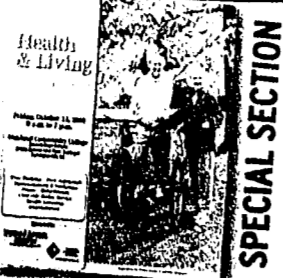
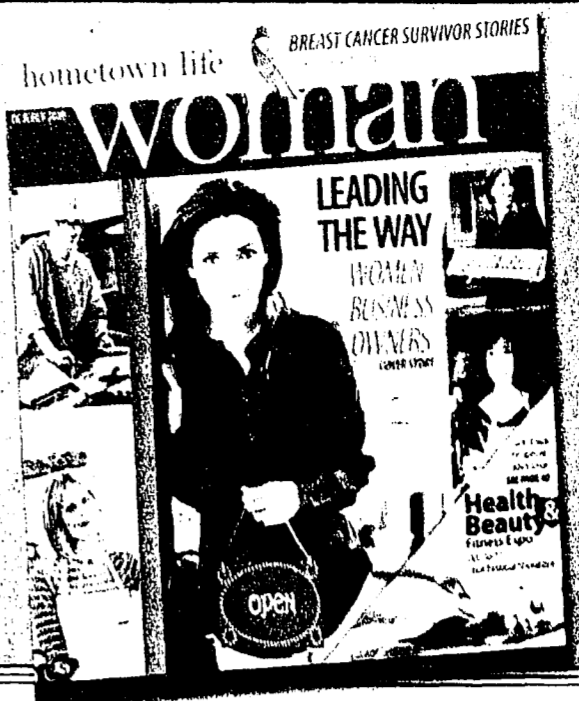


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NOVI NOW Pom pon food drive

The food stores are now at the Northville Civic Center pantry and when the Northville and Novi Pom Pon teams heard this, they jumped into action! On Friday, Oct. 8, when the two rivals compete against each other for the coveted Baseline Jug, the pom pon teams will join together to collect canned foods to help those in need. Canned food donations will be accepted at both entry gates of the Northville Football Field from 6:30 p.m. until the start of the second quarter.

City survey sent to 1,200 residents

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 our 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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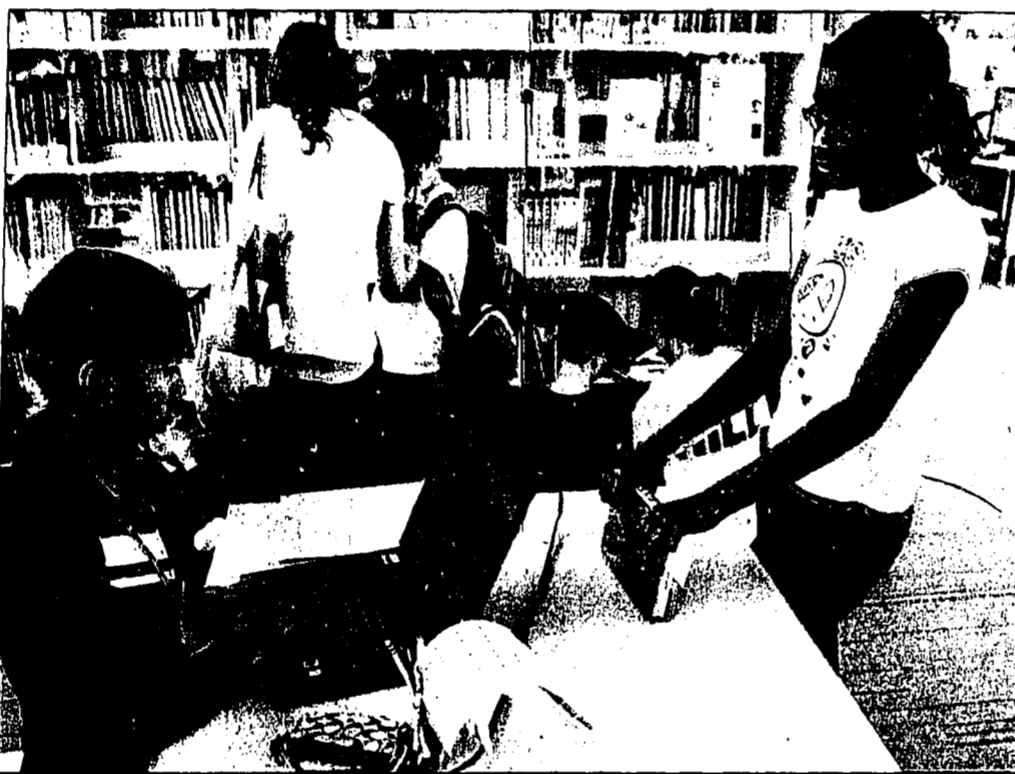
PETER DIOM, superintendent, Novi Community School District

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-

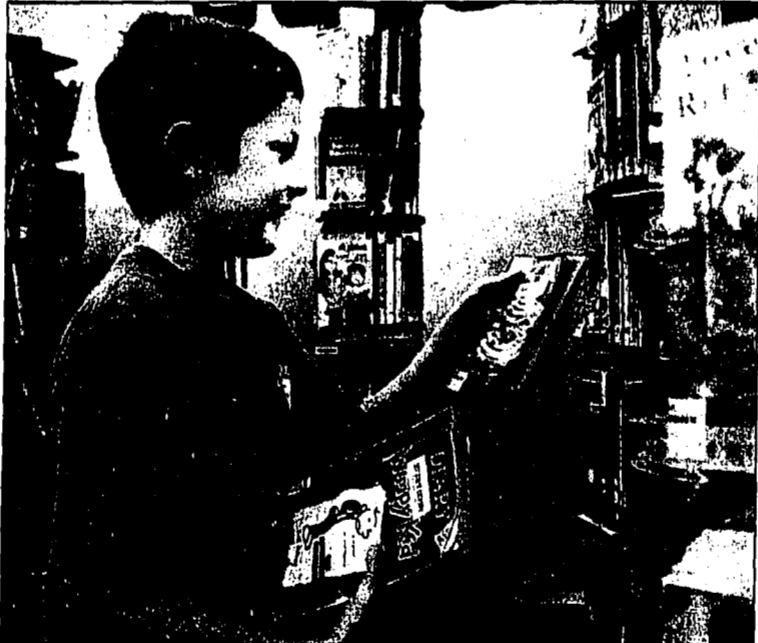
NOTABLE PROJECTS

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



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 facility.



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A golden event Novi library celebrates 50 years

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Public Library has come a long way in the past 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 million-dollar 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 is \$10. 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 adja-

cent 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 149,855-square-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. Please see WALMART, A2



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Youth to speak on alcohol, drug addiction

Program aims to bring awareness to community

BY NATHAN MUELLER
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 daughter was not immune to it.

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

ents to know they cannot turn 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-and-so's kid.'"

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

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 affected 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 Parent Should Know," and he

will be back again to give a presentation and answer questions.

Varhol said the program is not intended to put the city or school district in a bad light, rather bring the problem to the forefront.

"This is really going to open a lot of people's eyes," she said. For more information about the program, call (248) 347-0410. The program is sponsored by NYA in conjunction with Novi Community Schools, Novi Police and Fire Departments and Brighton Hospital.

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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.

WALMART

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To make room for the Walmart, three businesses closed their doors at the end of September — Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, Pita Cafe and Town Center 8.

Russo said all were informed of the pending plans and received reduced rent as a result. The business owners also have been in negotiations with management to find new locations.

The Indian-themed movie theater, which paid no rent during the past three years, was already slated to be knocked down prior to Walmart's plans.

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

Barb McBeth, deputy community development director for the city, said the proposed retail use fits the Town Center zoning district, and the outdoor garden center is the only

aspect that would require a special land use permit.

No timetable has been set as to when the plans will go forward.

"The earliest it would come before the planning commission is the end of October or early November," she said.

"Then the planning commission would make a recommendation to city council."

According to the plans, Walmart will face west, similar to the existing Mervyn's store that will be demolished, and connect to existing businesses such as the TJ Maxx and Borders.

McBeth said if the two site plans are approved, it would be approximately the same size as the buildings are now.

There have been some rumblings in the city by residents who oppose the store, but Russo said that is not for him 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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Crawford looks to build on first House term

Focus is on working better on a bipartisan basis

Novi attorney seeks state representative seat

Enjoys policy debate despite no public office

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

It has been two years and Hugh Crawford is back for more.

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.

His House district includes Lyon Township, part of Northville, Novi, Novi 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 again.

"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."

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Crawford

and eight on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, said that "on the job training" prepared him for the challenges he has faced on the House floor during his term.

He does not have a particular goal in mind, but is focused on the big picture of improving the state.

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"I am not going to treat Democrats like we have been

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

One of the ideas he has to help the economy is asking state departments to be more transparent with their finances.

"If all our departments were more transparent on the state level, 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."

Crawford is a life-long resident of Novi and his 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.

"I am not going to treat Democrats like we have been

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

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 38th District.

He has his own law practice, operating out of his home, and is currently a member of the city of Novi Zoning Board of Appeals.

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 said.

"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 lawmaker."

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Gedeon

Grand Rapids, Lansing, Ann Arbor — and decided to settle in Novi.

"I've always been interested in politics and have been involved at the club level for the past couple of years. The opportunity presented itself to run, and I'm in," he said.

He has not been in political office before, but says, "I'm not sure that holding office at the local level has all that much relevance to the job at hand at the state level."

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

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He admits to running a low-budget 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," he said. "I enjoy the public policy debate."

He knows he's an unknown, but believes he still has a chance.

"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 college football.

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Nonprofit hosting informational meetings for community

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi's first and only community-wide benevolence organization is getting closer to working toward its goal of helping the poor and needy in the city.

Love INC, which stands for Love in the Name of Christ,

is a non-profit organization that helps people with basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation and more.

Ten Novi churches, the latest being Holy Family Catholic Church, are on board, and the organization is reaching out to the community for more assistance.

"We want to bring the entire Novi community together to do this," said Michael Zerlich, pastor of the Relational Church and acting director while the organization gets off the ground.

An informational meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 8 at Faith Community Presbyterian Church for people interested in getting assistance or those wanting to become part of the organization. Another meeting will be held the next day

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Faith Community Presbyterian Church for people wanting to be part of the leadership of the organization.

"This is a chance for people to do something hands on to help people in need," Zerlich said.

The goal is to be operational in 2011, helping all Novi residents.

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council member and life-long Novi resident, said the library represents the character of the community.

"Fifty years ago Novi citizens wanted and recognized the need for a library," she said. "Volunteers found a little building on Novi Road, and volunteers brought in books from their own homes, and those volunteers also staffed the little library."

"We have come a very long way in 50 years," Crawford added, "and thank goodness we are still a community that takes the responsibility for meeting our needs and shaping our destiny."

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Franklin Road Christian students give back

Novi Franklin Road Christian School (FRCS) students participated in an all-school 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 playground.

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 12 service projects. The HS Vocal Ensemble went to Life Challenge and Oakmont Nursing Home to present a



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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 cooked a brunch for the residents and thoroughly cleaned the kitchen and common areas of the home. They were also

able to minister to some of the 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, weeding, 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 share.

Daniel Fusco said, "When you see what others don't

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 of clean-up around their grounds. A team of parents and students worked for six

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 them.

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

outside to weed all around the building, and helped tear down a whole office of wood paneling to prepare it for remodeling.

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 Christmas.

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 cause.

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 www.franklinroadchristian-school.org.

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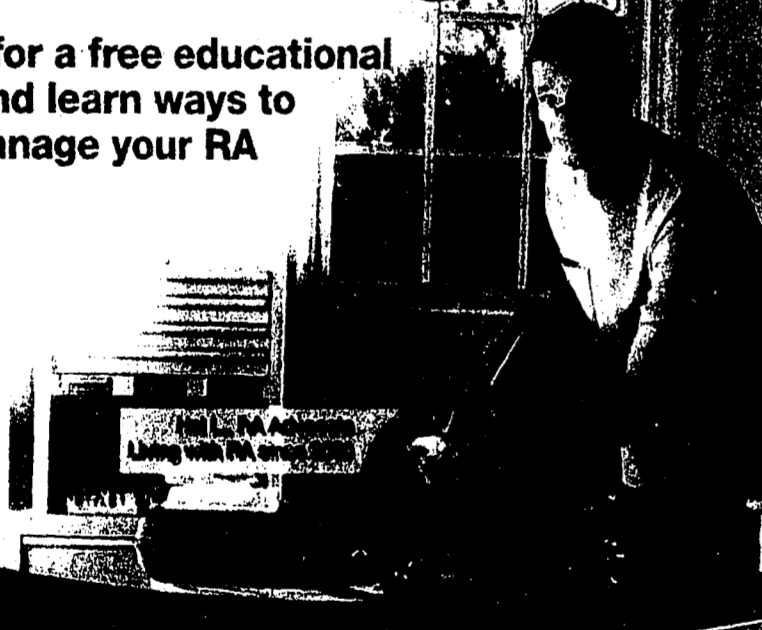


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The sounds of fall: Novi junior plays for football team, marches with band at halftime

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Pasquale looks every bit the part of a football player in stature.

He is an imposing figure at 6 feet, 6 inches tall and 325 pounds, but a helmet and shoulder pads were never his thing.

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 could do it.

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

"It's a lot of work and really 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 double-duty. 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 his 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 the harder ones because of the commitment.

He also said Pasquale's performance was good publicity for the band.



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



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.

ball team with that kind of heart, we would never lose a game.

"I take my hat off to him. He's not been afraid of hard work."

Pennyueff also called Pasquale an "inspiration" and has even more of an appreciation for band students.

"If I required the amount of time those band kids spend, I probably wouldn't have anyone come out," he said. "It's amazing the hours those kids put into band, and I applaud them."

Pasquale, who has been playing on special teams, credits his teammates, parents and coaches for motivating him, even though some "probably thought I was putting on a show."

There can be a crossover, especially 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 this can happen."

One of those who questioned it was Novi football coach Todd Pennyueff. 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 wrong.

"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," Pennyueff 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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BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER



Crawford

Kathy Crawford spends a lot of time traveling, doing workshops and programs for seniors center and recreation professional.

She plans trips for senior citizens and has authored several workbooks for this audience, such as, "Sit Up Bme Fun" and "Programs wth Pizzazz."

"It's sort of like turning the lights on when working with younger people in this field," she said.

She was elected by Attorney General Mike Cox to conduct program on identity theft and fraud was pointed by Thadden McGitter to be a delegate to the 005 White House Conference on Aging and is the author of "Two Broads Aroa" that she co-authored with friend.

She is also an active performer with the Novi Theatre. Crawford and her husband, Hugh, have been married for 45 years, and have

author stayed at a person's home. "It was an awesome experience," she said.

She also does workshops on how to relieve stress in the workplace.

"I'm a very optimistic person," Crawford said.

She likes to read all types of books and used to read a lot of historical romance and books on English history.

"I think I have another book in me," she said.

She's written books for senior programmers and activity directors at senior centers and churches, owns Kathy Crawford Communications and formed Snack Bag Publishing with a friend.

"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-

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER



Zyczynski

Karen Zyczynski may be retired, but she enjoys staying politically active, whether working on her campaign or someone 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 life?'"

A retired teacher, Zyczynski left the Livonia Public Schools system in 2004.

She managed a political campaign in 2004 for Joan Gebhardt of Livonia, a candidate 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, according to Zyczynski.

Zyczynski went on to work on U.S. congressional candidate Tony Trupiano's

campaign as the education person on his team.

"I've been politically active in a number of 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.

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 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 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 with her Labrador retriever and doing yoga.

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Novi resident looks to win Oakland County Commission seat

1 - Will you support an all-in or all-out system for the Oakland Transit Authority for SMART bus operations?

No, I would not support and an all-in or all-out system. I believe that each Oakland County Municipality should let their citizens decide if the SMART system will meet their needs, rather than the county mandating a "blanket" transportation system for all.

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KATHY CRAWFORD

Age: 68

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

Website: kscrawford.org

Retired educator seeks Oakland County Commission seat

1 - Will you support an all-in or all-out system for the Oakland Transit Authority for SMART bus operations?

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?

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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-Novu 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-Novu Branch.

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, Montclair College, Wayne State University; Cody High School, Detroit

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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. Collette Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral 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 at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.

CHERI ANN (NEE. GERSKY) DURHAM

Age 47 of Milford died Thursday, September 30, 2010. Rest in Peace Mom. For further information please visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com or call 248-684-6645

MILDRED H. FAULK

A long time resident of Warner Robins, Georgia, died in the care of her daughter in Milford, Michigan on September 29, 2010, at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles L. Faulk, her twin brother, Milton, and other siblings, Andy, Beulah and Beryl. She is survived by her sons, Charles M. (Carolyn) Faulk of Kenosha, WI, George (Betty) Faulk of Altamont, KS; her daughter, Sharon (Ray) Hubbard of Milford; six grandchildren, five great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Hazel Hyland; brother in law, Ernest Faulk. Mrs. Faulk was a long time member of the First Baptist Church in Warner Robins, where she taught Kindergarten for many years. Funeral services were held at Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Warner Robins, GA on Saturday, October 2, 2010, with burial in Magnolia Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the Am. Diabetes Association. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645.

JEAN GUETSCHOW

Age 80, passed away, October 4th, 2010. She was born on January 11, 1930, in Rome, Georgia, daughter of the late Forest & Sudee Jerome. She was preceded in death by her cherished husband Harold in 1982. Jean was a loving, caring and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She will always be remembered for her love and selflessness. She remained to be the foundation for her family throughout the entirety of her life. During the holidays, Jean prepared homemade chocolates and cookies for her loving family, especially her grandchildren. Her faithful service to God, her family and to others will be her everlasting memory. She is survived by: her beloved daughters, Brenda (Gary) Pike and Amy (Robert) Barnhart, her loving grandchildren, Timothy Barnhart, Kathryn (Dannan) Trembly, Steven (Allison) Barnhart, Cassandra Pike, Allison Barnhart, Melissa Pike, her great grandchildren, Caleb Barnhart, Liam, Lily and Luke Trembly. She is also survived by her loving sister, Mardean (WT) Smith and four nieces. Visitation and funeral services were held at Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, in Brighton. Graveside services were held in Woodland Cemetery in Detroit. Funeral arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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MEGAN M. KOCHVAR (NEE FERA)

Age 21, of Milford, passed away October 3, 2010. She was born October 28, 1989 to Ralph W. Fera and Kimberly J. (Kempany) Fera in Royal Oak, Michigan. She spent part of her childhood in Redford and moved to South Lyon in 1996, where she graduated from South Lyon High School in 2006. Megan was united in marriage to her husband, Kevin Kochvar on September 29, 2007. She was working as a receptionist with U of M Livonia Branch Office. Megan loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She had really been looking forward to celebrating her daughter's first birthday, which she shared on October 28th. She was a talented dancer, who loved all types of dance from ballet to hip hop. She began taking classes at age 3 with Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi and went on to teach dance to the younger students. Megan who was very artistic, also enjoyed reading. She is survived by her loving husband Kevin Kochvar; her daughter, Kinsley; her parents Ralph Fera and Kim Fera; her brother Jake Fera; grandmother Dorothy Fera; in-laws Richard and Sandy Kochvar; sisters-in-law Kim and Kelly; and her nephews Tyler and Aidan. She was also loved by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Clayton and Carol Kempany. A Liturgy of the Word Funeral service will be held Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 59255 Ten Mile Road, South Lyon 48178. Father Stan Tokarski from St. Joseph Catholic Church of South Lyon will officiate the service. Continues to be the family of Megan Kochvar would be appreciated.

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DORONDA KAY LINDBERG

Age 68 of South Lyon, passed away peacefully September 30, 2010. She was born August 26th, 1942 in Detroit, daughter of George Meyers and Tommie Louise McRayser. She was united in marriage to Raymond Lindberg on July 19, 1963 and they spent 15 loving years together until his death in 1978. Those who she touched knew her for her kind and giving soul. She will be remembered for her contagious smile, her green thumb and the way she adored her family. Battling for her life the past few years, she held strong and is now able to rest with God. She is survived by her beloved children, Dorinda (Victor) Taylor, Mark Lindberg, Raymond (Leslie) Lindberg, her loving sister Mary Sue Baergen; and her beloved grandchildren, Jessica Crawford, Kay Crawford and William M. Taylor. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her beloved grandchildren, Jessica Crawford, Kay Crawford and William M. Taylor. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her beloved grandchildren, Jessica Crawford, Kay Crawford and William M. Taylor. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her beloved grandchildren, Jessica Crawford, Kay Crawford and William M. Taylor.

DOROTHY G. PHILLIPS

Age 102, passed away October 4, 2010. Graveside services will take place in South Lyon Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband Carvel Phillips. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

CHARLES R. SELIX

Age 80, passed away, September 28, 2010. Visitation was held on Saturday. A funeral service was conducted on Sunday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

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

Food, beverage and dessert purveyors from near (west of Detroit) and far (northern Michigan) offered tasty samplings for a good cause Sept. 26 at the 19th annual Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza. Nearly 700 people tasted samples from 50

vendors. 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 from the Cupcake Station in

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 Culinary Host Committee. "The restaurants were great -- we even had two show up we

didn't know about. Ticket sales 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 culinary arts department. They use the funds to help with student support and for the students to prepare for and attend competitions."



Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffers welcomes guests at the VIP reception at the college's Culinary Extravaganza on Sept. 26.

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 Gallery).

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 of ourselves which would not be 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 man, nature, and technology," he says, "acknowledging our human 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 cultures. "It's an example of how we are all connected, and how we can revisit and reinterpret themes and images that capture my imagination, using animals to magnify and exaggerate emotion, including humor, she adds.

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

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 the interdependent and ever-changing physical, mental, and spiritual planes."

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 starting at 6 and music to follow. The reception 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 at

15095 Northville Rd. (in the Provincetown commercial complex), one mile north of Plymouth's "Old Village" and two miles south of Northville. See www.artandideasgallery.com or call (734) 420-0775 for more information.

(It's across from Phoenix 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 theme exhibition held at Art & Ideas since it opened in December 2009. The final exhibition of 2010 (opening Nov. 20) will be a retrospective of the gallery's first year of existence. Artists from all seven exhibitions will be represented with artworks that will each represent the theme of "Time" in some way.

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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

can only afford so much in allocating, on a per pupil 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 do so 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?

1. Eliminate the Michigan Business Tax 21.99% surcharge.
2. Make the tax breaks given out piecemeal to select industries, i.e., the movie industry being but one 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 those who desire to come into Michigan for the first time to invest in Michigan. Reward

existing businesses that opt to invest capital. Provide tax credits to encourage Michigan graduates to stay in Michigan or who chose to move into Michigan for the first time (a relocation tax credit).
4 - Do you support multi-year budgeting?
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

in Michigan since revenue estimates in a multiyear budget would be difficult 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 at witnessed over recent years to "politicize" the budget process), I would support it.

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retained much of their funding advantage. While I think equal funding remains an egalitarian goal, other school reforms should be prioritized such as shared services, consolidation, and benefit reforms.

3 - What are the top three ideas you would support to make Michigan's business climate more competitive?
Macroeconomic policy (min. wage, import tariffs, trade agreements, exchange rates) is largely set at the federal level and cannot be affected by MI lawmakers. We can never hope to compete with the low wage developing nations, nor should we want to. I have

no interest turning MI into Vietnam, China, Pakistan, etc. Rather than competing in a race to the bottom, we need to focus on making MI the most desirable place for people to live and work.
1) focus on education and retaining college grads 2) foster bottom-up entrepreneurship 3) improve public infrastructure

4 - Do you support multi-year budgeting?
Yes. A MYB forces lawmakers and the administration to conduct real planning and forecasting. Developing longterm goals for the state is a serious public policy discussion that is too frequently omitted from budget talks. MYB could smooth out the roller coaster ride that schools and municipalities have faced the

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 Johnson's activity after a 23-year-old South Lyon man fell victim to the scam on Sept. 27.

The victim told police he found Johnson on Craigslist. The suspect indicated that he had Apple iPhones for sale that one of his friends was stealing from the store.

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 told him 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 some time," 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 in hotels.

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."

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 Streets.

According to the report, there was significant damage done to the hood, and the victim believes it must have been punched or something heavy was thrown on it. Police have no suspects.

Woman pick-pocketed at Kohl's

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 Oct. 3.

The woman told police she had her purse on her shoulder the entire time and it was closed with magnets. When she got to the counter to pay for her items, her wallet was missing.

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 bumping into her. Police have no suspects.

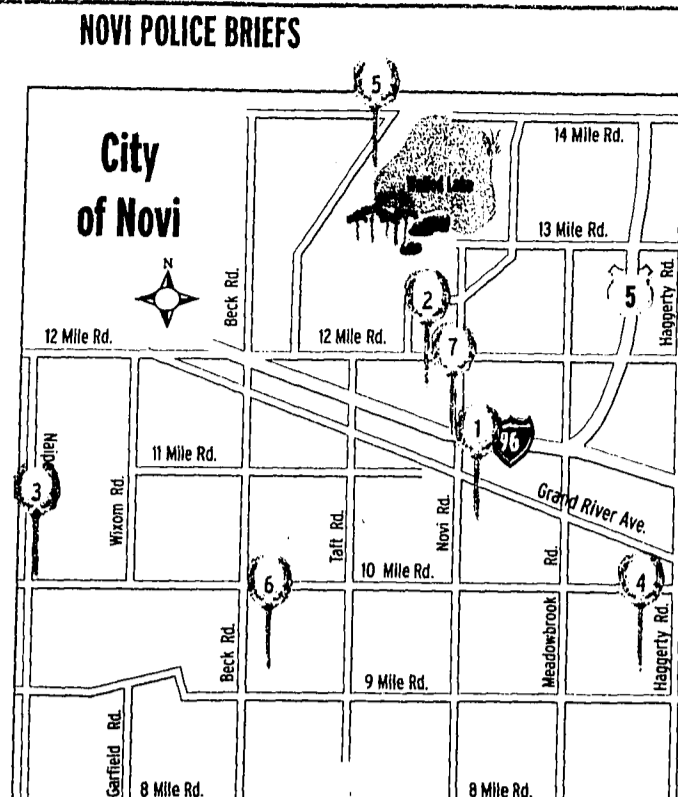
Man arrested after hit and run

A 19-year-old Detroit man was arrested around 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 3 for possession of narcotic paraphernalia after fleeing the scene of a hit and run accident at Ten Mile and Napier Roads.

According to the report, the victim got the license plate number of the car and gave it to police to go to his home. When police opened the car they smelled a strong odor of marijuana and found a marijuana grinder. The man was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department.

Garmin taken from car

A Novi woman had her Garmin GPS taken from inside her Chrysler while it



Scale stolen from car

An \$800 forklift weighing scale was taken from the front seat of a car while it was parked on Autumn Park Boulevard overnight on Sept. 30.

Drunk driver stopped by police

A 26-year-old woman was arrested at 4:18 a.m. on Oct. 3 for drinking and driving after being caught speeding on 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 legal 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. Police have no suspects.

DeRoche trial delayed again
Evidentiary hearing now scheduled for Nov. 3

BY NATHAN MUELLER
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A bench trial for former state House Speaker Craig DeRoche was delayed on Sept. 23 following a request by his attorney for an evidentiary hearing.

An evidentiary hearing is a pre-trial hearing to have the judge 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 home.

According to the police report, DeRoche allegedly was wedding a gun in his home that also contained his mother-in-law and children.



DeRoche

When police arrived, DeRoche was holding one of his children and told police 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 intoxicated.

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 stumbling in the snow after ditching his car and a duffel bag containing an open bottle of vodka.

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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Kaitlyn Duneske

Jeff and Joy Duneske of Novi announce the birth of their daughter Kaitlyn Jan Duneske. Kaitlyn was born Aug. 18, 2010 at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. Kaitlyn joins siblings Kayla Frances Duneske (5.5 years old) and Kilee Delores Duneske (23 months). Kaitlyn is the granddaughter of Gail and Tony Kolman of Commerce Township and John and Donna Duneske of Novi. Great-grandparents are Floyd and Delores Duneske of Dearborn.

Fischer & Clark

Novi's Melissa Clark and Justin Fischer were married July 24, 2010, at St. Joseph Shrine with Father Thomas Wasilewski officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Terri Clark of Novi. She attended Syracuse University and is employed by Weber Shandwick, providing media relations support for Buick and GMC.

The groom is the son of Patricia Fischer of Novi and John Fischer of Flushing. He has a bachelor's in finance and a master's of business administration from Michigan State University. He is an accounting analyst for Ford Motor Company and a Novi City Council member.

The bride's attendants were Sarah Clark, Laura Clark, Elizabeth Clark, Lauren Nelson and Jessica Gibney.

The groom's attendants were John Fischer II, Ryan Joseph, Courtney Byron, Jeremy Cunningham and Jim Benton.

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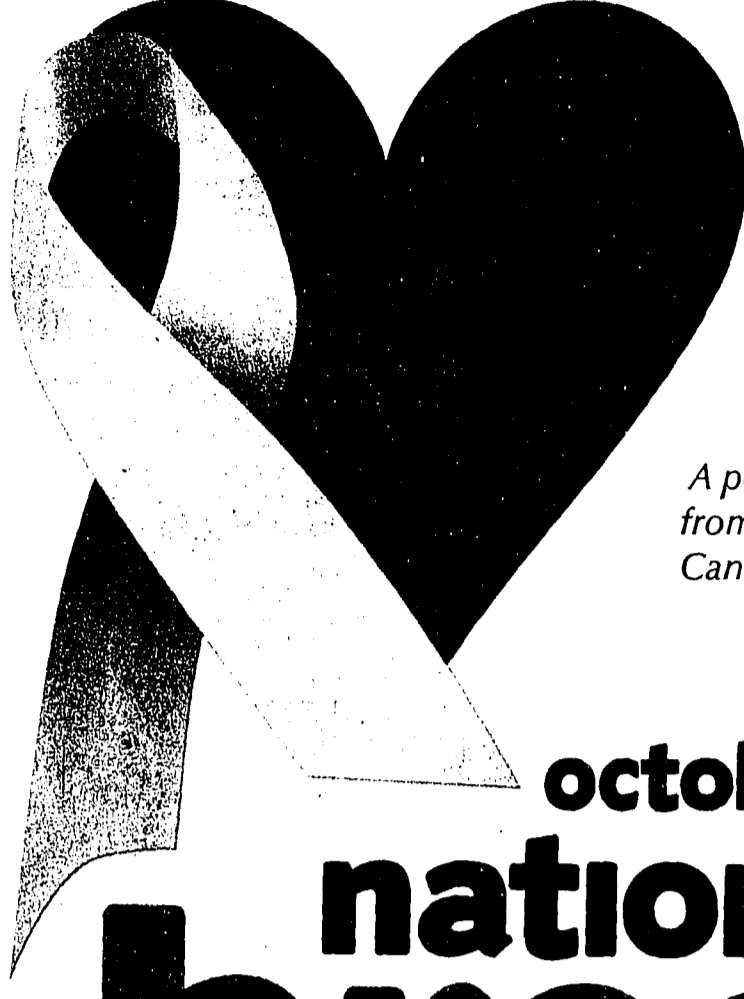
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Novi senior Dominic Sabo breaks through for a 12-yard run in the second quarter on the first play after a Lions touchdown as South Lyon seniors Jim Montrief and Jake Elliott make the tackle. Novi won 27-14 last Friday.

Wildcats stomp Lions 27-14

Baseline Jug to go
to division champion

Sometimes statistics are not indicative of results. South Lyon (2-4, 2-2 KLA 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 from the Lions.

"We're our own worst enemies. Fumbles, miscues on offense, missed assignments on defense. It's like they have a brain fart," South Lyon coach Mark Thomas said of his team. "We just make mistakes, turn the ball over."

The Lions had eight more first downs than Novi's 12, while also gaining 11 more total yards on the night, but found themselves down 14 points after 12 minutes.

"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 Pennycook said. "The kids are playing very hard, the efforts there. Those are things you can't coach."

A pair of early turnovers led to a Novi touchdown 2:16 into the contest. After Novi senior Brian Bush fumbled the initial kickoff return, Novi 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' third play of the drive.

On third down, junior Zach Masseran ran into the right side of the end zone from eight yards out. Senior Scotty Stanford's extra point kick was good to give the Wildcats an early 7-0 lead.

After a touchdown on the kickoff, South Lyon pushed from their 20 to Novi's 32 before



Novi (4-2, 4-0 KLA Central) visits Northville (6-0, 4-0 Central) 7 p.m. tomorrow. The Mustangs are coming off a 55-6 win over Livonia Stevenson, who Novi defeated 17-6 earlier this season.

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, posing Novi's defense as the key players in the contest.

"Northville is extremely well coached. Matt Ladach is one of the classiest coaches out there," Novi coach Todd Pennycook said. "We're going to have our work cut out for us. We're going to have our hands full next week."

In addition to taking back the Baseline Jug following a 14-8 overtime loss last season that broke a nine-year winning streak in the rivalry game, a victory would also win the division title and move the Wildcats one step closer to punching their playoff ticket following last season's 3-6 shortfall.

Seniors Alyssa Miller and Derek Kim were crowned homecoming queen and king during halftime of last Friday's football game against South Lyon.

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 out. Stanford's kick put the Cats ahead 14-0 with 387 seconds left in the quarter.

After a failed drive by each team, the Lions put together an eight-play, 74-yard drive to bring the score to 14-7. Senior Hunter Breneman had a 19-yard run, junior Justin Tolinski had an 11-yard run and senior Cory Frederick had a 13-yard run before Frederick

Catholic Central still dominates

Football team earns playoff berth with sixth victory

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 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, yet again, as they helped their team roll to a 35-6 decision.

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 score as he staggered the pass.

So far this season, the Shamrocks have outscored their opponents, 209-26. The only team that has scored on them have been Hudsonville (13 points), De La Salle (seven 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.

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

Field hockey team looking to rebound, finish on high note

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 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 against the Washburn Whippets (0-8-2, 0-5-1 Div. III) yesterday before hosting Thursday's 4:15 p.m. contest against Grosse Pointe North (1-7-0, 1-4-0 Div. III).

Last Thursday's contest against Kingswood went into the break scoreless, but the Cranbes scored one minute into the second half on a breakaway and then again two minutes later during a scramble in front of Novi's

NOVI HIGH SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS GOLF
The Wildcats (9-1) held on to a share of the KLA Central Division title despite a 189-176 loss to Northville (9-1) last Thursday. The Mustangs had won sole possession of the title every year since the new association was formed.

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 C. 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

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 KLA Central Division and improve to 3-0.

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

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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.



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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?teamId=144155&pg=team&rid=1846.

FOOTBALL

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Derek Cingel at the Lions' 8-yard line and carried in to the end zone for what amounted to a 27-7 lead after Stanton's kick.

"Cingel came through at key times," Pennycuiff said.

After a time-consuming South Lyon drive carried over 5:19 during 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 Hillen in the end zone. Hillen's kick out the Lions' deficit to 27-14 with 2:17 to go in the game.

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

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

"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 playing," Pennycuiff 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-yard line as the clock ran out for the 27-14 final score.

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

three sacks.

"Jon Menner came up and filled some big shoes at linebacker," Pennycuiff 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 Lyon's 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 Massenet (45 yards, 1 TD on eight attempts) led a strong core of running backs.

The Lions had a more evenly 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 Brennan had 55 yards on 16 carries. Six different Lions caught two passes, led by Hillen (45 yards, 1 TD) and Frederick (43 yards).

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'Cats win division champion roundtable, ready for Regionals

Novi tennis primed for run at States after shot at KLAAs title

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

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

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team cleaned up the Bobcats with relative ease.

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Wildcats volleyball in division driver's seat Subject, Lu setting up Novi victories

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The Novi volleyball team is making an example out of the rest of the KLAAs Central Division.

The Wildcats (16-2-1, 4-0 Central) are ranked No. 9 in Class A, but have been sweeping through the first half of the season without too much tough competition.

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 Central).

Novi demolished the visiting Cougars 25-9, 25-4, 25-5 to start off the week. Seniors Laura Subject and Anna Lu combined for 30 assists on 46 attempts, as the Wildcats rolled over their competition.

ROUNDUP

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Novi senior Joe Schubring was the overall winner in 16 minutes and 52 seconds and senior Brett Giampa was close behind, finishing third in 16:29.

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 Tjiras was Novi's third best runner on the day (17:34), followed by senior Steve Pravato (11th in 17:45) and junior Eric Gardner (Keaton) (17th in 18:09).

"There is a fine line between racing for personal records and racing against another team. On the one hand, you must run your own race to achieve your best time. On the other hand, you must also race against the other team," Smith said.

"We learned a lesson today that we must blend the two a little better. None of our top six runners set an overall PR for the season today."

"We came up a little flat today, and hard training is part of the issue. It will all pay off in the end. We still have the conference meet to look forward to."

The Kensington Conference meet isn't until 4:30 p.m. Oct. 21, but the Cats have the Oakland County meet Saturday and a 4 p.m. dual meet against Livonia Stevenson (2-1) Tuesday at Cass Benton Park.

EQUESTRIAN

The six-person team finished the season with 75 points, good for eighth of nine B-Division teams.

Senior captain Whitney Pollock earned 65 points over the course of the season, followed by sophomore co-captain Alyssa Ninkovich's eight points and freshman Jennifer Tosto's two points.

ON TAP

Following last Tuesday's visit by Plymouth Salem (10-5-0, 3-1 KLAAs Central), Novi (16-2-1, 4-0 KLAAs Central) hosts Livonia Stevenson (9-6-3, 1-3 Central) tonight before visiting South Lyon (10-5-0, 2-2 Central) Tuesday and South Lyon East (1-15-3, 0-4 Central) next Thursday. All three division matches start at 7 p.m.

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Wildcats pull away from their league soccer foes

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

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Tonight's boys soccer match at Northville will likely determine whether Novi is crowned KLAAs Central Division champions.

Ranked No. 7 in Division I, the Wildcats have amassed a 14-2-0 (7-1-0 Central) record. Plymouth Salem (7-5-3, 5-3-0 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (7-4-2, 4-3-1 Central) have fallen out of the race, while Northville (6-5-1, 6-1-1 Central) needed to defeat Salem Tuesday and defeat Novi tonight.

A win or tie for Novi would mean a division title, assuming they defeated South Lyon East (0-9-0, 0-8-0 Central) Tuesday. Novi defeated Northville 9-0 Sept. 21.

"Right now we are two points 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 runner-up again, posting a 3-1 win last week.

Following an evenly matched first 25 minutes, Novi senior John DeLeon buried a one-time off a pass across the top of the box from sophomore Matt

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Wilson for a 1-0 halftime lead. A 35-yard bomb by junior Sean Hazen found the back of the net six minutes into the second half after a Stevenson defender cleared the ball off a free kick by junior Chris Park.

Stevenson would score with 12 minutes left in the game, but we answered less than a minute later," O'Leary said.

Junior Chase Jabbori capped the scoring after he settled a pass from Robb. Jabbori was honored at Brian Herron, turned and beat two defenders to score.

The Cats kept the ball rolling last Thursday on senior night against South Lyon (5-8-2, 1-7-0 Central), who was ranked in Division II earlier this season.

Junior Alex Ferrini checked in the rebound off a Park shot that the Lions' netminder saved to give Novi a 1-0 lead seven minutes into the contest.

Freshman Matt Kiara scored on 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 break.

After seniors Jon Hart, Herron, DeLeon, Wes Smith and Robb Razbarga were honored at the break, the Lions scored early before the game went into a stalemate.

"South Lyon scored early, but we maintained our poise and kept them out of scoring range for the rest of the game to come away with the 3-1 win," O'Leary said.

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KLAAs Central Division competition 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 Lyon East (0-9-0, 0-8-0 Central) or Northville failed to defeat Plymouth Salem (7-5-3, 5-3-0 Central) the same night, it would affect both teams' bid for the division title. The Cats defeated Northville 3-0 Sept. 21. Novi is back in action 7 p.m. Monday in a Kensington Conference crossover, which could be a chance to avenge a 4-0 loss to No. 9 Canton (12-2-2, 6-1-0 South) from Aug. 26 and win the conference title. A 7 p.m. association crossover could pit the Wildcats against No. 6 Walled Lake Northern (11-0-4, 5-0-3 North), No. 10 Brighton (9-3-1, 7-0-0 West) or No. 13 Grand Blanc (10-1-3, 7-1-0 West). Both crossovers will take place at Meadows Stadium.

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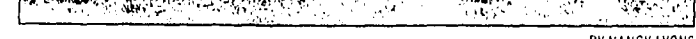
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Varsity Bobcats beat Ravens 26-13

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 Ullé completed a fourth down pass to Nick Meadors for a 25-yard completion down to the Ravens' 20-yard line. Ullé 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.



Varsity quarterback Billy Ullé scrambles for a first down in the Bobcats' homecoming win over Rochester Sunday.

The Bobcats' defense forced the Ravens to a turnover on downs when Ian Patterson and 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 yards to the Ravens' 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 Antwine, 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 recovered the Ravens' fumble. Ryan Moore went to work for the Bobcats offense and broke a 20-yard pitch sweep and then a five-yard drive into the end zone extending the Bobcats' lead to 18-6.

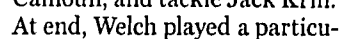
The Bobcats' defense pushed the Ravens back into a punting situation. Durham timed the snap perfectly and broke through to block the Ravens' punt. Ullé passed to Ninkovich who made a diving catch at the end zone pylon for a 17-yard reception, and then Ninkovich plowed into the end zone for a

touchdown. Pinkerton kicked the PAT for a 26-6 lead at halftime. The Bobcats took the opportunity to give players a chance to play different positions on offense and defense throughout the second half. The defense --led by Luke Lyons, Easton Tally, Carter Racicot, Bobby Beard and Addison Loneragan -- 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 scored with time running out for a 26-13 Bobcats' victory.

The Bobcats' defense held the Ravens to four first downs and under 60 yards of total offense. Durham led the defense with 8 tackles, 2 assists, caused a fumble, blocked a punt, and had an interception late in the game. VanKirk had 7 tackles and 4 assists, followed by Lyons with 5 tackles, and 2 assists. On offense the Bobcats gained 212 total yards with 170 on the ground, and 42 through the air. Ward had 9 carries for 53 yards, Moore had 6 carries for 38 yards. Ullé 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 Hinson
JV posts 31-12 homecoming win

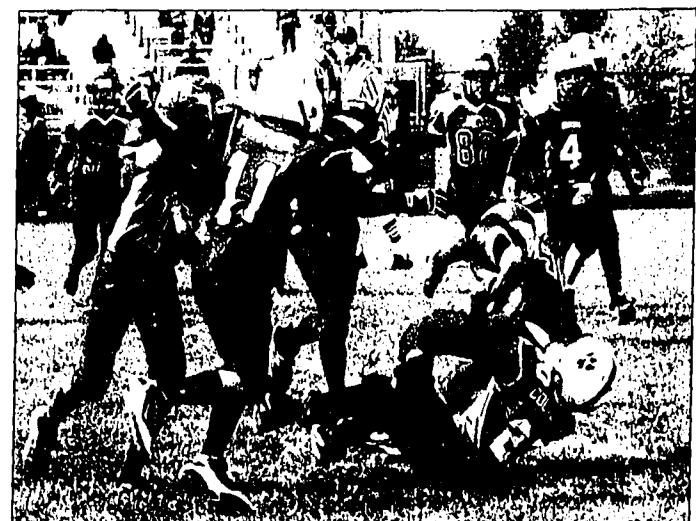
Conner Moore, and streaked 86 yards for another touchdown, putting the Bobcats up 24-6. The Ravens answered immediately with a scoring drive of their own, narrowing the gap to 24-12. After an excellent defensive series that included the Bobcats' defensive end Michael Leone making a strong play to break 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 left Raven defenders on their backs. The Bobcats switched offensive units to feature 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 blocks by end Casey Lyons and running back Smith, bringing the score to 31-12.



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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 running back Anthony D'Annibale and right end on the Cats' first offensive series, and coming away with a Ravens' scoring scamper to immediately tie the score at 6-6 in the first four minutes of the game. The Bobcats' defense stiffened, and on their next offensive possession, the Bobcats once again turned D'Annibale loose, this time off-tackle for yet another long scoring run, putting the Bobcats up 12-6.

The Bobcats posted another touchdown in the second quarter to lead 18-6 at halftime. The second half saw the Bobcats facing a Ravens' offense determined to pass the ball. The Ravens drove to the Bobcats' 14 where their drive stalled after fine defensive plays by Dominic Colaluca and Ryan Welch, allowing the Bobcats to take over on downs. On the first possession, D'Annibale swept right following excellent blocking behind Welch and running back



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by no means a simple win. The Bobcats suffered injuries (fortunately, only minor) throughout the entire game, showing that the Ravens were not going to 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 quarter ended with a score of 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 poms 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 12-0. 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 consists of the youngest and newest Bobcat players who are playing tackle football for the

first time. The future potential of the freshman team was demonstrated as the Go Team pushed forward to gain yards 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 fourth quarter had both teams running for several touchdowns and extra points. Andrew O'Connor 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 27-12. This was immediately followed up by Evan Budd getting a touchdown with 8:50 left in the fourth to bring the score to 33-13. Another touchdown and extra point were later made by the Ravens to bring the final score to 33-20.

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 possible due to a lot of hard work and a great team effort from all of the players.

Freshmen rock Ravens, 33-20

Novi's freshman Bobcats were victorious in their homecoming game against the Rochester Ravens, but it was

By Eric Smith

By Don Sharnowski

STRICTLY BUSINESS

Thursday, October 7, 2010 hometownlife.com

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Celebrating 20 years of interior design and more

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

Our store has so much to offer the community, and we are thrilled to be celebrating our 20th anniversary this month. We have a 17,000 square-foot showroom filled with unique furniture, accessories, art, mirrors and our signature silk floral design studio. Our floral designers create custom permanent arrangements in your container or one of ours that are perfect for seasonal decorating. Our Gift Gallery includes many items starting at \$10 that are perfect for hostess gifts, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

Why did you first decide to open your business?
My background is in floral design. In the beginning, our focus was on florals and wholesale artwork for the trade. I have always had a passion for interior design and it was a natural evolution into the full service retail store we have today.

Why did you choose this area for 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 participating in local events. **What makes your business unique?** There are many unique features to our business. Our focus is to be "your store for affordable design... one great piece at a time." Our mission is to help our clients create beautiful, comfortable spaces at an affordable price point. Sometimes this means adding a new lamp or a piece of art, while other times the projects involve a room makeover. I am proud of my staff's ability to relate to our customers and create the kind of environment where people feel comfortable and enjoy their experience whether they stop in for a quick hostess gift or to order a new piece of furniture.

How has it changed since you opened?
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 whenever possible.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?
We are getting caught up in the movie business that has emerged in the Detroit area. We recently provided accessories and specialty furniture for the new movie "LOL" with Demi Moore and Miley Cyrus.

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Seminars are held in the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road (west of Telegraph), Waterford unless otherwise noted. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 859-0783.

Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business
(AM) Morning Class 9 a.m.-noon/12:30 p.m. (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m.-9/9:30 p.m.
Pre-Business Research
-Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian.
Thursday, Oct. 7, from 6-9:30 p.m.
Novi Public Library, 45255



Jackie Schwartz (left) owner of Home Interior Warehouse - Furniture & Design working with customer Tanya Bartelo of Northville. Home Interior Warehouse is celebrating 20 years in business during October.

DETAILS

Business Name: Home Interior Warehouse - Furniture & Design
Address: 1017 E. West Maple, Walled Lake, MI 48390
Your Name/Title: Jackie Schwartz/owner, interior designer
Your Hometown: Novi
Business Opened: October 1990 - 20th Anniversary Sale starts Friday, Oct. 8
Number of Employees: 10
Hours of Operation: 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10-5 Saturday; some Sundays (including Oct. 10 from noon-5 p.m.)
Your Business Specialty: full-service furniture and accessory store with interior design services and floral studio
Phone: (248) 624-6700
Website: www.homeinteriorwarehouse.com

How has the recent economy affected your business?

Our business has shifted and changed several times over the past few years. We have made an effort to expand our product selections at all price points. We also recently launched the Back Room with discounts starting at 50 percent off on special purchases and one-of-a-kinds. This 2,000-square-foot part of our store has become a popular addition. **Any advice for business owners?** Stay positive, creative, keep overhead costs in line and give people a reason to want to do business locally. It also is important to give your customer the best customer service possible as it will really set you apart.

October 2010 marks our 20th year in business. We are thankful for our loyal customers who have helped make this special time happen. To celebrate we are featuring a 40-percent-off storewide sale which includes special orders starting Friday, October 8. Special events this weekend include a framed art trunk show, new product introductions, fall floral demonstrations, prize drawings and more. We will be open on Sunday, Oct. 10 from noon to 5, too.

Oakland County offering business workshops

W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. **Fundamentals of Starting a Business** is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business.
Thursday, Oct. 14, from 6-9 p.m.
The fee is \$30. No refunds. **Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business** This workshop covers many of the key legal and financial issues faced by businesses in Michigan. The program initially focuses on the many management and liability concerns faced by entrepreneurs, as well as today's tax consequences. The program also provides solutions and techniques for business concession and individual investment and retirement planning. Presented by Carter & Affiliates, P.C.
Tuesday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m.-noon
This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. **Ninth Annual Bid & Brunch Matchmaking Event** - "Diversifying Michigan's Economy: Corporate/

Government/Non-Profit Sourcing Opportunities"

Identify sourcing opportunities through a matchmaking process where participants can meet one-on-one with representatives from a variety of corporate, federal, state, county, municipal and institutional purchasing departments. This is a must event for small to mid-sized minority and women business owners. **Identify the decision maker who purchase your products/services**
- Uncover the products/services various corporate, government and non-profit procurement departments put out to bid non-profit purchasing departments
- Discover future bid opportunities
- Diversify your client base and recession proof your business
Sponsored by: Oakland County Business Services, Southern Oakland County Chapter NAACP, Oakland County Board of Commissioners and Automation Alley.
Wednesday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Southfield Municipal Complex, Southfield Pavilion
Registration is \$75. All ticket sales are final and non-refundable.

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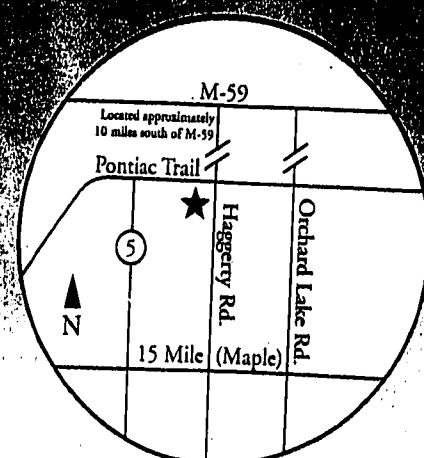
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