"I've been in Michigan my whole life," Gedeon said, growing up in Shelby Township in Macomb County.

in politics and Gedeon involved at the club level for the past couple of years. The opportunity presented itself to He has his own law practice, run, and I'm in," he said. He has not been in political operating out of his home, and office before, but says, "I'm not sure that holding office at the

local level has all that much

He believes general experience and the ability to bring good ideas to the table is more

the state level."

"I'm running on my background as an engineer and an attorney," Gedeon said. "Engineering is all about problem solving, and being an attorney should help me understand issues at the state level. I think these roles are compatible with the role as a

He admits to running a lowbudget campaign. "People wrote me off before I even was in the race. But if I hadn't run, it would have been an unopposed election,

Gedeon said. Instead he prefers to campaign door-to-door. As far as budgeting, he supports shared services, wage reductions and job sharing as opposed to cutting services. He wants to be in office to serve the public, rather than

seeing it as a stepping stone to a higher office. "I'm running an honest campaign to get ideas out there," relevance to the job at hand at he said. "I enjoy the public policy debate."

He knows he's an unknown but believes he still has a "I may be a longshot, but I don't think it's impossible," he

said. "Districts do flip (politically speaking.)" In his spare time, Gedeon enjoys spending time with his family, cooking and following

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### Political newcomer challenges for 38th District seat

JEFF GEDEON

Spouse: Nina

1 - How would you balance the

Crawford seeking second term in state House state's budget? Cuts and revenue increases Age: 32 will both be necessary. Out of fairness, I would start with Children: daughter, 3; son 1 legislative pay and benefits. **Employment:** Patent & Trademark Attorney Other cuts could come from Education: University Mich. B.S.E 2000; Michigan State University J.D. the over \$1 billion worth of state government contracts, and if necessary local revenue Community involvement: Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals sharing. As part of a grand bargain to reduce the MBT surcharge and to restore education funding, I'm willing to entertain revenue increases via an expansion of the sales tax, a progressive income tax

amendment, and perhaps

so that the public has a better

2 - There remains a wide disparity in state funds allocated per pupil for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this other alternatives. In general, I think revenue increases should Its not clear to me that the voting public has embraced

the idea of equal per pupil

funding. The history of failed

constitutional amendments prior to 1994 suggests that equalized funding is not a politically viable option absent court intervention, which has been required in other states. Even after Proposal A, hold harmless districts

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# Franklin Road Christian students give back

Christian School (FRCS) students participated in an allschool servathon, FRCS Gives Back, on Sept. 23.

In addition, FRCS partnered with five other Christian schools in southeast Michigan to send out over 5,000 people in service to others in our communities. Oakland Christian, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Southfield Christian, Washtenaw Christian, and Macomb Christian were a part of this All-Detroit Servathon. Each school scheduled their own projects, with the senior class from each school working at Central Detroit Christian to prepare a place for a new play-

FRCS elementary students worked to make cards for missionaries, gift baskets for shut ins (including delivery with singing), birthday cards and gifts for hospitalized children birthday party bags (including cake mixes) for children staying in homeless shelters, and personal hygiene kits for families in need. Elementary students also cleaned up the FRCS Campus and playgrounds, the grounds at Faith Covenant, and Lakeshore Park in Farmington Hills. Fifth graders made Christmas stockings for foster children. Thanksgiving placemats for Grace Centers of Hope, Pontiac, and Thanksgiving cards for residents at Fox Run's Renaissance Gardens.

FRCS middle school and high school students participated in a total of 13 service projects. The HS Vocal Ensemble went to Life Challenge and Oakmont



Novi Franklin Road Christian School (FRCS) students participated in an all-school servathon. FRCS Gives Back, on Sept. 23, partnering with five other

concert, and senior Jordan Uzoni preached at both locations. Pastor Tim Gambino, FRCS superintendent, commented that he was proud of all the students, and Jordan did an excellent job with his

speaking. A group went to Ronald McDonald House to serve the families staying there with ill children. FRCS students dents and thoroughly cleaned the kitchen and common areas

families that were there. Active Faith is a food bank which also provides clothing for families in need, located in South Lyon. Sixth through ninth grade students worked hard painting a fence, weed-

ing, cleaning, and painting

the porch. Mrs. Baker and students blessed them with a mural on the wall, leaving a message of God's love for all to Daniel Fusco said, "When

have, it makes you realize how grateful you are for all that God has given us!"

One group worked at Novi Parks/Rec to spread mulch and brighten up the area. Fourteen students and four adults spread 12 yards of mulch in just a few hours. (Even the maintenance team for Novi Parks was impressed.)

Doctors Hospital, Pontiac, was in desperate need grounds. A team of parents

hours cleaning and weeding and actually ran out of garbage bags. The team was rewarded by a visit from the president of the hospital, who

came out personally to thank

Ten FRCS middle school students and three staff members went to Bethel Community Church and cleaned the entire sanctuary and fellowship hall, including washing each chair, dusting and vacuuming. Several of the boys and faculty worked

own a whole office of wood aneling to prepare it for

Several students worked for Royal Family Kids Camp, which offers 50 foster children a week-long positive Christian camp experience each summer. FRCS students assembled training binders for volunteers, as well as made ornaments with each child's name to be chosen by a sponsor for

At Union Lake Baptist Church, 14 boys and staff weeded and leveled out the flower beds at the main entrance and cleaned out 200 yards of fencing which was overgrown. They finished by. cleaning inside the building

Make a Wish Foundation (Northville) gave FRCS students an opportunity to disperse flyers to help a little girl have her wish come true. Cold Stone Creamery is partnering with Make a Wish to give free ice-cream to donors to this

Students at Farmington Hills Parks worked several hours clearing out brush and trees and dragging them onto a path to be chipped.

FRCS' Angel House student team provided childcare in the morning, and spent the afternoon cleaning around the grounds, and preparing items for a rummage sale. For more information, visit

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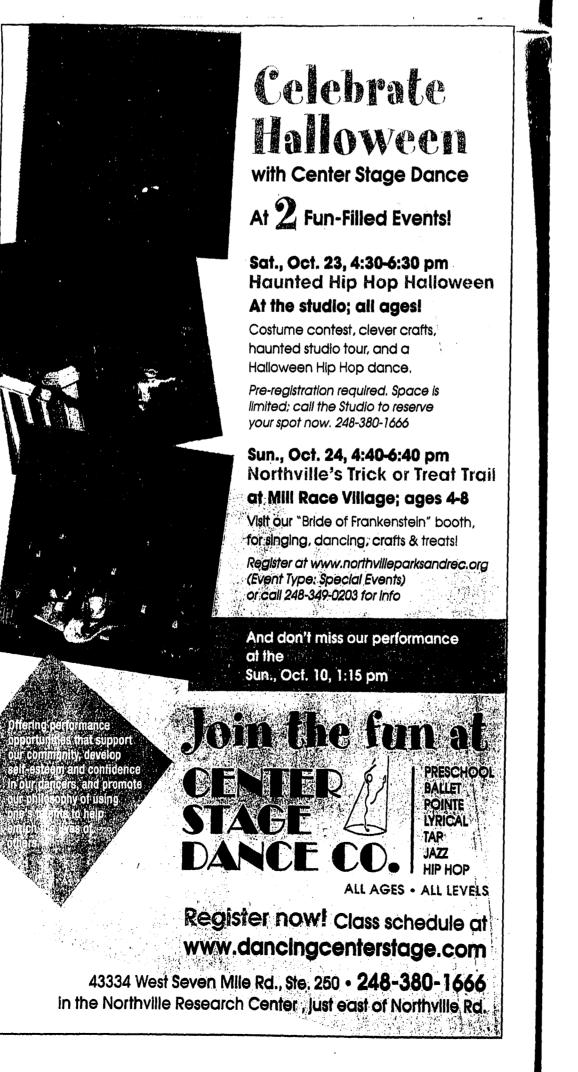
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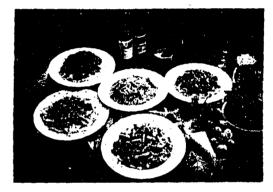
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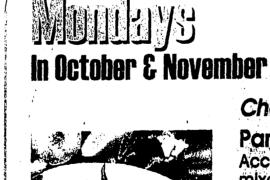


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# The sounds of fall: Novi junior plays for football team, marches with band at halftime

EDECAY NEWS

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Kevin Pasquale looks every bit the part of a football player He is an imposing figure at 6 feet, 6 inches tall and 325 pounds, but a helmet and shoulder pads were never his

The Novi High School junior preferred to spend his time on the field donning a different uniform and toting a saxophone instead of a football as a member of the marching band.

But after years of being told he should play football, he figured he needed to see if he

"Basically, my whole life people have been asking me if I play football, and I always said, 'No. I'm in the band," he a try, and right now it's work-

changed my perception of what dedication really is.' Dedication is one of the words band Director Mark Hourigan used to describe Pasquale, who didn't quit band just because he joined the football team.

He practices with both, often requiring him to be at school from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., and Sept. 24 completed the game day doubledip. He took the field for the football team in its game against South Lyon East, and at halftime joined the marching band, while in his football uniform, for its show. "It was fun to get on the

field," he said. Hourigan said many of the students in marching band compete in other fall sports. but varsity football is one of said. "I thought I would give it the harder ones because of the commitment He also said Pasquale's per-

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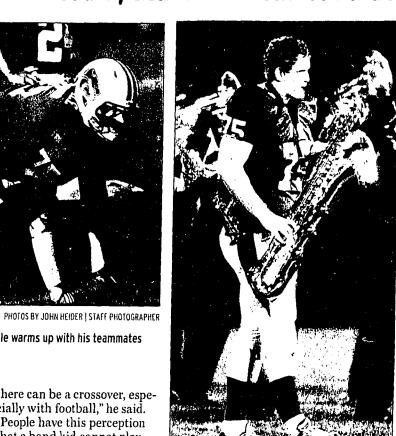
Novi varsity football player Kevin Pasquale warms up with his teammates before their Sept. 24 home game.

formance was good publicity "It's great for people to see

cially with football," he said. "People have this perception that a band kid cannot play football, and this is a great opportunity for people to see

there can be a crossover, espe-

One of those who questioned it was Novi football coach Todd Pennycuff. The first-year coach said he had concerns about Pasquale making it through two-a-days in the summer, let alone the season, but he proved him



With his football pads and uniform still on, Novi Wildcat varsity player Kevin Pasquale plays saxophone with the marching band during halftime of Novi's Sept. 24 home game.

"I didn't think he would last and didn't think he could persevere through the physical aspect of being out in the heat, but he's never quit," Pennycuff said. "If we had a whole foot-

"I know a lot of (my teammates) knew me as a band kid and I know they think differently of me now," he said.



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# Crawford spends time doing Retired teacher enjoys being talks, programs for seniors active in politics and family

She's an author, speaker, traveler and performer She ran against Capello for same position in 2008

She is also an

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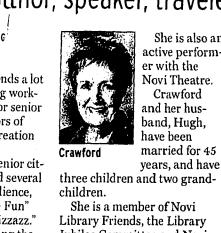
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Kathy Craword spinds a lot of time traveling, doing workshops and pregrams for senior citizen group, directors of senior center and ecreation professional

She plans rips fr senior citizens and ha authred several workbooks ir thi audience, such as, "Sti Up ome Fun" and "Programs wth Pizzazz." "It's sort I likeurning the lights on wen wrking with younger pople i. this field,"

She was elected by Attorney General Mke Ox to conduct programs idntity theft and fraudwas.ppointed by ThaddeusMcOtter to be a delegate i the 005 White House Conference on Aging and is the authr of "Two Broads Aroa" that she co-

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She is a member of Novi Library Friends, the Library Jubilee Committee and Novi Library Writers. She's also secretary of the Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association

and attended their regional meeting in Indiana last year. "I love doing anything with the public, and since I'm an author now, I love doing book talks," she said. Recently, she was in Illinois

attending a book discussion group, and she and her co-

don't like wasted time."

author stayed at a person's

home, "It was an awesome

She also does workshops

on how to relieve stress in the

"I'm a very optimistic per-

She likes to read all types of

books and used to read a lot of

historical romance and books

She's written books for

and churches, owns Kathy

with a friend. "I'm a person

who's involved not just in one

ity directors at senior centers

son," Crawford said.

on English history.

in me," she said.

area, and I'm a real supporter of Novi," Crawford said. "I'm always looking ahead, and I

"I think I have another book senior programmers and activ-

She managed a political campaign in 2004 for Joan Crawford Communications and Gebhardt of Livonia, a canformed Snack Bag Publishing didate for the state House. Although she didn't win, she did better than any Democrat has done against a Republican in Livonia in many years,

Zvczvnski went on to work on U.S. congressional pfleming@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 260 candidate Tony Trupiano's

all-out system for the Oakland

Transit Authority for SMART bus

ways," she said

Zyczynski

has also found ways to remain

involved in education. For

the past three years, she has

chaired the Michigan Education

Association's retirees' student-

teacher mentoring program.

Hometown Weeklies I Thursday, October 7, 2010

Karen Zyczynski may be retired, but she enjoys staying politically active, whether working on her campaign or omeone else's. "In retirement, you go through a period of adjustment," Zyczynski said. "You ask yourself, 'What do I want to do with the rest of my

A retired teacher, Zyczynski left the Livonia Public Schools

Zyczynski has also been involved with the American Association of University Women's Novi-Northville Chapter for about the last 18 months. "I'm more interested in the fund-raising aspect of the

according to Zyczynski. group and am on their finance committee," she said. She has worked on their Remember the Ladies program in which

they raise money to purchase books and other materials about women in history, supplying them to elementary "I've been school libraries in Novi and

Northville. AAUW also sponsors the Mercy Project, a program in Detroit for women returning to school to get their GEDs or have other needs.

She is also the grandmother of three — two boys and a girl with another on the way. Both of her children graduated from Novi High School and became teachers. She takes care of her grandchildren two days a week Zyczynski likes to read, and she and her husband enjoy going to the movies and to their cabin in the Upper Peninsula. She is an exercise enthusiast who enjoys walking

and doing yoga. pfleming@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 260

with her Labrador retriever

Novi/esdent looks to win Oakland County Commission seat Retired educator seeks Oakland County Commission seat

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Plee see K. CRAWFCRD, A13

KATHY CRAWFORD

**Spouse**: Hugh D. Crawford (State Representative 38th District); married for 46 years

Children: Three grown children -- Doug, Amy and Kelly -- and two grandchildren -- Alexis and Devin; all grew up in Novi and attended Novi schools. Residency: Hugh and I have lived in Novi our entire lives except for a short time right after we were married. Our parents and grandparents were also Novi residents.

Community Involvement: elected 2007..member of Novi City Council; SEMCOG General Assembly; Novi Consultant Review Committee; Michigan Municipal League General Government Committee; MML Energy and Technology Committee; Oakland County Senior Planning Coalition-Active Lifestyles sub-committee; charter member of the West Oakland Republican Club; Secretary Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association; active member of

the Friends of the Novi Library; past chair and active member of Novi Retirees Association; cast member of Novi Theatre's Performing Arts **Education**: some college classes and courses Email: kscraw@msn.com

There are already several communities in Oakland County that take advantage

of SMART bus service. An opt all-in or all-out system could potentially put these communities in the position of having to eliminate a service they already provide. I believe it should be initiated on a community by community basis. A few communities should not be able to hold hostage those who wish to avail themselves of the service. 2 - What additional steps can the

county take to help promote new business growth? We need to be out there

Please see ZYCZYNSKI, A13

KAREN ZYCZYNSKI

Age: 68 Spouse: Richard G. Zyczynski; married 45 years Children: Amy K. Denys, 37; David A. Zyczynski, 34

Residency: Novi since 1971 Community involvement: Currently vice-chair of the Democrats of West Oakland County; Finance Committee of the Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women. Since June 2008 I have become involved with an organization that supports women in the community -The American Association of University Women Northville-Novi

Related Experience: Active in Michigan Education Association -- Retired group as Chair of the Mentoring Program Committee and , on the MEA-PAC Council. From 2005 to 2008 I served on Novi's Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission and the Greenways/Pathways

Committee for a year. Profession: retired educator Education: Master of arts in elementary education, Wayne State University; bachelor of philosophy, Monteith College, Wayne State

University; Cody High School, Detroit

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and whispered 'peace be thine.' It

broke our hearts to lose you. But you

didn't oo alone. Part of us went with

you, The day God called you home."

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CHARLES R. SELIX

Age 80, passed away, September

28. 2010. Visitation was held on

Saturday. A funeral service was con-

ducted on Sunday at PHILLIPS

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JERRY L. ASHBY Age 76. of Northville, passed away Sept. 30, 2010. A funeral mass was held Mon. Oct. 4, at St. Colette Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline uneral Home, Inc. of Northville.

DAVID H. DUNCAN Age 75. passed away, October 4, 2010. Visitation was held on Wednesday. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, October 7th Age 21, of Milford, passed away at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL October 3, 2010. She was born HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. October 29, 1988 to Ralph W. Fera

# CHERI ANN (NEE. GERSKY) of her childhood in Redford and

DURHAM Age 47 of Milford died Thursday, School in 2006. Megan was united in September 30, 2010. Rest in Peace marriage to the love of her life Kevin Mom. For further information please Kochvar on September 29, 2007 visit:www.LvnchFuneralDirectors.co She was working as a receptionist m or call 248-684-6645 with U of M Livonia Health Center

Megan loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She had really been looking forward to cele MILDRED H. FAULK brating her daughter's first birthday, A long time resident of Warner which they shared on October 29th. Robins, Georgia, died in the care of She was a talented dancer, who loved her daughter in Milford, Michigan on all types of dance from ballet to hip September 28, 2010, at the age of hop. She began taking classes at age 91. She was preceded in death by 3 with Sheryl's School of Dance in her husband, Charles L. Faulk, her Novi and went on to teach dance to twin brother, Milton, and other sib- the younger students. Megan who lings, Andy, Beulah and Beryl. She was very artistic, also enjoyed readis survived by her sons. Charles M. ing. She is survived by her loving (Carolyn) Faulk of Kenosha, WI. husband Kevin Kochvar, her daugh-George (Betty) Faulk of Altamont. ter Kinsey; her parents Ralph Fera KS; her daughter, Sharon (Ray) and Kim Fera; her brother Jake Fera Hubbard of Milford; six grandchil- grandmother Dorothy Fera; in-laws dren, five great grandchildren; and Richard and Sandy Kochvar; sisters sister-in-law, Hazel Hilyard; brother in-law Kim and Kelly; and her in law, Ernest Faulk, Mrs. Faulk was nephews Tyler and Aidan. She was a long time member of the First also loved by many aunts, uncles, Baptist Church in Warner Robbins. and cousins. She was preceded in where she taught Kindergarten for death by her grandparents Clayton many years. Funeral Services were and Carol Kempany. A Liturgy of the held at Heritage Memorial Funeral Word funeral service will be held Home in Warner Robins, GA on Thursday, October 7, 2010 11 a.m. at Saturday, October 2, 2010, with bur- Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 59255 ial in Magnolia Park Cemetery. Ten Mile Road, South Lyon 48178. Memorials may be made in her name Father Stan Tokarski from St. Joseph to the Am. Diabetes Association or Catholic Church of South Lyon will Am. Heart Association. For further officiate the service. Contributions to information please phone Lynch & the family of Megan Kochvar would be appreciated. Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645.

**JEAN GUETSCHOW** Age 68 of South Lyon, passed away peacefully September 30, 2010. She 2010. She was born on January 11 was born August 26th, 1942 in 1930, in Rome, Georgia, daughter of Detroit: daughter of George Meyers the late Forest & Sudie Jerome. She and Tommie Louise McBrayer. She was preceded in death by her cherwas united in marriage to Raymond ished husband Harold in 1982. Jean Lindberg on July 19, 1963 and they was a loving, caring and devoted spent 15 loving years together until mother, grandmama, great-grand-mama, sister and friend. She will his death in 1978. Those who she touched knew her for her kind and always be remembered for her love giving soul. She will be remembered I and selflessness. She remained to be the foundation for her family thumb and the way she adored her throughout the entirety of her life. family. Battling for her life the past During the holidays, Jean prepared few years, she held strong and is now homemade chocolates and cookies able to rest with God. She is survived by her beloved children, Duronda grandchildren. Her faithful service to God, her family and to others will be Raymond (Leslie) Lindberg, and (Victor) Taylor, Mark Lindberg, her everlasting memory. She is sur-Sherrie Lindberg Burke; her loving vived by: her beloved daughters. sister Mary Sue Baergen; and her Brenda (Gary) Pike and Amy (Robert) beloved grandchildren Jessica Barnhart, her loving grandchildren. Crawford, Kay Crawford and William Timothy Barnhart, Kathryn (Dannen) M. Taylor. She was preceded in death Trembath, Steven (Alicia) Barnhart, by her parents, her husband, and her Casandra Pike, Allison Barnhart, sister Barbara Chyrl Mevers, A cele-Melissa Pike, her great grandchilbration of Duronda's life will be held dren, Caleb Barnhart, Liam, Lily and Luke Trembath. She is also survived 60453 Lillian St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers donations are suggested Smith and four nieces. Visitation and to the University of Michigan Cancer funeral services were held at Care Center, Dr. Francis Worden Gift Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian in Memory of Duronda Lindberg, Church, in Brighton, Graveside serv-2800 Plymouth Road Bidg. 100, Ann ices were held in Woodlawn Arbor, MI 48109. Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrange-"God saw the road was getting ments entrusted to PHILLIPS rough, And the hills were hard to FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online climb, So he closed her weary eyes Guesthook at:

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Mass Schedule Time/Day: 8:30am, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 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.

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Saturdays or by appointment

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

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Detroit First Church of the Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

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Children's program, Youth Worship a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible

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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays **Details**: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first

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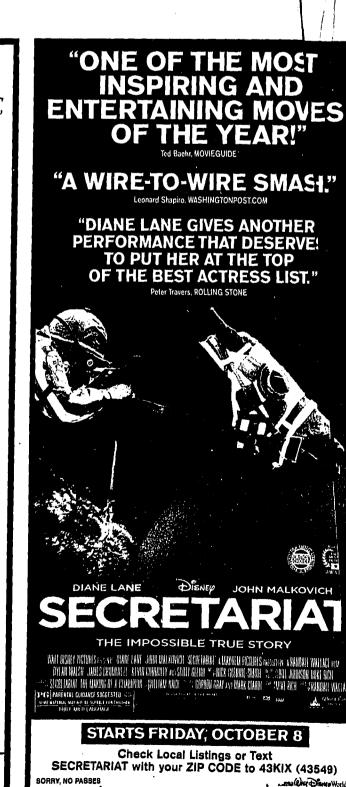


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Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. **Sermon**: Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each

Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

**Time/Date**: 7:30 p.m. **Details**: This traditional-contemporary service is Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of quitar and piano. Rummage Sale Time/Date: 9 a.m. Oct. 15-16

Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

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Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter. com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month **Location**: In front of the church

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Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office. Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

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# Food, wine event: A delicious way to raise money for Schoolcraft students

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purveyors from near (metro Detroit) and far (northern Michigan) offered fasty samplings for a good cause Sept. 26 at the 19th annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza. Nearly 700

Guests sampled breads from Zingerman's Bakehouse, biscotti and shortbread from The Biscotti Bar Bakery in Plymouth, crab cakes from the Schoolcraft Culinary Department and cupcakes people tasted samples from 50 from the Cupcake Station in

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Birmingham and Just Baked (a cupcake shop and bakery) in Livonia. The pulled pork mini-sandwiches offered by Red Smoke Barbeque and the samples of flavored vodka at the McCormick table were popular spots all afternoon. "We were very pleased with this year's event," said Marge Lynch of Schoolcraft's Special Events and Fundraising Office and member of the 2010

exceeded last year and our volunteers were wonderful." "The most important part is that the proceeds will help our students through scholarship support," said Lynch, adding "this fall our Financial Aid Office has been overwhelmed with students in need of aid. The event also benefits the They use the funds to help with student support and for



"The restaurants were great the students to prepare for and Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress welcomes quests at the VIP

# Art exhibit showcases Schoolcraft's hidden talent

Three artists from among the Schoolcraft College art faculty will be displaying their wide range of skills and media at a gallery space a few miles from campus. This exhibition, called "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings", officially opened Oct. 2 at Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio (a.k.a. Art & Ideas

Culinary Host Committee.

The show features the work of lead Schoolcraft art faculty Sarah Olson and instructors Ellen Moucoulis and Robert Bielat. Their work will be on display through Nov. 13 at Art & Ideas in Plymouth Township, between Plymouth and Northville.

"While the differences in

style and media are clearly evident, what unites the three of us as artists is our fluency in our respective media," says Olson. "We each have a fundamental need to express aspects visible were it not for our art." Sculptor Robert Bielat creates raw, dramatic metal sculptures that reflect our aging post-industrial landscape. "My work has evolved through the years, but has always interpreted the tension between he says, "acknowledging our numan imprints on the past, and reminding us that we are

creators of the future we wish

to share with this planet."





The exhibition 'Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings' at Art & Ideas Gallery features the work of lead Schoolcraft art faculty Sarah Olson and instructors Ellen Moucoulis and Robert Bielat.

Painter Ellen Moucoulis has shown her work extensively throughout Michigan and the Midwest. In her "Homage" series, she emphasizes the raw, physical drama of animals and nature. She says the series of paintings demonstrates the synchronicity of thought of artists from different times in history, and from different of ourselves which would not be cultures. "It's an example of how we are all connected. I chose to revisit and reintercaptured my imagination, using animals to magnify and exaggerate emotion," including

> Mixed-media artist Sarah Olson will show layered, semiabstract mixed-media paintings that often use ancient runes or Chinese characters as contextual references. "Although my work spans the

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general categories of representational, non-objective, and abstract, my hope is that the viewer will sense a persuasive philosophical and spiritual strand winding through and unifying my collective body of work," she says. "By using the physical media of paint, canvas, and clay, I explore the often ambiguous roles of negative and positive space in changing physical, mental,

An opening reception for "Diverse Forms, Diverse Meanings" will be held on Saturday from 5:30-9 p.m., with short talks by the artists startreception is free and open to the public (all ages). Regular gallery hours are 1-7 p.m. Saturdays or by appointment. Art & Ideas is located

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more information.

Lake, 200 yards north of the eastbound Five Mile Road intersection, right at the intersection where northbound Edward Hines Drive intersects Northville Road.) This is the seventh themed exhibition held at Art & Ideas since it opened in December 2009. The final exhibition of 2010 (opening Nov. 20) will be a first year of existence. Artists from all seven exhibitions will be represented with artworks that will each represent the

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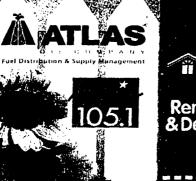
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Adnan Alousi, 6, of Huntington Woods, was our first winner. He attended the April 11 Tigers game at Comerica Park For his sixth birthday, Adnan had 25 friends bring baseball equipment instead of presents for him. He donated the equipment to the Tigers "Gloves For Kids" program.



Steven, 10, and Seta, 7, Hagopian of Commerce Township

and formerly of Millord were winners of the Sept. 12 Tigers

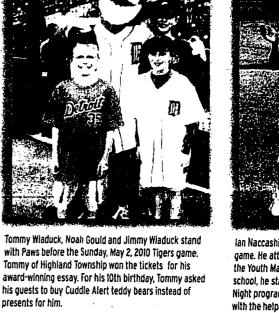
tickets. They attend Country Oaks Elementary School in

the Huron Valley School District. They believe in helping

family and community. They are members of St. John's

Armenian Church in Southfield where they helped to raise

Ryan Schmatz, 9, of Canton Township, was the August winner of the Observer Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers Paws for Applause Essay Contest, allowing him to meet Paws. the Detroit Tigers mascot, at the Aug. 22 game. Ryan attends Field Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. He likes to recycle paper, cans, plastic, cardboard, and plass at home and in his



lan Naccashian , 13, of Livonia attended the June 13 Tigers game. He attends Holmes Middle School in Livonia. As part of the Youth Makes a Difference program at his elementary school, he started collecting eyeglasses for the AAA Sight Night program at age six. During the 2009/2010 school year with the help of family, friends and his school community, lan collected another 23 pairs of eyeglasses. Bringing his total



the environment and tries to make her school "a more eco-friendly place." She attended the July 11 Tigers game and met Paws. She attends O.E Dunckel Middle School in the

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### Use smoke detectors; avoid tragedy by being prepared for home fires

Firefighters know the best way to put out a fire is to prevent it from happening in the first place. There are plenty of steps people can take to prevent fires from occurring in their homes. For exam-

ple, one should never leave cooking food unattended (the No. 1 cause of home fires), or leave combustible items such as clothes or curtains near space heaters. Unfortunately though, the reality is fires are going to occur from time to time, and it is essential that everyone is prepared for them when they do take place. Home fires can be devastating. Consider the

following statistics from 2008: • Home fires killed 2,755 people and injured

• Someone was injured in a reported home fire every 40 minutes. · Roughly eight people died in home fires every

• More than 80 percent of all fire deaths and 79 percent of fire injuries resulted from home fires. Oct. 3-9 is Fire Prevention Week, and its theme this time is "Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with!" This is the week that fire personnel are educating and motivating people to actively determine whether they have proper smoke alarm protection throughout their homes.

Now, we have a few questions to ask our readers: First, do you have enough smoke alarms in your home? If you answered yes, congratulations. Your home is among the 96 percent of homes in the country that have it least one sinoke alarn

Second, is one smoke alarm enough to protect you and your family?

If you answered yes again, you're wrong. The National Fire Protection Association, which developed the National Smoke Alarm Code, recommends smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside all sleeping areas and on every level of the home, including the base-

In fact, many homes still don't have that level of protection. Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in U.S. home fires. No smoke alarms were present in 40 percent of the home fire deaths. In 23 percent of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present, but did not sound. In more than half of the reported home fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate even though the fire was large enough, batteries were missing or disconnected. Nuisance alarms were the leading reason for

disconnected alarms. Smoke alarms can cut the chance of dying in a fire in half, but they must be working properly to do so. NFPA offers the following tips for making sure smoke alarms are maintained and working properly:

• Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, and make sure everyone in your home knows their sound.

• If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away. • Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use

10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they're 10 years old (or sooner), if they do not respond properly when tested. For a whole list of actions that can be taken in the

home, visit www.firepreventionweek.org. And remember, thinking about fire safety shouldn't be relegated to one week per year. It is something everyone should give serious consideration to throughout the year. It doesn't take a lot of time or effort. But it could save the lives of you and

### **ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS**



your loved ones.

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

Creating mega districts? Novi, Northville superintendents say consolidation not the

How come Plymouth and Canton can pull off great education then? CantoniaRulez

When close to 40% of the high school kids within the 11/2 mile "Walk Zone" of Novi High School are bused to Northville High, there are probably some cost savings these two could "find". How does it make any sense to have the school district line of demarcation border Novi High School property? (Yes, due south of Novi High, you go to Northville). Don't you think there are some cost savings

GoatsFarm

### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

What do you think of the Detroit Lions this season?



The Lions will have a great Not so good. They've season. They looked good in the preseason and they've got lots of new

Chuck Ryntz



been running on bad luck recently. Ken Gretwall



I think the new coach will do a good job.

They are going to sail through the season with Dave Harrington flying colors and make it to the Super Bowl.

TAX-N

Dave Grozier

### **LETTERS**

### Two more classes added to the school vear

In recent years, Novi High School has experienced the four-block schedule, but as the 2010-11 school year begins, teachers and students make a huge transition to a six-period

Novi High School decided earlier last year that we would be switching to this new schedule. This change has had many different opinions from everyone. Some like that the classes are shorter. The classes aren't as fast naced because you have the whole year to learn the subject and not just one semester. Last year, most math classes were learning two new sections a day, and this year they are only learning one. This gives them more time to understand the material.

Even though some like it, I have heard many who don't. With the new schedule there is only 55 minutes of class, which gives the teacher less time to give the lesson and less time to help students. From my experience so far, I am one of the people that favor the block schedule over the six hours.

Another thing that was lost due to the new schedule is seminar, when you could go to any class and take tests or quizzes that you missed, or you could go to get help from the teacher. Without this, it is very hard for students to accomplish these things. Many teachers and students have other responsibilities such as family and extracurricular activities that make it very hard to organize the extra help that is needed.

This year, we get much more homework than usual with six classes. Two more classes means two more subjects to have homework in. Also, we can only fit in six credits instead of eight from the two semesters of four blocks. This means we will have less credits for college applications when we finish high school.

I understand that this is the way it will be because of budget cuts in the district, but I would like the school board to understand that many things that were in favor of students' education were lost because of this change and that maybe they can alter some things to give opportunities back to the stu-

> Andrea VanderMey Novi High School sophomore

### Baker bike ride kudos

Thanks to all participants, sponsors and volunteers for making the Paul Baker Memorial Charity Bicycle Ride a huge success Aug. 21. Together we raised a generous amount of money that will benefit the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter and the Ronald McDonald House, Detroit Children's school. Hospital.

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Thank you, and see you next August! Mike O'Neill & Support Staff

### Consolidation wouldn't work here

Recently their have been talks about a Novi/Northville mega-district. This is after Gov. Jennifer Granholm set aside a \$50 million grant to a potentially successful and beneficial competition for schools districts that are able to show how they can save through merging with other districts. The \$50 million was actually taken away from Novi's and other schools' 20(j) fund. Both districts have talked about it through the school boards and the superintendents. This would not benefit students' learning, which is the most important thing for these two highly academic school districts.

The two school districts have two of the highest academic ratings in the state and this would not happen. Based on statistics, if the two districts did consolidate, they would actually lose money. This would affect the budget for academics in a negative way. The consolidadistricts, but not two major districts like Novi and Northville. Many problems that a megadistrict would face include busing of students, technology and other things such as summer

We must stand up and keep these two outstanding school districts from becoming run of the mill. They should not do this at all and especially not for the money they could receive from the state. If this happens, then the academic excellence will fall. We can keep this from happening by stating our opinions at the school meetings, making petitions and writing letters to the school board. We must do whatever it takes to keep our great school districts great.

> Jon Thompson Novi Community High School student

### Walkable is great I love Novi so much. As a student, I enjoy

going to Friday night football games and being able to use the new public library. But as someone under the age of 16 and without their license, this makes it impossible for me and others in my situation to get to these places without rides.

I believe the recent project started by the Walkable Novi Committee, working to create more sidewalks in the community, is great. When my parents looked for houses back in 1996, what attracted them to Novi was the advanced school programs and, surprisingly, the sidewalks! They wanted a safer community for them to raise a family in, where they could take long walks on summer nights and not worry about anyone getting hurt. In the article, it states that in recent surveys, walking was the No. 1 form of recreation in the city. Walking from place to place

is good for your health, the environment and it gives families the chance to spend some quality time together. With the new sidewalks being added to Novi, members of the community can feel safer walking more

Mackenzie Betts

### Mega-district might be the answer

Districts?" (Sept. 30): It is certainly obvious that pressures to save money are straining the public school districts of Michigan to the absolute extremes. For this reason, it is quite perplexing and frustrating to see the superintendents of two such affected school districts to be so blatantly opposed

Regarding the article "Creating Mega-

As a student of Novi High School, I have been well-informed of the lengths that were taken to attempt to reduce the district's budget by \$6.7 million, which included a vastly affecting schedule change, massive budget cuts, increase in class sizes and a total of 75 teacher and counselor layoffs. These damages to the school system are already compromising the quality of our education, and with the unpredictable stability of the economy, harsher deductions may arrive in the future. By waiting for possible disaster to strike instead of taking initiative to improve current conditions, both superintion makes sense for smaller, more rural school tendents are leaving students vulnerable to a more substandard school experience.

Also, according to former state Supt. Tom Watkins, a supportive voice of consolidation, "Maybe the way things are set up now was good public policy and made sense 20 years ago, when the money was there. There's nothing wrong with paying people a nice wage and having small school districts." but "They need a reason better than 'We've always done it this way."

All said and done, it is unclear whether or not the "... something we can put together that can take care of it in the long run," as Supt. Peter Dion put it, will uphold the high standards that are so desperately sought by Novi School District.

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approval of the county's multiyear budget. B) Continuing to provide

acceptable levels of services and programs, particularly for the most vulnerable of our particularly Medical Mainstreet county population. Participate on Commission Committees which provide

next ten years. The county direction to the commission as should also continue offering well as the administration. workshops and programs to C) Economic diversity assist business owners and Review policies, approve Federal and State Grants and support 3 - What are the top three issues the initiatives of the Emerging that the commission should Sectors/Automation Alley. address? What action would you, 4 - Do you support the current as a commissioner, take regarding three-year budgeting cycle? Why?

Yes. Planning three years in

advance is a difficult process,

thinking, we are more likely to

but because of the forward-

A) Balancing the County Budget and keeping spending in line with diminishing revenues. Assisting with the preparation, evaluation and ensure financial sustainability

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potential for creating jobs

and new business growth,

which has the potential for

creating 45,000 jobs in the

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selling the benefits of locating

in Oakland County. The great

private; numerous parks and

other recreational facilities:

the varying styles of living

from rural to city; and all

the other things that make

place to live, work, and raise

a family. In addition, since

Oakland County a great

and create new jobs.

each of them?

schools, both public and

are currently unemployed. Until we can get people back to work, our economy has no chance of growing and thriving again. People with jobs will not be abandoning their homes, they will be purchasing goods and services, and they will be contributing to the tax base which will increase revenue to our local communities, the county, and the state

4 - Do you support the current three-year budgeting cycle? Why? Why not?

banks seem unwilling to The three year budget cycle seems like a rational approach free up money for loans to to moving government small businesses, we need to support programs that will forward as long as there is make available loans for small room for adjustments to be businesses so they can grow made along the way as the economy and the needs of the 3 – What are the top three issues county shift that the commission should 5 - Why are you seeking this address? What action would you,

as a commissioner, take regarding I am seeking this position because I want to make For most people in the a positive difference for current economy it is all about Oakland County residents jobs, jobs, jobs! If we can find and because, in a democracy, ways to successfully support the voters are entitled to have choices when they go to the small businesses, we will be on the way toward creating poles to vote. new jobs for people who 6 - What do you see as the most

Maintaining our bond rating, which impacts how much interest the county pays

pressing issue facing Oakland

County?

for the delivery of necessary

services. Many municipalities

are now following Oakland's

lead in preparing multi-year

5 - Why are you seeking this

I believe that citizen

state and national issues

and problem solving. I have

actively advocated for and

enthusiastically worked

is critical to successful

budgets.

when it borrows money, and to balance our budget. 7 - What is your main goal if elected, and how do you plan to accomplish it? My goal is to see that

Oakland County continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise our children. To support this concept we need to attract new jobs into Oakland County and provide our children with the educational opportunities to enable them to become the strong work force of the future. We need to continue to maintain our roads, improve county parks, keep our communities safe, and encourage environmentally friendly practices. 8 - What qualifies you to serve in this position?

I have assumed many leadership roles as a student, on the job, and in the Novi Community. In the school where I taught; I worked collaboratively

engagement will serve this city

well on the county level. 6 - What do you see as the most pressing issue facing Oakland County? Balancing the county budget and keeping spending in line with diminished revenues

involvement in local, regional, acceptable levels of services, particularly for the most communities, their governance vulnerable of our county. 7 - What is your main goal if elected, and how do you hope to accomplish it? Much of the work of the Oakland County Board

on projects benefiting Novi my entire adult life. My lengthy experience particularly in issues facing older adults, Parks and Recreation, operating a small business, promotion of the arts, accountability, Republican Commissioners fiscal responsibility and civic including the chairman

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while continuing to provide

of Commissioners is done in standing committees. In as much as I have the endorsement and support of 12 of the 13 Oakland County

with colleagues, parents,

projects. As president of a

and students on a variety of

1200 member teachers union

team, I worked with teachers

and member of the negotiating Recreation, and Forestry

County. 8 – What qualifies you to serve in this position? My current and past involvement gives me great insight as well as experience on a wide variety of issues

and vice chair, I will be in

an optimal position to have

greater representation and

influence on the important

issues facing us all in Oakland

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facing Oakland county. I support Oakland County's administration, programs and services, which are second to none in the nation, despite the challenging economic times. Organizational skills, optimism, creativity, very desirable attributes in a

accountability and integrity are her baby daughter, was first commissioner -- and I believe I have all that and more.

problems. Since retiring, I

Creem Magazine co-founder Dave Marsh. Jo was inspired and administrators to find to put together a new group solutions and solve difficult where she could showcase her country-roots songwriting. have served on Novi's Parks, Tickets are \$15 for adults: \$10 for students age 8-18. For tickets, contact Steven Johnson

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the Peoples' pocketbook, how can we justify not making public the ways and means by which we spend its contents? 2 - There remains a wide disparity in state funds allocated per pupil for school districts throughout the state. How would you address this concern? What is your recommendation? Be specific. The State of Michigan

**GEDEON** 

retained much of their funding

advantage. While I think

such as shared services,

consolidation, and benefit

equal funding remains an

egalitarian goal, other school

reforms should be prioritized

basis, the money given to each school district. Beyond that, if a local school district wishes, through a vote of its citizens, to augment that funding, that is their right to so do since the education of a community's children is and must remain an issue of local control. 3 - What are the three top ideas you would support to make Michigan's business climate more competitive?

3 - What are the top three ideas

Michigan's business climate more

wage, import tariffs, trade

Macroeconomic policy (min.

agreements, exchange rates) is

largely set at the federal level

MI lawmakers. We can never

low wage developing nations,

nor should we want to. I have

and cannot be affected by

hope to compete with the

you would support to make

can only afford so much in

allocating, on a per pupil

example, available to ALL industries. 3. Throw out the overly complicated Michigan Business Tax and replace it with a fair tax for ALL businesses. Reward Michigan for the first time to invest in Michigan. Reward

1. Eliminate the Michigan

2. Make the tax breaks

industries, i.e., the movie

no interest turning MI into

Rather than competing in a

Vietnam, China, Pakistan, etc.

race to the bottom, we need to

focus on making MI the most

desirable place for people to

1) focus on education

grads 2) foster bottom-up

4 – Do you support multi-year

entrepreneurship 3) improve

and retaining college

public infrastructure

live and work.

industry being but one

given out piecemeal to select

Business Tax 21.99% surcharge.

relocation tax credit). 4 - Do you support multi-year I would support efforts to initiate investigations into switching over to a multiyear budget. I realize that switching over to a multiyear budget would pose problems

budgeting?

Yes. A MYB forces

administration to conduct

real planning and forecasting.

Developing longterm goals

public policy discussion that

for the state is a serious

is too frequently omitted

could smooth out the roller

coaster ride that schools and

municipalities have faced the

from budget talks. MYB

lawmakers and the

existing businesses that opt

or who chose to move into

Michigan for the first time (a

to invest capital. Provide tax

estimates in a multiyear budget would be difficult credits to encourage Michigan graduates to stay in Michigan with the revenue stream being erratic at best. However, as it serves to streamline government, reduce staff time on budgetary matters and force the elected officials to take a longer term look at the financial issues of the state (thereby reducing attempts as witnessed over recent years to "politicize" the budget process), I would support it.

in Michigan since revenue

last couple of years. Depending on the actual implementation, MYB could induce some level of fiscal restraint due to the conservative estimates that would be required for any forecast. With constitutional constraints, surpluses could be allocated to special purpose funds like a rainy day fund or a college scholarship fund.

# **Novi police halt** Craigslist scam

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old Detroit man was arrested last Thursday by Novi police after he was caught posing as a police officer and stealing money as part of a Craigslist scam. Westley Robert-Thomas

Johnson was arraigned the following day on two charges of impersonating a peace officer to commit a crime; four-year felonies and/or \$5,000 fine, and two charges of fraud by false pretenses less than \$1,000; one-year misdemeanors and/or \$2,000 fine. Police were tipped off to



found Johnson on Craigslist. The suspect indicated that he had Apple iPhones for sale that one of his friends was stealing

Johnson met the victim inside Twelve Oaks Mall, and when he approached him said he was a police officer and that buying stolen cell phones was a crime and he had to cooperate. The victim said he had a gold badge on his waist and a pair of handcuffs. He also indicated he had a gun but never displayed or threatened the victim with it. Johnson then left with the

victim's \$800. Novi's surveillance team (SONIC) contacted Johnson through his e-mail address a couple days later and arranged for a deal at the McDonald's on Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads Johnson met the officer in the parking lot and told him he was a federal agent and displayed his badge. The officer gave him the money, and when Johnson was leaving he was arrested by the other officers in the area.

"What he told us during this confession was that he has been doing this for quite somethise, as said Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest. 'We have sent his arrest information to all area police departments because we believe he is responsible for other crimes." The teen is on record as having a Detroit residence, but told police he did not have a permanent home and usually stayed

Johnson is currently being held at the Oakland County Jail and a preliminary exam was scheduled for Wednesday Conquest said this incident should serve notice to anyone conducting business over the Internet, especially Craigslist. "The first thing you need to do is verify if the seller is authentic," he said. "And if you do meet them, meet at a location where it's safe, preferably in the parking lot of a police department, and take someone with you."

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Car damaged on Main 🕻 A man had his car damaged by an unknown suspect

between 11:30 p.m. and 2 a.m.

on Oct. 2 while it was parallel

parked on Main and Market

According to the report.

there was significant damage

done to the hood, and the vic-

tim believes it must have been

punched or something heavy

Woman pick-pocketed at

Police have no suspects.

A 51-year old Commerce

Township woman had her

wallet stolen from inside her

purse while she was shopping

at Kohl's around 2:30 p.m. on

The woman told police she

had her purse on her should

the entire time and it was

closed with magnets. When

she got to the counter to pay

for her items, her wallet was

Stolen with the wallet were

the woman's driver's license.

debit cards and credit cards.

She told police she did not

notice anyone following her or

The man was arrested and

Garmin taken from car

A Novi woman had her

insider her Chrysler while it

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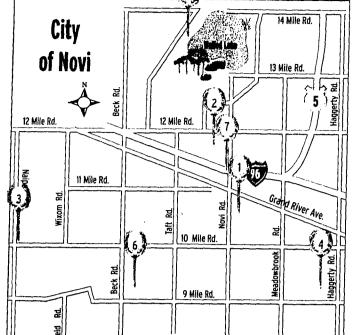
Department.

bumping into her.

was thrown on it.

Kohl's

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was parked at her home on Summer House Court around 10 p.m. on Oct. 3.

8 Mile Rd.

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The woman said she noticed damage to the driver's side window when she went out to her car that night and nothing 30. else was taken from the car. No evidence was left behind and police have no suspects.

Package stolen from Police have no suspects. apartment complex Man arrested after hit

A Novi woman had his 64-gig Apple iTouch sto-len from his front door on A 19-year-old Detroit man was arrested around 3:30 Shorecrest Drive while she was a.m. on Oct. 3 for possession at work on Sept. 27. of narcotic paraphernalia after The woman told police she checked the status of the order

quent thefts.

fleeing the scene of a hit and run accident at Ten Mile and from Amazon.com, which Napier Roads. showed it had been delivered. According to the report, the but it was not at her apartvictim got the license plate ment. The USPS manager number of the car and gave it said it was left at the front to police to went to his home. door and not at the manager's office of the apartment com-When police opened the car they smelled a strong odor of plex because the complex does not accept and store packages marijuana and found a marijuana grinder. because of liability and fre-

transported to the Novi Police Amazon representatives agreed to refund the money, and the woman wanted the police to know this is a frequent problem in the com-

Police have no suspects.

Scale stolen from car 6 An \$800 forklift weighing scale was taken from the front seat of a car while it

was parked on Autumn Park

8 Mile Rd.

Boulevard overnight on Sept. Police were informed the car was left unlocked overnight, but nothing else was taken from inside. Police have no suspects.

Drunk driver stopped by 7A 26-year-old woman was

arrested at 4:18 a.m. on Oct. 3 for drinking and driving after being caught speeding or I-96 near Novi Road. When the officer approached the car, he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants. The woman

failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .15 percent. The legel limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. The woman was arrested

and transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released when sober.

# DeRoche trial delayed again

Evidentiary hearing now scheduled for Nov. 3

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A bench trial for former state House Speaker Craig DeRoche was delayed on Sept. 29 following a request by his attorney for an evidentiary

An evidentiary hearing is a pre-trail hearing to have the idge make a ruling on certain evidence issues. DeRoche, 39, is being charged with possessing a gun

while intoxicated after he was arrested on June 27 at his Novi

According to the police report, DeRoche allegedly was wielding a gun in his home er-in-law and children.

stumbling in the snow after

DeRoche was holding one of he had done nothing wrong.

Police took DeRoche to Providence Park Hospital in Novi to administer a blood

test, which revealed a blood alcohol level of 0.13. A .08 level is considered legally intoxi-The new charge is on top of the impaired driving charge

DeRoche pleaded guilty to in April. It stems from a February incident in Saline in which police found DeRoche

ditching his car and a duffle bag containing an open bottle

On June 15, he was sentenced to six months probation, and given a 92-day suspended jail sentence. He also was ordered to pay \$1,060 in fines, costs and reimbursements and ordered to refrain from alcohol or controlled substances, attend AA meetings and submit to random drug

and alcohol screenings. DeRoche appeared on Sept. 29 before 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie, and will go before him again at the evidentiary hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 3.

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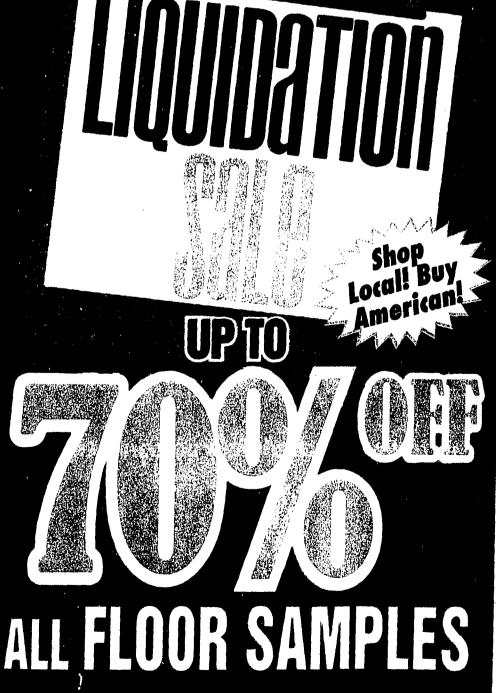
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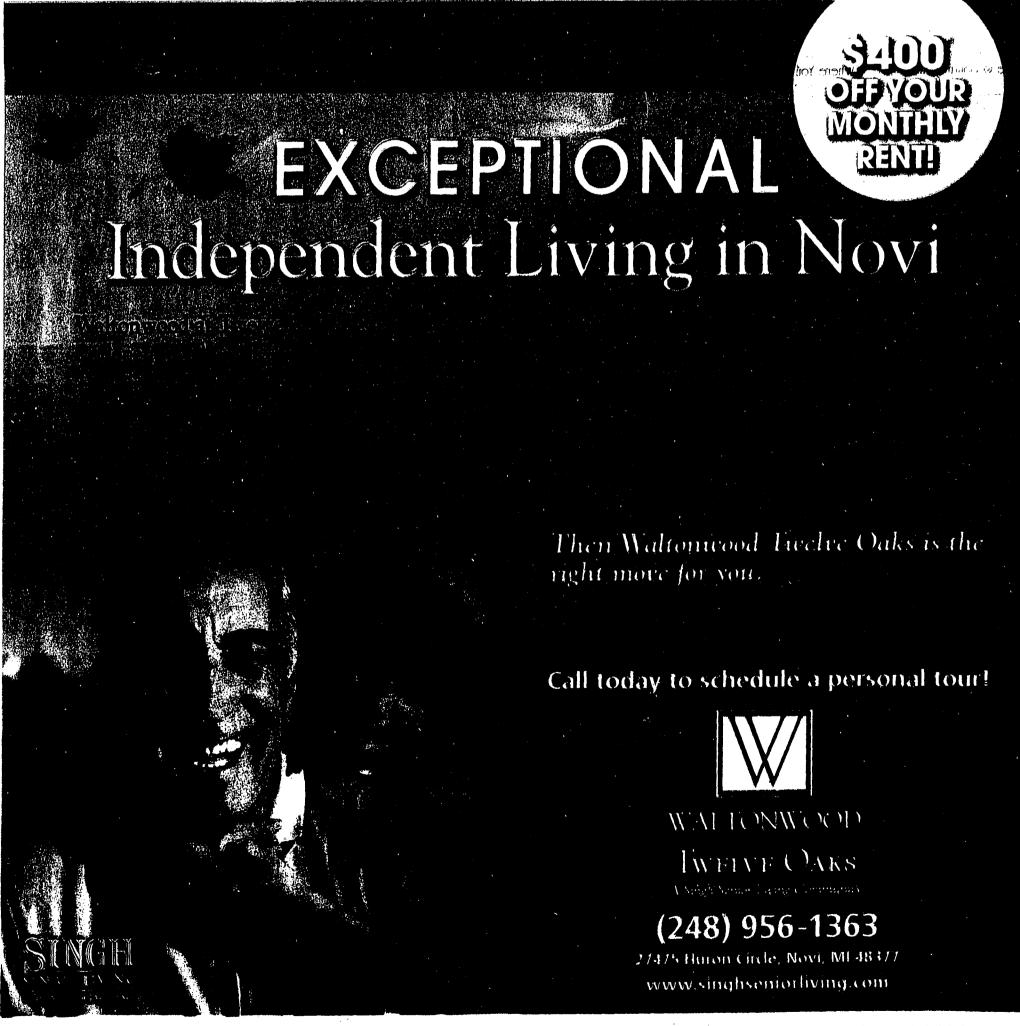
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Novi (4-2, 4-0 KLAA Central) visits Northville

(6-0, 4-0 Central) 7 p.m. tomorrow. The

Mustangs are coming off a 55-6 win over

earlier this season.

players in the contest.

Livonia Stevenson, who Novi defeated 17-6

Northville has outscored opponents 303-36

this season, never scoring fewer than 35 or allowing more than 13 points. Novi has

a 124-74 advantage, which maxes out at 35

points on offense and has allowed up to 24

on defense, poising Novi's defense as the key

"Northville is extremely well coached. Matt

Ladach is one of the classiest coaches out

there," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said.

"We're going to have our work cut out for

us. We're going to have our hands full next

In addition to taking back the Baseline Jug

following a 14-8 overtime loss last season

rivalry game, a victory would also win the

that broke a nine-year winning streak in the

division title and move the Wildcats one step

closer to punching their playoff ticket follow-

broke free for a 16-yard touchdown run up the

left side with 5:57 remaining in the first half.

drive of their own, mostly gained on a huge

34-yard run up the left side by senior Zach

Mohr for a touchdown. Stanford's kick went

The Lions ate up the final 2:41 of the half

with a 79-yard drive, but couldn't score. They

received the ball to start the second half, but

a three-and-out punt by Lions junior Brian

Birckelbaw 2:09 into the third quarter was

both blocked and recovered by Novi junior

Please see FOOTBALL, B2

Novi answered with an eight-play, 61-yard

ing last season's 3-6 shortfall.

wide left, but the 'Cats led 20-7.

Novi senior Dominic Sabo breaks through for a 12-yard run in the second quarter on the first play after a Lions touchdown as South Lyon seniors Jim

Wildcats stomp Lions 27-14

Montrief and Jake Elliott make the tackle. Novi won 27-14 last Friday.

Baseline Jug to go

to division champion

BY CHRIS JACKETT

CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes statistics are not indicative of

South Lyon (2-4, 2-2 KLAA Central) had

the edge in several statistical categories during

last Friday's football game at Novi (4-2, 4-0

Central), but the Wildcats came away with

a 27-14 victory without much of a challenge

"We're our own worst enemies. Fumbles,

miscues on offense, missed assignments on

defense. Its like they have a brain fart," South

Lyon coach Mark Thomas said of his team.

We just make mistakes, turn the ball over."

Novi's 12, while also gaining 11 more total

"We're coming together. We didn't really

have to try to throw the ball tonight. When I

look at our overall performance, our kids are

playing hard," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "The kids are playing very hard, the effort's there. Those are things you can't

A pair of early turnovers led to a Novi touch-

down 2:16 into the contest. After Novi senior

Brian Bush fumbled the initial kickoff return,

Lions' sophomore quarterback Andrew Garcia

had his pass picked off at Novi's 19-yard-line

and returned 66 yards to South Lyon's 15 by

Novi senior Brady Sheldon during the Lions'

into the right side of the end zone from eight

kick was good to give the Wildcats an early

After a touchback on the kickoff, South

yards out. Senior Scotty Stanford's extra point

On third down, junior Zach Masserant ran

third play of the drive.

yards on the night, but found themselves

down 14 points after 12 minutes.

The Lions had eight more first downs than

from the Lions.

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# **Catholic Central** still dominates

Football team earns playoff berth with sixth victory

> BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Can winning become old hat for a high school football team? It appears that it may just be the case for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks.

The Catholic Central Shamrocks are slated to be back in action Sunday when they play Brother Rice in a Catholic High School League showdown at 2 p.m. The game will be played at Wayne State University. Brother Rice is currently 3-3 on the year and needs to win out in order to advance to the playoffs. They have losses to Detroit Martin Luthor King, 32-19, Toldeo Saint John's Jesuit, 17-14, and De La Salle, 7-0. They have wins over Highland Park, 35-8, U of D

Jesuit, 21-0, and Orchard Lake

Saint Mary's, 26-3.

The Shamrocks collected their sixth victory this season with a smashing win over Catholic High School League rival University of Detroit Jesuit last week. Catholic Central's defense was the star of the game. et again, as they helped their team roll to a 35-6

The Shamrocks--which are not only ranked first in Division I by the Detroit Free Press' Mick McCabe but also in the Oct. 5 Associated Press statewide poll--followed the lead of senior quarterback Mike Birney. Not only did Birney follow Catholic Central tradition by running the ball extremely well, he impressed everyone in the stands with a deep touchdown throw to tight end Matthew

Doneth, who fell backward into the end zone for the sco s he snagged the pass. So far this season, the Shamrocks have outscored their opponents, 209-26. The only team that have scored on them have been Hudsonville (13 points). De La Salle (sever points) and U of D (six points).

Catholic Central climbed to 6-0 on the season with the victory and 2-0 in the Catholic League Central Division. They guaranteed a playoff berth with the victory. U of D fell to 2-3 overall and is winless in the CHSL Central Division with a 0-2 mark.

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

# Pair of 2-1 losses drops 'Cats from title race

Field hockey team looking to rebound, finish on high note

BY CHRIS JACKETT

A pair of losses during the past week makes Novi's field hockey team a long shot to win the Division III title. The 'Cats (4-6-1, 3-3-1 Div. III) dropped 2-1 decisions last

Novi (4-6-1, 3-3-1 Division III) was scheduled to visit the Washtenaw Whippets (0-8-2, 0-5-1 Div. III) yesterday before hosting Thursday's 4:15 p.m.

contest against Grosse Pointe

Thursday at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (2-5-3, 2-1-3 Div. III) and also Monday at Dearborn Edsel Ford (6-4-1, 5-2-1 Div. III). Novi's Sept. 28 contest agains the Washtenaw Whippets (0-8-2, 0-5-1 Div. III) was rained out and rescheduled for Oct.

North (1-7-0, 1-4-0 Div. III). Last Thursday's contest against Kingswood went into the break scoreless, but the Cranes scored one minute into the second half on a breakaway and

then again two minutes later during a scramble in front of Novi's Please see FIELD HOCKEY, B2

Lyon pushed from their 20 to Novi's 32 before Frederick had a 13-yard run before Frederick

BY CHRIS JACKETT

**GIRLS GOLF** The Wildcats (9-1) held on to a share of

the KLAA Central Division title despite a 169-176 loss to Northville (9-1) last Thursday. The Mustangs had won sole possession of the title every year since the new association was Junior Kathleen Koomen led the way with a

42, followed by senior Megan Henry (43), senior Victoria Tomkinson (44) and senior Alyssa Miller (47). The loss came one day after a 181-256 victory

over Plymouth Salem (). Senior Kaitlin Hogan led with a career low 44, followed by Miller (45), Henry (46) and Tomkinson (46). Their squad was scheduled to compete in the

KLAA Kensington Conference tournament at Pheasant Run last Tuesday before competing in Regionals today at Tanglewood. A solid finish would mean a place at the Oct. 15 state tournament in Ypsilanti.

Seniors Alvssa Miller and Derek Kim were

crowned homecoming queen and king during

halftime of last Friday's football game against

fumbling a third-down rush at Novi's 30 that

Novi junior Alex King recovered. Novi drove

the ball up field with 25- and 22-yard runs by

senior Dominic Sabo before Sheldon ran into

the left side of the end zone from four yards

with 38.7 seconds left in the quarter.

put together an eight-play, 74-yard drive

to bring the score to 14-7. Senior Hunter

Brenneman had a 19-yard run, junior Justin

Tolinski had an 11-yard run and senior Cory

out. Stanford's kick put the 'Cats ahead 14-0

After a failed drive by each team, the Lions

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** 

The Wildcats' boys cross country squad lost to Northville for just the second time in the past 31 years. The other occasion was in 2007. The Mustangs won 24-38 Sept. 29 to drop Novi to 2-1 in the KLAA Central Division and improve

"It was a great race between the two premier teams in the Central Division of the KLAA, but Northville was the better team today. They ran a great race," Novi coach Robert Smith said.

Please see ROUNDUP, B3



Novi equestrian team members (left to right) Jennifer Tosto, Alyssa Ninkovich, Calla Spillane, Samantha Ansara (back), Mallory Walker and Whitney Pollock participated in the homecoming parade last Friday.

online at hometownlife.com

Novi Wildcat Isabelle Glancey

BY CHRIS JACKETT

CORRESPONDENT

The Novi volleyball team

is making an example out of

the rest of the KLAA's Central

The Wildcats (16-2-1, 4-0

Central) are ranked No. 9 in

Class A, but have been sweep-

ing through the first half of the

season without too much tough

Last week, the 'Cats added

a pair of wins Sept. 28 over

South Lyon East (1-15-3, 0-4

Central) and last Thursday

over Northville (18-7-4, 2-2

Novi demolished the visit-

ing Cougars 25-9, 25-4, 25-5

Laura Subject and Anna Lu

combined for 30 assists on

the day (17:34), followed by

racing for personal records

and racing against another

team. On the one hand, you

must run your own race to

said. "We learned a lesson

achieve your best time. On the

other hand, you must also race

against the other team," Smith

today that we must blend the

top six runners set an overall

"We came up a little flat

part of the issue. It will all pay

The Kensington Conference

today, and hard training is

off in the end. We still have

the conference meet to look

meet isn't until 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 21, but the 'Cats have

the Oakland County meet

dual meet against Livonia

Stevenson (2-1) Tuesday at

The six-person team fin-

points, good for eighth of nine

Pollock earned 65 points over the course of the season, fol-

lowed by sophomore co-cap-

tain Alyssa Ninkovich's eight

points and freshman Jennifer

ished the season with 75

Senior captain Whitney

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senior Steve Pravato (11th in

17:45) and junior Eric Gardner

"There is a fine line between

competition.

Central).

division driver's seat

Subject, Lu setting up Novi victories

Following last Tuesday's visit by

Plymouth Salem (10-5-0, 3-1 KLAA

Central) hosts Livonia Stevenson

(9-6-3, 1-3 Central) tonight before

visiting South Lyon (10-5-0, 2-2

Central) Tuesday and South

matches start at 7 p.m.

Lyon East (1-15-3, 0-4 Central)

Freshman Isabelle Glancy

as well, spurred by 25 digs, 11

Varsity sideline cheer coach

Wildcats are hosting another

for girls ages 5-12. The clinic

Wednesday and Thursday at

Orchard Hills Elementary's

gym, 41900 Quince Street. It

will culminate in a first-quar-

football game 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at

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Chris Jackett is a freelance

writer and former Novi News

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lished once per week. The

ond place in Design.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Following a 7-0 loss to

South Lyon East on Sept. 23,

the freshmen football squad

win against South Lyon last

Keith Pravato started the

game off by bringing the ball

ball was turned over to South

Novi after some great defense

by Mackenzie Holder, Dakota

Lowery and Keaton Figurski.

The first quarter ended with a

score of 0-0.

up to the 30-yard line. The

Lyon and then regained by

was able to deliver a 22-6

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also had seven aces on 21

next Thursday. All three division

Central), Novi (16-2-1, 4-0 KLAA

KLAA Central Division com-

petition wraps tonight as the

Wildcats (14-2-0, 7-1-0 Central),

ranked No. 7 in Division I, can

clinch the division title with a win

or tie 7 p.m. at Northville (8-5-1,

6-1-1 Central). If Novi faltered

Tuesday night against South

or Northville failed to defeat

Plymouth Salem (7-5-3, 5-3-0

Lyon East (0-9-0, 0-8-0 Central)

Central) the same night, it would

affect both teams' bid for the

Northville 3-0 Sept. 21.

Monday in a Kensington

Novi is back in action 7 p.m.

Conference crossover, which

could be a chance to avenge a

4-0 loss to No. 9 Canton (12-2-2

win the conference title. A 7 p.m

association crossover could pit

Lake Northern (11-0-4, 5-0-3

North), No. 10 Brighton (9-3-1,

7-1-0 West) or No. 13 Grand Bland

overs will take place at Meadows

(10-1-3, 7-1-0 West). Both cross-

we maintained our poise and

kept them out of scoring range for

ie Wildcats against No. 6 Walled

6-1-1 South) from Aug. 26 and

division title. The 'Cats defeated



### Cats for a cause

The 99 Novi Ice Cats are wearing pink jerseys in the month of October in support of breast cancer, trying to raise money for a cause outside of hockey. They have created a webpage that has all of their information; visit http:// www.info-komen.org/site/TR/PassionatelyPink/PassionatelyPink?team\_id=144115&pg=team&fr\_id=1846.

# **FOOTBALL**

Derek Cingel at the Lions' 8-yard line and carried in to the end zone for what would amount to a 27-7 lead after Stanford's kick. "Cingel came through at key

times," Pennycuff said. After a time-consuming South Lyon drive carried over 5:19 between the final two quarters, the Cats got the ball back following a turnover on downs at the Novi 26. However, the Lions got the ball right back as junior Ryan Nelson intercepted a pass from Novi junior quarterback Derek Ince at the Novi 32.

Ten plays later, Garcia fumbled

on a fourth-down shotgun snap, but recovered for a seven-yard pass to junior Trevor Hilden in the end zone. Hilden's kick cut the Lions' deficit to 27-14 with 2:17 to go in

"We had our chances. We got our offensive line together," Thomas said. "We had a great catch in the end zone for that

After a second-down 35-yard run up the left by Mohr on Novi's ensuing drive, the Wildcat fumbled and lost the ball at the South

"We've got to continue to work and persevere in practice on these turnovers. We cannot continue to win and play the way we're playng," Pennycuff said.

However, on fourth and 3 at their own 42, the Lions dropped back 12 yards and fumbled the ball. Novi's Cingel recovered and returned it four yards to the Lions' 25 with 37.9 seconds remaining. The 'Cats senior Kyle Edwards made an 18-yard run to South Lyon's 7-vard line as the clock ran

Despite being outgained in total yards, Novi's defense had a big night. Junior Alex King, Sheldon and senior Alan Mencer combined for 35 tackles, but the big story was sophomore Jon Mencer, who was filling in for senior Krister Engja so Engja could be 100 percent for next week's game at Northville. Jon Mencer came through with eight tackles (four solo) and set a team record with

out for the 27-14 final score.

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

"Jon Mencer came up and filled some big shoes at linebacker," Pennycuff said. "Jon stepped in as a sophomore and played like he was an upperclassman. Jon did a great job. I'm flat out enthused with his effort tonight." Junior Mark Patera and senior

Taylor Saie led the Lions' defense with four solo tackles apiece. Novi had 79 tackles to South Lyons' 36. Novi didn't have any passing yards on two attempts (1 INT) by Ince, but Mohr (106 yards, 1 TD on seven attempts), Sabo (78 yards on nine attempts) and Masserant (45 yards, 1 TD on eight attempts)

led a strong core of running backs. split game, as Garcia went 12-for-22 for 186 yards, one touchdown and one interception as he took four sacks. Frederick had 68 yards on 16 carries and Brenneman had singles. 55 yards on 15 carries. Six different Lions caught two passes, led by Hilden (45 yards, 1 TD) and Frederick (43 yards).

shot on net and the rebound came

out to senior Katie Murphy, who

Junior goalkeeper Shelby

stuffed it in for the goa',

# 'Cats win division champion roundtable, ready for Regionals

team cleaned up the Bobcats

Junior Andrew Cho won

sophomore Jason Carless and

senior Greg Richard won 6-1,

Nathan Farooq and Chaitanya

three doubles; juniors Stephen

Sanders won 6-1, 6-0 at four

doubles; and senior Harsha

won 6-0,6-3 at five doubles.

Gotur and junior Vedant Ram

The Wildcats had a tougher

time in their 5-4 victory over

Country Day. Chang won four

singles 6-3, 6-1, but the other

three flights all lost in two sets.

"Country Day's number one

had pneumonia, so they moved

their entire singles flight up,"

Novi had more success in

doubles, winning four of five

Carless and Richard won

their one doubles match 6-

0, 7-5; Bell and Brizard won

three doubles 6-2, 6-3; and

doubles 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

our team. I think doubles

their two doubles match 6-3,

6-2; Faroog and Kanitkar won

Kakar and Thompson won five

"It was a good showing by

played as well as they had all

season," Hanson said. "Four

comes down to a double fault

here or a missed point there.

We just came up a little short

doubles had a close one. It

6-2 at one doubles: seniors

Kanitkar won 6-0, 6-4 at

Kovacinski and Brandon

6-2, 6-1 at three singles;

with relative ease.

### Novi tennis primed for run at States after shot at KLAA title

Novi's boys tennis squad is going strong on all cylinders heading into the final week of the season

The 'Cats (10-0, 8-0 KLAA Central, No. 5 in Division I) headed into this week's KLAA Kensington Conference tournament Tuesday and KLAA crossover yesterday fresh off victories over formerly ranked Grand Blanc and Div. III No. 2 Detroit Country Day. Pending conference tournament results. the likely matchup for the KLAA title could've been a rematch with Grand Blanc.

"We had two good dual match wins last week," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "The one against Grand Blanc was a ery good win. We got contributions from everyone." Novi upended the Bobcats 9-0 Sept. 29.

"In the Grand Blanc match, all our singles players played well. Two doubles was tested a little there, but they held on," Junior Bill Bell and senior Alex Brizard pulled out a 7-

5, 6-3 win at two doubles. a similar 7-5, 6-4 victory four singles. The closest match was a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 thriller by freshman Andrew Ying at two Sophomore Pavan Rao had

a solid 6-4, 6-3 victory at one singles, while the rest of the

With the rained out KLAA

Kensington Conference tournament last Saturday, No. 5 Novi (10-0, 8-0 KLAA) was scheduled to compete last Tuesday, pushing the association championship dual meet to yesterday. A victory at the conference meet would pit the 'Cats against Grand Blanc (8-3, 5-0 West), who Novi just defeated 9-0, although Brighton (9-8, 4-1 West) and Walled Lake Central (6-2, 5-0 North) shouldn't be overlooked. The 'Cats will wrap up their sea-

tomorrow and, if they advance, competing at the Division I state tournament in Midland Oct. 15-16. Novi coach Jim Hanson said No. 1 Detroit Catholic Central, Northville and Clarkston would be the team's biggest regional competition. The top two teams, or any earning 18 points, advance to States.

son by hosting the Region 4 meet

"They're playing well here down the road at the end of the season," Hanson said of the Mustangs. "We need contributions from everyone if we're going to succeed in the conference or at Regionals. I have confidence in our kids. "(We need to) try to relax and

enjoy it. It's high school sports and a chance to represent your

a tough 2-6, 7-6(9), 6-4 decision at four doubles. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

### CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

the Shamrocks, beating U of

D's Kevin Hurley, 6-1, 6-1.

focus and determination

today," said Stafford. "The

Catholic League teams are

really prepared for the league

result for us (winning 6 of 8

use this to build some more

In the doubles flights, the

momentum going into the

regional and state finals."

team of Willy Willson and

flight with a victory over

Brother Rice's Taylor Maks

and Parker Gradholph, 6-4,

Kosinki and Derek Mumaw

defeated Brother Rice's Colin

Rapson and Chris Corbell at

The Shamrocks fell in two

doubles, 6-1, 6-2, and four

"I am really proud of the

boys," Stafford said. "As far

time out, play smart and be

coachable and have a good

attitude. This team is doing

those types of things and it

special."

as expectations go, we really

three doubles, 6-2, 6-4.

Kevin Hodges won the first

always well-coached and

"We played with a lot of

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net after a penalty corner hit to take a 2-0 lead. A few minutes later, senior Nikki Greenhalgh made a run down the middle, beat a pair of defenders and drew the goalkeeper to right so she could pass the ball across the middle to senior Becky McKinley, who knocked a one-timer into the open net from the back post to narrow the deficit to one goal with 23 minutes

The 'Cats had a good chance with five minutes remaining when junior Natalie Paul fired a hard

shot on net, but CK's goalkeeper showed some poise by making a huge diving save to seal the victory. "The loss puts a damper on Novi's chances in Div. III," parent Tom Pollard said after the contest. "They now need to win out, plus need a little help for someone else

to knock off East Grand Rapids." East is 8-4-0 (6-2-0 Div. III) and riding atop the division as Novi and Edsel Ford battled it out to stay in the division title race Monday. The Thunderbirds came out ahead 2-1.

good scoring chances by both teams," Pollard said. Novi got on the board in the

first half when Greenhalgh put a

shot just before half to keep Novi ahead 1-0 at the break, but Edsel Ford started the second half Thunderbird Melissa Rice scored at the five-minute mark to tie the game. Henley made two back-to-back saves with six min-

utes remaining, but the second rebound went off to the side and "It was a pretty even game, with Thunderbird Emily Hartshorn knocked in the game winner.

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

### BY SAM EGGLESTON

Shamrocks win Catholic League Division I tennis

Henley made a big save on a high tournament If anyone had any doubt about the Catholic Central Shamrocks tennis team and just how good they really are, they should have been converted into believers after last week's showing in the

Catholic League Division I Tournament. The Shamrocks, coached by Joe Stafford, collected 28 points to crush the competition and win the title. Taking second was Brother Rice with 19 points, while University of Detroit Jesuit took 13 points for third, De La Salle was

fourth with eight points and Notre Dame Prep finished fifth with three points. "The Catholic League Tournament is always a great day of competition," said Stafford. "The competition is top-notch and and it is really great to see so many of the great athletes that play tennis doubles, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3. in the Catholic League all in

one place." One such great athlete is Catholic Central first singles try to encourage everybody to start Joe Dube', who defeated Brother Rice's Jack Parks for the flight championship, 6-2, 6-2. Not to be outdone, Michael Dube' took the flight crown at two singles, beating has really made this season Brother Rice's Gunnar Peery, 6-3, 6-3

At three singles, Catholic

They have won all six of the Central's outstanding Eric Guindi showed his tenacious invitationals they played in nature with a long-fought vic- and are currently ranked No. tory over Brother Rice's Jack 1 in the state. Hamaty, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1. Michael Trupiano won four singles for

Harriers defeat Brother

Novi senior Joe Schubring was the overall winner in 16 minutes and 52 seconds and senior Brett Giampa was close behind, finishing third in Northville took second

place and places four through eight to push the 'Cats. "They had five guys running together ahead of our third runner early into the race. It was just too much for us to overcome," Smith said. Junior Ryan Tgiros was Novi's third best runner on

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All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., October 25, 2010. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Maryanne Cornelius at 248-347-0576 for special services.

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# 46 attempts, as the Wildcats

There's always a sweet-

ness to any victory over the Brother Rice Warriors when the Shamrocks are done with them, but it's especially so tournament. This is a positive when it's a convincing win. The Shamrocks collected flights). We are going to try to a 21-40 victory over Brother Rice on the cross country

course last week. The team was led by Andrew Garcia-Garrison, who turned in an impressive 16:21 to finish second--just one second behind Brother Rice's Tom Girardot, who took first. 6-0, while the duo of Brandon The key to the victory

was the pack running of the Shamrocks, who took third with Mackenzie Boyd's 16:55 Paul Zebrowski crossing the line at the same time. In fifth was Austin Zebrowski, who ran a 16:56. The Shamrocks finished the day with Ryan Boyd taking seventh in 17:18. Catholic Central also took give a 100 percent effort every eighth with Tom Fagan, ninth with Jack Malinowski, 10th with Nico Lanzetta, 11th with Alex Slavsky and 12th with Steve Turzewski.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer Catholic Central is now 7-0 and former staff sports writer for the overall and 4-0 in the CHSL. Northville Record and Novi News

# Wildcats pull away from their league soccer foes

A 35-yard bomb by junior Sean

Hazen found the back of the

half after a Stevenson defender

"Stevenson would score with

Junior Chase Jabbori capped

junior Chris Park.

Hometown Weeklies | Thursday, October 7, 2010

### Novi avenges lone division loss to Stevenson with 3-1 victory

Tonight's boys soccer match at net six minutes into the second Northville will likely determine cleared the ball off a free kick by whether Novi is crowned KLAA Central Division champions. Ranked No. 7 in Division I, the Wildcats have amassed a 14-2-0 12 minutes left in the game, but (7-1-0 Central) record. Plymouth

we answered less than a minute Salem (7-5-3, 5-3-0 Central) and later," O'Leary said. Livonia Stevenson (7-4-2, 4-3-1 Central) have fallen out of the the scoring after he settled a pass race, while Northville (8-5-1, 6-1from the 50-yard line by senior 1 Central) needed to defeat Salem Brian Herron, turned and beat Tuesday and defeat Novi tonight. A win or tie for Novi would mean The 'Cats kept the ball rolling a division title, assuming they last Thursday on senior night defeated South Lyon East (0-9against South Lvon (5-8-2, 1-7-O Central), who was ranked in 0, 0-8-0 Central) Tuesday. Novi defeated Northville 3-0 Sept. 21. "Right now we are two points

Wildcats volleyball in ahead of Northville, so that final regular season game could be a showdown for first place," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. Novi kept their title hopes on track Sept. 28 by avenging their lone division loss against

Stevenson. The Spartans

defeated Novi 1-0 Sept. 9, but

the Wildcats wouldn't be ousted by the 2008 Division I runnerup again, posting a 3-1 win last Following an evenly matched first 25 minutes, Novi senior

John DeLeon buried a onetimer off a pass across the top of the box from sophomore Matt

Juniors Aly Ryan and Victoria Rose were big at the net, as Ryan had four solo blocks and one block assist. while Rose had four block assists and two solo blocks. Senior Savannah Green

match, but Novi was able to pull away and defeat Northville 25-7, 25-19, 25-15 on the road. Subject and Lu were a forceful combo again, racking up

13 assists apiece. Senior Erica Robb was strong in several categories, earning eight kills, eight digs and 10 returns. Junior Katie Enright also had nine kills and junior Molly Marzonie had 10 digs and eight

the Mustangs was a closer

attempts while serving points five through 25 during game The team had 20 aces and 31 kills on offense, but gained contributed four aces to the points off big defensive plays

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer The baseline contest against, and former Novi News staff writer.

The second quarter started

with more defensive tackles

made by Ben Wright, Figurski

and Bepin Serraj. The ball was

then turned over to Novi with

a carry by Figurski to drive up

the field to the 50-yard line.

The 'Cats had great momen-

tum to end the half with a 30-

yard run by Isaac Burgess, the

score was still 0-0 at the end

The 'Cats kicked off to South

Lyon and the defense quickly

made some aggressive tack-

les by both Ethan Roy and

Mackenzie Holder. The 'Cats

took over on the 33-yard line.

Dakota Lowery made three

great runs up the field to put

the 'Cats in a great position to

score. With a pass to Figurski

the 'Cats were able to score a

The ball was kicked back to

South Lyon and, after a quick

fumble, the Wildcats' Lowery

quickly recovered the ball on

Figurski was able to run

the ball in again in less than

30 seconds for another touch-

the 10-vard line.

touchdown run by Figurski.

The extra point was blocked

with 7:23 left in the third

of the first half.

Girls, join in the seventh season of Club Extreme volleyball at the Novi Christian Community Center (45301 W. 11 Mile Road) with established coaches with middle school, high school, college and CYO

Tryout dates:

Division II earlier this season. Junior Alex Ferring acked in the rebound off a Park shot that the Lions' netminder saved to give Novi a 1-0 lead seven min-

utes into the contest. Freshman Matt Kiura scored on a crossing pass from DeLeon at the 23-minute mark and Jabbori scored on a Hazen pass with 90 seconds left in the half to give the 'Cats a 3-0 lead at the

After seniors Jon Hart, Herron, DeLeon, Wes Smith and Rob Razburgaj were honored at the break, the Lions scored early before the game went into a stale

"South Lyon scored early, but

the rest of the game to come away Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and

former Novi News staff writer

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CHILI COOKOFF

Entertainment...

down and then a successful two-point conversion by quar- Salsa Competition terback Burgess. The score was Restaurant Chili Challenge 14-0 at the end of the third Motorcycle Show Roy made an one-arm tackle

to start the fourth quarter off on the right note. The 'Cats reclaimed the ball again and were able to run it in for the third touchdown of the game made by Burgess. Burgess also ran the ball in for another twopoint conversion, making the score 22-0.

Excellent defense by Gage Fisher helped to block an incomplete pass by the Lions. A great Wildcat pile tackle led by Daireus McCullough followed this. However, South Lyon was able to run the ball in for their only touchdown at the end of the fourth quarter, ending the game with a score of 22-6. - Melanie Fisher

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











### Varsity Bobcats beat

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Ravens 26-13 The Varsity Bobcats celebrated homecoming and improved their record to 4-1 by defeating the Rochester Ravens 26-13 on Sunday. The Bobcats received the opening kickoff and marched down the field after Billy Ulle completed a fourth down pass to Nick Meadors for a 25-yard completion down to the Ravens' 20-yard line. Ulle and Jalen Ward drove the ball to the 2-yard line and Jack Pinkerton blasted into the end zone for a 6-0 Bobcats' lead. The Bobcats' defense forced the Ravens to a turnover on

Graham Gausden stopped the Ravens' powerful fullback on fourth down at their 40-yard line. With the Bobcats' offense facing a fourth-and-six, Ward received the direct snap in the Wildcat formation and raced 26 vards to the Rayens' 10-yard line. Three plays later Ward followed behind the blocking of Rah Murray, Pinkerton, Christian Durham and Meadors for a touchdown, extending the lead to 12-0 at the start of the second quarter. On the ensuing kickoff,

Jamal Antwinne, the Ravens' fastest and most elusive player, received the ball and sprinted 65 yards for a touchdown. Michael Ninkovich and Spencer VanKirk knocked the PAT pass away to maintain a 12-6 Bobcats' lead. Inspired by the touchdown, two plays later the Ravens recovered a fumble at midfield. The Bobcats' defense responded in similar fashion when Durham stripped the running back and VanKirk Lyons with 5 tackles, and 2 recovered the Ravens' fumble. Ryan Moore went to work for the Bobcats offense and broke a five-yard dive into the end

lead to 18-6. The Bobcats' defense pushed the Ravens back into a punting situation. Durham timed the snap perfectly and broke through to block the Ravens' punt. Ulle passed to Ninkovich who made a diving catch at the end zone pylon for a 17-yard reception, and then Ninkovich plowed into the end zone for a

zone extending the Bobcats'



downs when Ian Patterson and Varsity quarterback Billy Ulle scrambles for a first down in the Bobcats' homecoming win over Rochester Sunday.

over the Ravens to cap the

homecoming weekend fes-

Despite the final score, the

game began with the Ravens

taking the initial kick-off and

scoring immediately on their

first drive, stunning the home

crowd. However, the Bobcats

stormed back, sending run-

The second half saw the

ball. The Ravens drove to the

Bobcats' 14 where their drive

stalled after fine defensive

plays by Dominic Colaluca

and Ryan Welch, allowing

downs. On the first possession,

ing excellent blocking behind

Welch and running back

offense determined to pass the

Bobcats facing a Ravens'

improve to 4-1.

touchdown. Pinkerton kicked Novi's JV Bobcats hosted the PAT for a 26-6 lead at half-Rochester Hills Sunday, and treated their families and fans to a convincing 31-12 victory

The Bobcats took the opportunity to give players a chance to play different positions on offense and defense throughout tivities and see their record the second half. The defense --led by Luke Lyons, Easton Tally, Carter Racicot, Bobby Beard and Addison Lonergan -- held the Ravens to two first downs in the second half. A Bobcats' fumble gave the Ravens a first down at the 10-yard line, and the Ravens

ning back Anthony D'Annibale around right end on the Cats' scored with time running out for a 26-13 Bobcats' victory. first offensive series, and com-The Bobcats' defense held the ing away with a 52-yard scor-Ravens to four first downs and ing scamper to immediately under 60 yards of total offense. tie the score at 6-6 in the first Durham lead the defense with four minutes of the game. The Bobcats' defense stiffened, and 8 tackles, 2 assists, caused a fumble, blocked a punt, and on their next offensive possession, the Bobcats once again had an interception late in the game. VanKirk had 7 tackturned D'Annibale loose, this les and 4 assists, followed by time off-tackle for yet another long scoring run, putting the Bobcats up 12-6. assists. On offense the Bobcats gained 212 total yards with 170 The Bobcats posted another touchdown in the second quarter to lead 18-6 at halftime.

on the ground, and 42 through a 20-yard pitch sweep and then the air. Ward had 9 carries for 63 yards, Moore had 6 carries for 38 yards, Ulle scrambled 2 times for 25 yards and completed 2 passes for 42 yards. VanKirk carried the ball 10 times in the second half and endured hard hits to keep the ball away from the Ravens. By Ken Hixson the Bobcats to take over on

JV posts 31-12 homecomina win

Conner Moore, and streaked 86 yards for another touchdown, putting the Bobcats up 24-6. The Ravens answered immediately with a scoring drive of their own, narrowng the gap to 24-12. After an excellent defensive series that included the Bobcats' defensive end Michael Leone making a strong play to break up a screen pass, the Bobcats took over on downs. Novi ran hard up the middle, following the blocking of its offensive line, anchored on the right side by center Scott Latham, guard Phillip Calhoun, and tackle Jack Krill. At end, Welch played a particularly strong game, dishing out several blocks that repeatedly offensive units to feature

left Raven defenders on their backs. The Bobcats switched an interior line of Graham Schock, Kendrick Scherer. Matt Williams, Chris Fisher, and Lance McPherson. Their blocking allowed running back Brendan Smith to break free on a hard inside run to the end zone for yet another Bobcat touchdown. The extra point attempt by Tyler VanKirk was good as he used his speed to get around end, following lead

the score to 31-12. The Ravens returned again to the air in an attempt to get a quick score, only to have their drive ended by an interception by cornerback Conner Moore, his second of the year. That effectively ended any hopes the Ravens had for a comeback, as the Bobcats ran out the clock to end the game. Offensively, the Bobcats were once again led by D'Annibale, who rushed for over 180 yards and scored 4 touchdowns. Defensively, the Bobcats were led by Leone, Welch and Moore, as well as fine play up

front by Travis Davis at nose

Freshmen rock

Novi's freshman Bobcats D'Annibale swept right followwere victorious in their homecoming game against the Rochester Ravens, but it was

Ravens, 33-20

Tackles like this by Novi's Dominic Colaluca helped the JV Bobcats earn a 31-12 win Sunday over Rochester Hills.

by no means a simple win. The first time. The future potento be an easy win.

The only touchdown and extra point of the first quarter were the result of a couple of good runs by Evan Budd and Trendon Hankerson followed up by a touchdown and extra point by Eric Budd. The first plocks by end Casey Lyons and quarter ended with a score of running back Smith, bringing 7-0 in favor of the Bobcats.

The second quarter continued to be a challenge for both teams. But fortunately for the Bobcats the fabulous freshman Bobcats cheerleading squad was at the game. The cheerleaders brought their Dads out onto the field during the second quarter and together they shook their pom pons and shouted their cheers to help motivate the players and the fans. The cheerleaders started chanting "we want a touchdown" which was immediately answered by the team as Evan Budd made a 75-yard touchdown run to bring the score to 13-0. And with the help of the cheerleaders' shouts of "defense", the Bobcats defensive line held off the Ravens

from getting any touchdowns during the first half. The second half started out with the Bobcats Go Team taking the field. The Go Team possible due to a lot of hard consists of the youngest and newest Bobcat players who are from all of the players. playing tackle football for the

Bobcats suffered injuries (for- tial of the freshman team was tunately, only minor) through- demonstrated as the Go Team out the entire game, showing pushed forward to gain yards that the Ravens were not going against the Ravens. And after several plays, Ashton Smith ran for a touchdown and an extra point to bring the score to 20-0. This was the first touchdown of the season for

> the Go Team. The only touchdown during the third quarter was made by the Ravens to bring the score to 20-6. The fourth quarter had both

teams running for several touchdowns and extra points. Andrew O'Conner ran for a touchdown and Eric Budd ran for an extra point with 11:08 left in the fourth. But the Ravens ran for their own touchdown and extra point with 9:00 left on the clock to bring the total to 27-13. This was immediately followed up by Evan Budd getting a touch down with 8:50 left in the fourth to bring the score to 33-13. Another touchdown and extra point were later made by the Raven's to bring the final

Even though only a few of the players were named in this article for scoring the touchdowns, all of the Bobcat players need to give themselves a pat on the back for winning this homecoming game, made only work and a great team effort

score to 33-20.

By Don Sharnowski

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Why did you first decide to open

your business? I love Novi and live in the community. My husband and I have many friends and family in the area and enjoy being a part of the Novi Chamber and

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How has it changed since you Our business is constantly changing. We are a small, agile team that evaluates trends and really stays on top of customer preferences. We have new merchandise arriving almost daily, and we constantly seek new ideas to pass on design tips to our customers. I search for interesting products on numerous buying trips I take each year, and we feature made in the U.S. products as well as local artists' work

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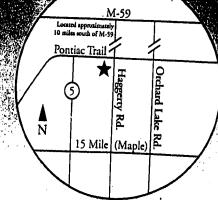
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