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Grand River to get resurfaced

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) expects to temporarily repair several of the roughest sections of Grand River Avenue from just east of Novi Road to Haggerty Road in Novi in coming weeks. This entire section of Grand River will then be resurfaced next year.

Sometime between Oct. 1 and Nov. 15, RCOC's contractor will perform base repair on several sections of particularly rough pavement in this section of Grand River to provide an improved road surface until the road is completely resurfaced beginning in April of 2012.

The exact dates of the work this year have not yet been determined, pending meetings with the selected contractor. The work to be performed this year is expected to take about three days to complete, and will involve intermittent lane closures.

The 2012 work will include base repair and the application of three inches of new asphalt to the road. Safety improvements are also part of the project, including the addition or extension of right-turn lanes at several locations, the addition of three-foot paved shoulders and the reconstruction of pedestrian crosswalks to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Concrete curbs and gutters will be added where needed to ensure proper drainage.

The total project cost is expected to be approximately \$4.1 million. Of that, just over \$3.3 million is being paid for with federal funds. RCOC is contributing \$464,000, while the city is adding \$272,000 and Oakland County General Government (through the Tri-Party Program) is putting in \$64,000.



Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Executive Director Michael Harris takes a moment to remember those who served at the POW/MIA Memorial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens now that the area around the memorial has been made accessible to wheelchairs.

Fallen soldiers honored at annual POW/MIA Recognition Day

Memorial now wheelchair accessible

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Marty Eddy, president of the Prisoners of War Committee of Michigan, said it's only fitting that the annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day comes at the end of Patriot Week.

And with that she hopes comes more attention to the fact there are many veterans who have yet to be accounted for.

"We want to be sure these people are not forgotten," she said. "They are husbands and sons and brothers and uncles and cousins and members of communities and we just want them to be remembered."

In Novi, the day car-

DETAILS

Where: Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi
When: 6:30 p.m. Friday, with 24-hour vigil ending with a 5 p.m. ceremony Saturday

ries a little extra meaning as it marks the 25th anniversary of the Michigan Remembers POW/MIA Memorial at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

The memorial, which is located on the east wall of the chapel, contains 84 names of Michigan service personnel. At the time it was dedicated, 77 people did not have a return date.

That number will go down to 50 after Friday

as three more will be added at the ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

"We look at that memorial as a symbol of hope that these cases get resolved," she said.

The tribute — which features keynote speaker Johnnie Webb, a civilian official with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Hawaii — also kicks off a 24-hour vigil at the cemetery for the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 out of Mt. Clemens.

Michael Harris, executive director of the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, said it's an event he always looks forward to attending.

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School district names four new goals

Noticeable improvement key part of process

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Novi Community Schools district Superintendent Steve Matthews may be new but he is not going to shy away from the pressure as the district set four goals last Thursday to work toward over the next several years.

Matthews, who is in his first year leading the district, told the Board of Education he wants to be held accountable if they don't succeed, but believes the district has the team in place to get the job done.

"These are fairly ambi-

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SUPER GOALS

The four goals of the Novi Community Schools district are:

- The district will ensure each student will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time.
- The district will ensure all students achieve at a high level. (No achievement gaps.)
- The district will maintain a 10 percent fund balance in order to maintain and enhance opportunities for students.
- The district will create common language, systems and principles to improve organizational quality.



Suburban Collection Showplace owner Blair Bowman will soon be seeking a tax abatement to aid with his plans to create a 120-room hotel adjacent to the existing expo center.

Council approves tax abatement for Showplace

Bowman prepared to make pitch for hotel

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Suburban Collection Showplace owner Blair Bowman is poised to make his case for a tax abatement now that the Novi City Council has approved a policy to address the recently amended Commercial Rehabilitation Act.

Bowman said follow-

ing the city council meeting on Monday he is prepared to put forth a "common sense, extraordinary, widely used policy and basis" for constructing a hotel adjacent to his existing expo center that will mimic other developments like it across the country.

Bowman said without

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the abatement it's unlikely the estimated \$8.5-million project will continue, so the coming weeks and months will be important as he prepares to present his case to city administration and the city council.

"This is something we need to do for our overall complex to be successful," he said, noting that many larger conventions have indicated they would use his facility if there was an attached hotel. "And even with it, it would just be one piece to a very complex puzzle."

Bowman will be seeking a six-year real property tax abatement that

would freeze the taxable value of the building as it was before the improvements. It's estimated the city would abate roughly \$500,000 in city taxes during that span.

While city council approved the policy Monday, some members also voiced their opinion about the project itself.

Council member Terry Margolis, who was on the ordinance review committee that created the policy, said her major concern is the fact that the tax abatement would be in direct competition to many city businesses and give the Suburban Collection Showplace an unfair advantage.

Bowman has 14 other hotels in the city, none of which

received tax abatements during construction or restoration.

"I think there is a large burden of proof I'm going to be looking for to even consider this tax abatement," Margolis said.

Bowman indicated that the hotel will only have 120 rooms and seven additional meeting rooms, he expects the remaining hotels in the area to benefit from the overfill.

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt is running for mayor in November's election, and his campaign committee chairs include Bowman, Matt Quinn and Moe Leon.

Bowman received support Monday from Gatt, who took Bowman's side on the issue, saying he

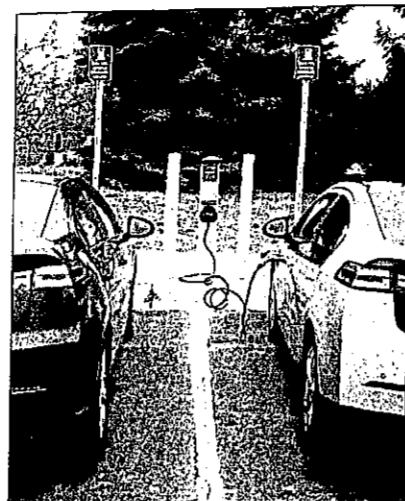
doesn't "give a darn about the hotel" as the focus should be on how it will positively impact the convention center and, as a result, the city.

"The Suburban Collection Showplace brings more business and more people and more acclaim to the city of Novi than any other entity in the city," Gatt said. "This is not just about the hotel, and that is the number one thing."

"This is about the Suburban Collection Showplace being competitive, being healthy and being able to sustain itself and keep Novi where it should be."

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Novi's charged up



The city of Novi's two electric vehicle charging stations are located at Novi Police Headquarters, 45125 W. 10 Mile Road, and at the city of Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. The charging stations were made possible through a grant awarded by the ChargePoint America Program, which is funded in part by the United States Department of Energy, as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. The ChargePoint Networked Charging Stations are easy to use and will work with any electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid on the market. Networked charging stations provide many attractive capabilities to drivers of electric vehicles. The networking allows a driver to identify where charging stations are located and even which charging stations are currently being used. Any charging station attached to a network can transmit information about the charging session including: start time and time of completion. Networked charging stations have the ability to e-mail or send text messages to a driver alerting him or her about their charging session status. Like most gas stations, users will pay via credit card or ChargePoint card. The current fee to "plug-in" to one of the city of Novi charging stations is \$3 per charge.

Education and Cabinet Retreat, and will be revisited again in October with a focus on how the goals will be accomplished.

"You will be able to see the progress we make as a district," Matthews said.

Goals for the district were first discussed in August at the Board of

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Tragic plane crash hits Wings' Babcock hard

Former Red Wings assistant coach, Northville resident McCrimmon one of 43 dead

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock had his speech all planned out for the Novi and Livonia chamber luncheon last Thursday.

But one day prior to the event, the Northville resident received heart-wrenching news. Three former Red Wings, who were part of the Lokomotiv hockey club traveling on a charter flight en route to a game in Minsk, Belarus, died when the plane crashed Wednesday morning shortly after take off.

A total of 43 people died, including former Red Wings player and assistant coach Brad McCrimmon, defenseman Ruslan Salei and prospect Stefan Liv.

An emotional Babcock said their death changed the tone of his speech, and he encouraged the

last three years before taking over the reins of Lokomotiv in July.

Salei, 36, who played for Babcock from 2002-04 with the Anaheim Ducks and last year with the Red Wings, leaves behind wife Bethann and three children, Alexis, Aleksandro and 7-month-old Ava.

"It's tough, tough sledding," Babcock said. "The Stanley Cup and gold medal winning coach also shared some of his advice for running a successful organization, telling the crowd to not rest on their laurels and always be 'evolving and getting better.'"

"We believe standing still is a death sentence," he said. "In your business it's about doing it every day, bringing it every day and finding something before anyone else does."

"It's a sad, sad time in the hockey world," he said. "I feel terrible for their wives and children."

McCrimmon, 52, lived in Northville with his wife, Maureen, and their two children, Carlin and Liam. Carlin is a student at Wayne State, while Liam is a freshman at Novi Detroit Catholic Central. He was an assistant coach in Detroit the

last three years before taking over the reins of Lokomotiv in July.

"We have to cherish all the moments given to us and be thankful for what we have," he said. "The message to all is to live in the present."

Babcock said he sent his daughter, Allie, who is at the University of Michigan, a text this morning that read, "Thinking of you, missing you. Dad." He also went to the ice rink to see his son, Michael, practice.

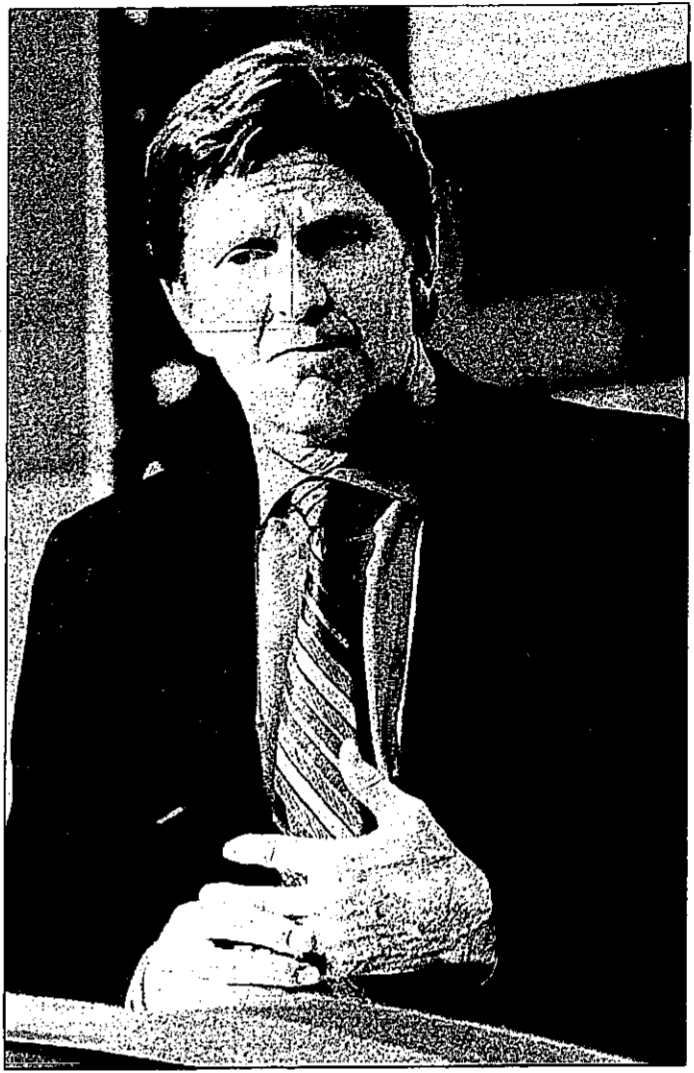
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Mike Babcock reacts to Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey's mention of Livonia's reputation as the speed trap capital of North America.



Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock gets emotional when talking about the 43 people who died in a plane crash in Russia last Wednesday. The plane was carrying a Russian hockey team that featured three former Red Wings players.

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Jacob Fischer, 5, hoists a couple of pumpkins at a previous Tollgate Fall Fair.

Celebrating the start of fall

Annual fair at Tollgate features fun for the family

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Nothing gets volunteer Sue Janczarek more excited than the annual Fall Fair at the MSU Tollgate Education Center. The kids have smiles stretching across their faces as they run from activity to activity, while the adults seem relaxed and at peace strolling around the 160-acre farm in Novi.

"It just warms the heart," Janczarek said. "To me, it just goes back to the basics. And it's nice to see the kids doing the normal kid stuff that doesn't include electronics and getting them back to nature. They are just having good old-fashioned fun."

The Fall Fair, which has

been around for more than 17 years and is free to the public, takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and to many signifies the start of autumn.

Janczarek is one of more than 200 volunteers at the farm, and has her own fond memories of the event over the years. She used to take her three grandchildren to the farm when they were younger, and even though they are now in their 20s, they still talk about it to this day.

"It's a great event and a great place," she said. "There is something for everybody."

The five-hour fair is full of events for the entire family, especially children. There will be hay rides, fishing in the pond,

pumpkin painting, crafts and several other hands-on activities.

The Howell Nature Center is bringing its birds of prey exhibit, the bat conservancy at Cranbrook Institute of Science is doing a bat show and other groups will be doing shows involving live animals.

There also will be three musical performers, including a jazz trio, banjo player and the Bluegrass group The Skinny Raccoons.

Roy Prentice, farm manager, said the event is the culmination of the gardening year and summer season, and he is excited to showcase all the work that goes into the site.

"The highlight for me is seeing the kids hav-

ing a good time and seeing the parents relax because the kids are having a good time," he said. "It's really neat because there is so much positive energy."

More than 2,000 people have attended the show in each of the last three years, and barring inclement weather Prentice expects around that number if not more this year.

There also will be snacks and hot dogs served for free throughout the day.

The MSU Tollgate Education Center is located at 2815 Meadowbrook Road. For more information, call (248) 347-3860, ext. 251.

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Novi to dedicate baseline marker

Monument contains elements of city's history

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The long-awaited "Coasting the Baseline" Monument is finally coming to Novi.

Members of the Novi Historical Commission have been working on the baseline project for more than eight years, and at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, it will be dedicated in the TTC Community Sports Park.

Roy Prentice, chair of the Novi Historical Commission, said the history of Baseline Road (Eight Mile Road) is an important part of the state's history, and this marker will be one of many that will span the baseline across Michigan from Lake St. Clair to Lake Michigan. "All the markers will have elements in common and others that are relevant to the community itself," he said. "We really hope this makes

people in the community aware of the history their community."

This will be the third installation of the 10-foot tall black and white granite obelisk marker in a city, with Northville and Farmington already having one.

The markers have been designed by Novi artist David Barr. Novi's features elements honoring the city's farming origins and significance in state transportation, commerce and recreation.

The ceremony on Tuesday will feature guest speakers, refreshments and historical photographs. TTC Community Sports Park is located at 51000 Eight Mile Road, east of Napier Road.

For more information about the "Coasting the Baseline Project," visit www.novilibrary.org.

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Novi artist David Barr talked about the symbolism incorporated in the making of the obelisk and the Coasting the Baseline Monument that was erected in Farmington in 2007.

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Maggie Chen, 5, hits some tennis balls at Novi's ITC Community Park on July 25 with her grandfather, Gongmel Su. The park, at 51000 Eight Mile Road, is just a bit west of Napier Road.

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Pain has no limits

By Gloria Danna Brooks
Guest Columnist

As children, many of us are reminded that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." While it's true that physical pain can leave us miserable and scarred, emotional and spiritual pain can be just as damaging.

New brain scanning technologies allow scientists and doctors to analyze the brain during physically and emotionally painful events. Results are beginning to explain why those experiencing emotional distress describe their pain as an "awful headache," "ongoing stomach pain" or "heartbreak." Brain scans from the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Michigan both reveal that we process emotional pain similar to physical pain. Thus, the brain does not distinguish between physical and emotional pain.

Yet, many people fail to recognize emotional and spiritual pain. In my line of work, it is common for end-of-life patients to experience physical pain, as well as emotional and spiritual pain. Physical pain is often easier to detect and treat than emotional and spiritu-



Gloria Danna Brooks

al pain, but each are equally important. Physical pain can be exacerbated by emotional or spiritual pain, and the inability to manage physical pain may be the result of emotional or spiritual distress. This September, during National Pain Awareness Month, I encourage those experiencing any kind of pain to seek help, and urge others to be vigilant for signs of physical, emotional and spiritual pain. Those experiencing emotional or spiritual distress often exhibit anger, agitation, guilt, helplessness, confusion, change in appetite, fatigue, depression, isolation or fear. For many, emotional and spiritual pain can be the cause of, or result in legal or financial problems and relationship difficulties. Specifically, in end-of-life patients we look for restlessness, denial, refusal to take pain medication, power struggles with caregivers, statements about "not wanting to be a burden" or "not wanting to live like this," and symbolic language sug-

gesting distress or unresolved concerns. Like physical pain, emotional and spiritual pain can be treated. When pain is identified, physical pain symptoms can be treated to allow patients and families to focus on their relationships. Volunteers, spiritual care coordinators and social workers offer their assistance, with activities, such as meditation, prayer, music therapy, massage therapy, pet therapy and art therapy, which can help reduce despair and distress.

We need to begin by understanding and accepting that emotional and spiritual pain is real and can hurt just as much as physical pain. Overlooking or ignoring signs of emotional and spiritual distress do nothing to improve quality of life or patient care. Name-calling may not break a bone, but it leaves a scar no different than sticks and stones.

Gloria Danna Brooks is president and CEO of Arbor Hospice, which serves communities in Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties, with offices in Ann Arbor, Monroe, Plymouth and Woodhaven. For more information, visit www.arborhospice.org or call (888) 992-2273.

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"It's like Memorial Day for me," he said. "It's my way of saying thank you and also letting them know they haven't been forgotten." Also for the first time, those who use wheel-

chairs or need assistance walking, can get up close with the memorial thanks to an Eagle Scout project by Novi resident Collin Pifer. Pifer, with the help of several volunteers including long-time MPVA supporter Bill Helwig, installed a cement surface to make navigating the area easier. "It was very difficult and you were worried you would fall out of your chair, but now we have a surface that makes it much easier," Harris said.

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Novi tastes great this weekend

Restaurants, businesses and sponsors support Novi Athletics at Tastefest

Novi restaurants, entertainment, business sponsors and special guests are putting their best face forward on Friday, Sept. 16 at Wildcats Stadium to support Novi athletic programs through the Novi Athletic Boosters Club's premier fund-raising and community outreach event, 2011 Tastefest.

Organizers of the fifth annual event are hoping for a wonderful late summer evening, so restaurants are planning dinner for at least 3,500 people. "We continue to be thrilled by the engagement and commitment of our restaurant partners and business leaders pertaining to Tastefest. Their community spirit regarding our Novi students, student athletes and athletics is immeasurable," said Jay F. Dooly, who this year is chairing the event with Angela Johnson, Kim Morris and Jack Kilger. "As we spoke with and asked our sponsors if we can count on them again to partner with us their answers are always, 'You bet we will be at Tastefest!'"

This year there will be nine restaurants, two business merchants and four corporate sponsors participating in Tastefest. Five of the restaurants — bd's Mongolian Grill of Novi, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar of Novi, Cold Stone Creamery of Novi, Famous Dave's of Novi and Subway of Novi in West Oaks — have been involved all five years, while Pizza Marvelous of Novi is a four-year participant and Biggby Coffee of Novi is in its third year. New to the Tastefest menu this year will be Olga's Kitchen on Grand River in Novi and Applebee's of Novi. Fun inflatables will be provided by Pump-It-Up of Wixom.

Major corporate sponsors involved this year include the safety lighting from Michigan CAT in Novi, spirit wear items from Detroit Lacrosse of Novi, and generous dona-

TASTEFEST FUN FACTS

During the 2010 event, Tastefest attendees consumed:

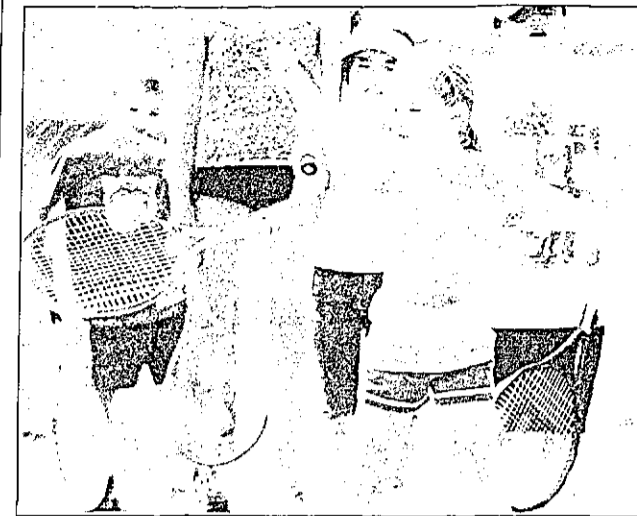
- 16,000 sips of Biggby's BEST Coffee
- 150 feet of Subway subs
- 38 pounds each of Famous Dave's beef brisket and chopped pork
- 100 whole Pizza Marvelous pies.
- 40 pounds of beef and 60 pounds of chicken from bd's
- 200 pounds of Buffalo Wild Wings' chicken wings
- 250 pounds of Cold Stone Ice cream.

Event details
What: Novi Athletic Boosters Tastefest fundraiser and community outreach event
Date: Friday, Sept. 16
Time: Gates open at 5 p.m. for restaurant service and silent auction; varsity football game versus Plymouth at 7 p.m.
Admission: \$5; free to all K-8 students when accompanied by an adult
Food prices: Priced especially by vendors
Rain Location: Field House
Info: www.noviathleticboosters.com

tions from the Library Sports Pub of Novi, Millennium Limo Service of Novi and the City of Novi. Dinner menu items feature Subway's BMT/Turkey subs, Olga's Snackers, Applebee's Chicken Fajitas, Spinach & Artichoke Dip and Oriental Chicken Salad, Pizza Marvelous' Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza, Ribs & breadsticks, Buffalo Wild Wings' Traditional Wings, Famous Dave's Texas Beef & Brisket and bd's Kung Pao Chicken. For after dinner, attendees have the choice of Cold Stone's Sundae Bar treats and Biggby's Strawberry Creme Freeze or Biggby BEST coffee.

In addition to enjoying dinner and dessert, Tastefest patrons will have the opportunity to bid on more than 175 items being offered through the Tastefest Silent Auction in the Field House. Jack Kilger states, "We would like to thank our businesses in and around the Novi area for their contributions and donations to make this auction successful." Patrons will be able to purchase this year's themed "Novi Nation" T-shirts and other spirit wear items that will be available at nominal prices.

Learning to play the game



Avery Fenchel, 9, (above) takes a swing at a ball lobbed by tennis coach Dan Madden (left) during an Aug. 17 camp at Novi's ITC Community Park. Fenchel and a group of other youngsters were taking part in a four day camp to learn the fundamentals of tennis.

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Novi celebrating diversity with Ethnic Taste & Tune Fest at Fuerst Park

It can't get any easier to experience the world when entertaining, crafts, and food from a variety of countries are part of a festival in your hometown. The City of Novi will partner with Providence Park Hospital from 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 to bring live entertainment, tasty treats, unique gifts, kids' crafts, and more to Fuerst Park.

Live entertainment will represent numerous countries with Irish, Indian, Mexican, and Polynesian dance, Japanese archery, Armenian and American music, and much more. A variety of local restaurants/food vendors including On The Border, Cherry Blossom, Mirchi, BD's Mongolian Barbecue, Moe's on Ten, and PDQ Sandwiches will be on site with menu favorites.

New for 2011, festival-goers will have the opportunity to purchase meal-sized portions. Tickets will be available in one dollar increments. The kids' craft area will have children busy working on a number of ethnic creations and vendors will be selling unique gifts perfect for the shoppers in the crowd. St. John Providence Park Hospital will provide samples of healthy Indian food and

provide recipes. Additionally, physicians specializing in diabetes will be on hand to answer questions and share information.

"Sharing the unique diversity that is Novi is a great tradition. The Ethnic Taste and Tune Fest is an opportunity for everyone to learn about the cultural traditions of their neighbors, classmates, and colleagues in an entertaining and interactive environment," said Mayor David B. Landry. To learn more about the Ethnic Taste & Tune Fest, visit cityofnovi.org or like the City of Novi on Facebook at facebook.com/cityofnovi.

Schoolcraft's Culinary Extravaganza set for Sept. 25

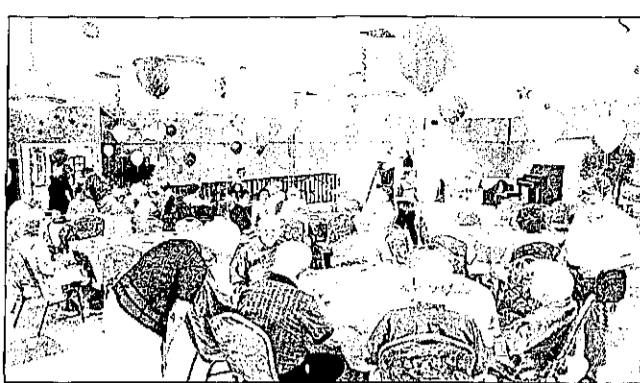
The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents its annual Culinary Extravaganza, a premier food and wine event that highlights the culinary talent of metro area restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors.

This year's event, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, marks two special anniversaries — the 20th year of the food and wine event and the college's 50th. The extravaganza allows guests to sample a variety

of fine food, wine, beverages and desserts in one afternoon, while at the same time support student scholarships. Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants for students. Individual tickets are \$50 each and available at the college or online. Food and beverage vendors include Sive Restaurant at St. John's Inn in Plymouth Township, Toasted Oak Grill and Market in Novi, Old World Olive Press in Plymouth, McCormick Distilling

Co. and many more. Highlight of this year's raffle is a Hearts on Fire Diamond necklace from Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville valued at \$3,400. Other raffle prizes include \$300 cash, \$250 cash (two winners) and dinner for two at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft (three winners). For more information or to purchase event tickets, sponsorship packages or raffle tickets go to www.schoolcraft.edu.

85 ... and counting



Balloons festoon the Novi Senior Center (above) on Aug. 18 during its 85th Birthday Celebration. Trudy Harradine, 98, (right) is one of many Novi residents to enjoy the party for her and others who have made it above 85 years.



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City improving plan of attack for winter storms

Changes to sidewalk/pathway clearing plans still to come

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The city's Department of Public Safety is looking to get a head start on its winter maintenance plans after record-setting snowfall numbers exposed several weaknesses last year.

Two of the more noticeable reasons for the department's struggles were a decrease in labor — as staffing levels are down five employees since 2009 — and older equipment that was breaking down.

Plans presented to the Novi City Council on Monday addressed those two areas, as well as soliciting direction from council on how to proceed in other areas that may benefit response time.

"We had not had storms in the magnitude we had last winter in many years — maybe dating back to 2005 — and we had at least five more people than we have now," said Director of Public Services Rob Hayes. "So, certainly the biggest thing that has impacted us is not having enough people."

In terms of equipment, city council approved the purchase of two dump trucks on Monday to go along with already purchased box blades, a V-Plow for sidewalks, tractor-mounted snowblower and a GPS-based Automated Vehicle Location System that will better help reporting, command and control during storms.

The plan for helping in the area of staffing includes: using a contractor again for help during large storms; contracting snow removal for the ice arena's parking lot; and working with the Michigan Association of Public Employee union to revise contract language so a minimum level of mandatory overtime is established, allowing part time

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 - Cherry Hill/Park Ridge/Kings Pointe

labor to be used when there are employees on layoff, and to use current workers who wish to be put on an overtime call-in list.

Hayes said nine employees, who aren't traditional snow plow operators, have asked to be used as needed. They cannot operate the heavy dump trucks, but will likely be used to operate the small dump trucks, pick-up trucks and small tractors to clear various areas in the city.

"It's fantastic they are stepping up," Hayes said. "It's certainly going to make things easier on us as far as getting enough people in and to supplement some of the minor parts of the operation."

"The two areas the department was seeking council help on were how to handle parking restrictions on select major snow plow routes and changing how the city handles sidewalk/pathway clearing."

Hayes said the addition of a sixth snow route will give plow drivers easier access to the major roads and help them clear streets that usually have a lot of cars parked along them that make the streets difficult to navigate.

Some council members were concerned about enforcing the no on-street parking policy and how they would contact homeowners to let them know of a snow emergency.

The suggestion presented was to warn owners before issuing a ticket, but that method was not popular among council members.

"I would be opposed to ticketing residents or towing their cars," said Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt. "I would not ever be in favor of doing that. The plows will just have to go around them and plow them in if they are on the street."

The sidewalk/pathway clearing change also was met with mixed reviews. Currently, the DPS clears 19.3 miles of sidewalks and pathways in the city, of which only 5.6 miles actually adjoins city-owned property.

Hayes' recommendation is to clear only the sidewalks/pathways that adjoin city parcels within 24 hours.

Council member Dave Staudt said he received four e-mails from residents who took issue with the possible change, and he agreed that he too had hesitations.

"Anything that would inhibit the ability of any children or student to get to school for any reason I would be very concerned with," he said.

Council member Andrew Much echoed Staudt's sentiment, noting there are three school districts that will be affected and Novi, for example, is requiring more students to potentially walk to school.

"Scaling back on eliminating clearing those pathways is a bad precedent," he said.

Discussion regarding how to handle parking restrictions on select major snow routes and changes to the plan of sidewalk/pathway clearing will take place at the ordinance review committee before returning to the city council.

Sharing their stories and walking to stop diabetes

This year, in addition to the many walkers that are coming together across the country to fight diabetes, a visible movement of Red Striders will be part of the American Diabetes Association's Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes event on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Detroit Zoo.

Red Striders are people with diabetes who are part of the Stop Diabetes® movement by raising awareness of diabetes and raising money to help change the future of the disease by participating in American Diabetes Association-sponsored walks across the country. Representing people with type 1, type 2, or gestational diabetes, Red Striders know what it means to have diabetes and they want others to understand that diabetes is a serious disease that can have deadly consequences.

Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes is a community event for anyone who wants to join the Association's movement to Stop Diabetes.

Be part of the Stop Diabetes movement and start raising money today. To register, volunteer or find out more information, please visit diabetes.org/stepout or call 1-888-DIABETES.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.



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Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of I-248. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi have a vast experience before local Michigan judges.

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Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

ASHBY, JERRY M.
Age 53, of Northville, died suddenly September 9, 2011. Private family services held. Contributions to the American Cancer Society appreciated. www.castlerfuneralhome.com

CLINE, KATHLEEN "PEGGY"
Age 86, of Northville, died 9/6/11. Visitation Saturday, Sept. 17 from 11 to 5 p.m. at the Highland Lakes Clubhouse, 20301 Silver Spring Dr., Northville. Donations suggested to a charity of your choice. www.castlerfuneralhome.com

FERGUSON, CHARLES A.
Age 80, of Northville, died September 6, 2011. A funeral service was held Saturday, 9/10/2011, at Catherine Funeral Home. Donations suggested to the American Cancer Society. www.castlerfuneralhome.com

GARDNER, IRENE
Age 89, passed away September 3, 2011. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: philipsfuneral.com

GROTH, CHARLES A.
Age 92, passed away September 7, 2011. A graveside service was held on September 13 at Salem Cemetery. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. www.philipsfuneral.com

HEBBARD, ERMA
Age 87, of South Lyon, passed away Sept. 7, 2011. She is survived by her husband Thomas Erma is survived by her loving daughters: Judith (Lou) Hayes, Patricia (Ross) Nicholas; brothers Ken Eastard and Allen Eastard; and cherished grandchildren. Private service to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Erma to Alzheimer's Assoc., Greater MI Chapter, 20300 Civic Ctr. Dr., Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48070 or at.org. Online guestbook: www.philipsfuneral.com

PALDAN, MERIDA
Age 93, September 4, 2011, formerly of Milford, Bedford of the late George. Loving mother of Andrea (Matt) Letts and Eric Paldan. Dear grandmother of Lisa and Brent Margaritis. Sister of Donald (Mim) Tourangeau. Arrangements by the Cremation Society of Michigan 313-339-4100

SIRDENIS, JOYCE
Age 82, passed away September 11, 2011. She is survived by her beloved husband, children and grandchildren. A graveside service will be held Oct. 1, 2011 at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48186. Online guestbook: www.philipsfuneral.com

HOLMESWORTH, MARY A.
Age 78, passed away September 3, 2011 in Rockledge, Florida. She was born on February 3, 1933, in Whiteville, TN, to the late Robert and Bonnie (Collins) Kneedler. On August 6, 1955, she married Mildred Hollingsworth. She was formerly of Redford, prior to moving to Salem Township and was a member of the South Redford Christian Church. Mary is survived by her loving children: Melody (Dave) Cox, Carolyn Hansen; two grandchildren: Matthew and Ashley; and her sister-in-law: Blondie Merkhams. She was preceded in death by her husband Mildred Hollingsworth in 1985. Visitation was held on September 9, Friday, from 3-8pm. A funeral service was held on September 10, Saturday at 11am at Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.philipsfuneral.com

QUALLS, NIKKI F.
Age 63, passed away September 2, 2011. She was born on May 16, 1948, in Algona, Ohio, to the late Harry and Florence Hopkins. Nikki was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandma. She was a dedicated member of Chilson Hills Church in Howell and a valued friend of the Green Oak Police Department. She is survived by her beloved husband of 43 years, Wallace; her loving children: Wallace Qualls II and Wendy (Jason) Lipke. She is also survived by her 5 grandchildren: Michael, Jack, Lucas, Reid, Brady and her sister Lana Hopkins. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 10, at Chilson Hills Church, 4440 Brighton Road, Howell. Online guestbook: www.philipsfuneral.com

SEARCY, JAMES R. JR.
Age 73, passed away September 8, 2011. He was born on April 10, 1938, in Detroit, to the late James and Florence (Cowan) Searcy. James is survived by his loving wife, Antonia; sons: Richard, Jeffrey (Tina), daughters: Julie (Todd) and Jennifer (Gary) and 7 grandchildren. James served in the U.S. Marines as a Lance Corporal. He enjoyed bowling and playing golf. He retired from Chevrolet Creative Services after 35 years of service. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers. A memorial gathering was held on September 12, Monday, from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A memorial service was held on September 13, Tuesday, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48186. Online guestbook: www.philipsfuneral.com

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Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
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Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
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Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
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<p>NEW LUTHERAN METODIST CHURCH 6800 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48327 248-887-1311 • www.nlmch.com Sunday Worship: 8:00, 10:15, & 11:00 a.m. Kids Church: 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Youth Night: Wed. 6:45 & 8:00 p.m. Pastor: Dan McQuinn</p>	<p>HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6800 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48327 248-887-1311 • www.nlmch.com Sunday Worship: 8:00, 10:15, & 11:00 a.m. Kids Church: 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. Youth Night: Wed. 6:45 & 8:00 p.m. Pastor: Dan McQuinn</p>	<p>CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN Pastor Terry Nelson 437-8810 • 486-4335 Oakwood Rd. at 10 Mile Worship: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 22200 Parkside Trl., South Lyon, MI 48178 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Rabbi: Daniel S. Glick, Minister Rev. David Brown, Pastor 248-437-2222 • www.fumil.org</p>
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MessageLuXe employee Tianna Rubio gives a massage Aug. 25 in its recently-opened Novi Town Center location.

MessageLuXe providing benefits of a full spa visit

By Lonnie Huhman
Correspondent



MessageLuXe owner Neena Judge at her Novi Town Center location.

The stress of life can add up quickly, which means the mind and body need some attention every once in awhile so you can look and feel your best.

This is how a Northville resident's new Novi business, MessageLuXe, wants to help.

MessageLuXe is aiming to provide their clientele with a great overall experience by offering a great individualized service that will leave them relaxed and soothed. Many people might not fully know the advantages of a monthly massage or facial, but it can revitalize in various ways.

And by making their offerings also affordable, MessageLuXe wants to provide this opportunity to many people so they can enjoy the finer benefits of a full spa visit.

It's located at 43296 11 Mile Road in Novi, in the Novi Town Center next to the Bonefish Grill. "You shouldn't have to pay an arm and a leg to be pampered," said Neena Judge, area developer and local owner of MessageLuXe. "Especially in tough times, everyone deserves the opportunity to relax. It is our top priority to give metro Detroit consumers a quality experience for an affordable price."

MessageLuXe spas provide a variety of customized massage therapies to fit individual needs including Swedish massage, hot stone, deep tissue, prenatal, reflexology, sports massage, couples massage and many others.

Their HydroLux bed is a one-of-a-kind massage experience in Michigan and Judge does not know of any other location that has an offering like this. It is a self-operated massage tool that does not require the user to change clothes, but only

to lie on the bed of soft rubber, while the water jets underneath provide a full body massage.

Multiple levels of massage therapy services are provided to both individuals and corporate wellness programs through their customer-friendly monthly membership program.

Judge said a membership has no contracts and no commitments, and is backed by a dedication to providing unparalleled customer service. The staff at MessageLuXe can also provide a professional facial and body waxing experience performed by licensed estheticians that give the face a firming yet clean and healthy look. Judge said they are committed to helping people achieve that radiant look through only using the best products like Kanshi's African

aromatic spa products, and Repêchage skin care products that contain seaweed and natural botanicals.

A Northville resident, Judge has nearly 15 years of entrepreneurial experience as the owner of a national preschool franchise. She is bringing this know-how to her role as the area developer for the St. Louis-based spa franchise. Her plan is to open up even more locations, and in turn help many people find employment with a company that helps bring a smile to the customer's face.

"We are not just a physical service, it's more than that—it's emotional," Judge said. "MessageLuXe and FaceLuXe want to put a smile on our clients' faces as they leave."

To find out more about this new business, go to its Facebook page at MessageLuXeofMichigan.com or e-mail Judge at nudge@messageluxecom.com. To make an appointment, call at (248) 349-5893.

Tech tips to stay connected

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Each week this space is devoted to teaching you about the Internet, social space, new tech products, phone plans and more. And each week there seems to be some emerging technology that requires us to revisit what has already been discussed.

Here are a number of tech updates that will help keep you in the loop on everything from computer theft management programs to smartphones.

iPhone: The new iPhone 5 will be hitting Verizon and AT&T stores soon but it will now also be available on the Sprint network. Sprint has scheduled a press release for Oct. 7, so if you are a Sprint customer or need to get away from another carrier, stay tuned.

Computer Safety: Afraid someone may steal your personal laptop, work laptop or cell phone? A free, open-source application called "Prey" has been talked about a lot on the net lately after a IT specialist used the program to recover a computer that was stolen from his home.

Prey works with Windows, Macintosh, Linux, Ubuntu and Android operating systems and is easy to install. With Prey, users can activate the webcam and other features of their computer if it falls into the right hands. Screen shots and photos can be sent to your e-mail address to help you and authorities track down the thief.

Fantasy Football Resources and Appli-



Jon Gunnells

Tech Savvy
cations: Football season has arrived and if you want to achieve bragging rights in your league, you need to have access to breaking news before your opponents. Make sure to follow NFL reporters and fantasy football sites on Twitter (I recommend following @damscheffter, @matthewberrytmr, @espnfantasy to name a few). Not on Twitter? You can always set up an RSS feed to pull in your favorite sports stories. For more information on setting up an RSS feed visit en.wikipedia.org/wiki/rss

Bloggling and Photo Sharing: If you are a Blogger or Picasa user you may have seen some changes on your web platform. Google recently changed the name of Blogger to Google Blogs and Picasa to Google Photos.

Google+: Want to get a vanity URL on Google+ like you have on Twitter? Visit gplus.to and get started. Just be sure to choose your name wisely, once you create a vanity URL you cannot change it

back. A few months ago I made my vanity URL my Twitter handle instead of my name and I'm one of the only folks doing that.

Facebook Deals: Score one in the win column for DealChicken, GroupOn and other daily deal sites. Facebook recently announced they are ending their Facebook deals test.

Facebook photos: A fresh version of Facebook photos has been rolled out with larger images and faster loading speeds.

Twitter: Twitter has also changed their photo service. Want to upload a picture? Check the camera button under the status bar. Want to add a location to your Tweets? Click the compass under the status bar. Did you catch the news about the HP Touchpad? In August HP lowered the price of its touchscreen unit to \$99. Touchpad's sold out just about everywhere, but if you are lucky you may still be able to score a deal online maybe through eBay, Craigslist or Amazon.com.

Do you have any tech tips that you would like to share? Or do you want answers to a burning tech question? Let me know.

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CHURCH

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Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresby.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m., 11 a.m.
Single Place

Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville

Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dinner, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.

Sept 15: Single Place Sloppy Joe's & Euchre. Come play euchre or learn how to have qualified teachers among us. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship with other singles, \$7 for the dinner & social ice cream that follows.

Sept 22: Single Place Presents Ms. Jennifer Vogel who will help us to understand how & why we should try to keep our bodies in good condition. She has simple exercises & good diet tricks to teach us. Ice cream Social with other singles will follow.

Date: Sept 29: Single Place Presents Cards & Games Night. Come practice the euchre you learned a couple weeks ago or enjoy one of the many other games we have on hand. Snacks provided or you may bring some to share.

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Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon
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Time/Date: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11; 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 12 (11 bag sale 11 a.m.-noon)

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Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor

Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)

Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th grades (Sept.-April)
Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays

Contact: Heather J. Wallis, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallis@funorthville.org

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Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org

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

Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
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9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
Wednesday Family Night
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (N-Pract Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

How do I know this? Last year if you were in third grade you could be identified as proficient in math if you answered 17 out of 59 questions correctly - or 29 percent.

It seems like the state was saying to everyone

Novi schools prepared to 'handle the truth'

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist



Steve Matthews

In a classic scene from the movie A Few Good Men, Jack Nicholson's character, when pressed to tell the truth, screams, "You can't handle the truth." He then goes on to defend that hiding the truth or revealing only part of the truth is acceptable because society does not really want to know how things get done.

It appears that the state of Michigan has been using that Jack Nicholson line of reasoning for several years. Their actions suggest that they did not think our parents, students and community could handle the truth about school and student achievement. As a result, the state created a system that hid the true performance of our students and gave all of us a false sense of security about student achievement.

How do I know this? Last year if you were in third grade you could be identified as proficient in math if you answered 17 out of 59 questions correctly - or 29 percent.

It seems like the state was saying to everyone

who was interested in student achievement, "you can't handle the truth." This week the State Board of Education began debating whether or not to raise the cut scores on the MEAP and the MME. The cut score identifies if a student has passed the MEAP or the MME. It also determines if the student is considered advanced, proficient, partially proficient or not proficient on the state standards.

Why is the state resetting the cut scores? The short answer is that the state has been identifying students who were not proficient as proficient. The Michigan Department of Education is now recommending that a student answer 72 percent of the questions correctly on the third grade math test to be considered proficient. Most of us would agree that answering 72 percent of the questions correctly is a much more honest calculation of proficiency.

The result of resetting these cut scores will be that fewer students are identified as proficient and that more schools will be identified as needing improvement.

In Novi, our goal is and has been to ensure that every student makes progress every year. Our district vision focuses on developing each student's potential. We believe that every student can and should make progress every year.

We know that achievement is influenced by a variety of factors. But over time our district needs to be able to demonstrate to students, parents and the community that there has been real growth. Students come to our schools to learn. As a district we should be able to demonstrate that indeed students have grown every year they are with us.

The phrase, "you can't handle the truth," will not be a phrase that our district will use.

We will develop a system that communicates clearly student performance and work to ensure that every student makes at least a year's growth in a year's time. We want our students and parents to be informed and to be partners with us in raising student achievement.

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OUR VIEWS



Must have Library cards are tickets to learning for students

Students are back in school. They have pens, pencils, paper, notebooks and a myriad of other supplies needed to be successful this school year.

But they might be missing the most important school supplies of all: A library card. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

A library card is free. There are no hidden charges, no payment due every month for the resources it provides students to compete academically. According to the A.L.A., today's libraries provide all types of students with the tools they need to succeed. They also provide young readers with exciting and engaging programs that make learning fun.

Libraries, in one shape or another, have been around for thousands of years. And libraries, initially small private collections, existed in America from early colonial times. Today there are roughly 9,000 public libraries in the U.S., plus another 8,000, if branch libraries are counted.

Public libraries are considered an essential part of having an educated and literate population. In addition to print books and periodicals, most public libraries today have a wide array of other media including audio books, CDs, cassettes, videotapes, DVDs and video games, as well as facilities to access the Internet and inter-library borrowing of items from other libraries.

The Northville District Library and Novi Public Library provide other services, such as community meeting rooms, storytelling sessions for infants, toddlers, preschool children or after-school programs while becoming cultural hubs in their respective communities. The libraries have online programs for reader development, language learning and homework help. And lest we forget, one of the most popular programs offered in public libraries are summer reading programs for children, families and adults.

Get a glimpse of the Northville District Library's and Novi Public Library's weekly offerings on our website (Etc. and Community Calendar, respectively) at www.hometownlife.com.

The first step in accessing the information the library has to offer is by getting a library card. It's easy. Northville and Novi residents need only provide proof of residency. Your address on a driver's license or state identification card will suffice.

If your child doesn't have a library card, we urge you to take the time to get one. For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the facilities at 212 W. Cady Street in Northville and 45255 W. 10 Mile in Novi or go online: <http://northville.lib.mi.us/>

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite aspect of the fall season?



"It's football season."
Patrick Kovarik
Novi



"The weather is cooler."
Matt Gillespie
Novi



"The golden trees."
Brenda DeGuzman
Novi



"Sideline cheer."
Calyn Liberati
Novi

LETTERS

Mike Martin memories

I am writing to you on the account of the article "Be like Mike" (Aug. 18, 2011) in the Northville Record. I currently am a freshman at Detroit Catholic Central High School and have had older brothers go through before me. My oldest brother, Matthew, was just one grade under Mike Martin. However, though there was a grade difference, the two were pretty good friends.

Through the years of growing up and being a part of the Catholic Central family, I went to all the home football games. I watched Mike Martin on CC's field and now watch him at my favorite university, Michigan. Having a brother who was friends with Mike has its privileges, such as getting to meet him on the field and getting his autograph. Anyway, it is good to see someone truly acknowledge Mike for all the great years of football he has been playing. Thank you for writing the article about one of Catholic Central's athletes and scholars.

Michael Misiak

AYP mandate ridiculous

Adequate Yearly Progress testing and proficiency requirements are ridiculous.

A mandate for 100 percent proficiency by 2014 contradicts reality. There is no such thing as perfection! And standardized tests might provide a reflection of already known demographic data, too late to have any value.

Punishment as the solution is reflective of turn-of-the-century management behaviors for unskilled manual labor. Punishment for failure to exceed these ridiculous "standards" will just make matters worse — the cheating in Atlanta schools is a prime example.

Continued reliance on these broadly proven failures to "reform" schools and provide accountability hint at the unwillingness of those who hold the purse strings to embrace strategies that work. Fear of change or upsetting the apple cart is no doubt the root of this unwillingness.

We could make progress if real change were embraced. Change such as:

- Curriculum development and implementation at the building level.
- Curriculum and assessment of learning progress focused on an individual student's strengths.
- Older students teaching younger students.
- End the use of the Carnegie Unit (aka seat time) for earning credit.
- Incorporate the community, including parents, in the school through meaningful project-based learning and internships.
- Provide honest alternative paths to teacher certification.
- Capital and operating funding distributed equally for each student.

Blaming special-needs children and absences is acceptance of the status quo, excuses to mask the reality of our failure. What to do and how to do it

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is known. Ignorance and fear stand in the way.

And children pay the price.
Chuck Follows
South Lyon

Don't defy voters' wishes

With regard to your Aug. 18 article, "State looks at clarifying medical marijuana law," the only thing that I've seen as unsafe or ineffective is the type of so-called "leadership" we have in Lansing, such as Rep. Walsh, Sen. Rick Jones or Attorney General Bill Schuette.

These people continue with their ceaseless, meritless rhetoric, designed to defy the voters' wishes, primarily serving their own selfish needs and pandering to those of their shrinking base.

The people in our capitol need to find something worthwhile to spend our tax dollars on. That is, if they're capable. I tend to think not.

Thank God for term limits. Now, if we could just get a part-time Legislature to follow that up.

David Light
Saginaw

McCotter, Congressman, our representative responded

During the recent debt ceiling debate, I called Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's office to urge the Congressman to work with the president and find compromise and avoid a financial crisis.

As we all know, a crisis was avoided but the situation should never have gone as far as it did.

Recently, in response to my calls to McCotter's office, I received a reply in letter form (actually, three letters). One letter addressed to Chuck Tindall, one addressed to Charles Tindall and one addressed to Chuck Pindall — all addressed the same day, all stating the same thing and all received on the same day. This is not the first time this has happened. It shouldn't take a genius to see these are probably all the same person, and with a little checking the duplications could be avoided. This is a perfect example of the wasteful spending our president speaks of and asks that we eliminate.

Chuck Tindall
Novi

Blaming special-needs children and absences is acceptance of the status quo, excuses to mask the reality of our failure. What to do and how to do it

KIDZ KAMP kudos

Last month, New Hope Center

for Grief Support held its second annual KIDZ KAMP for grieving children. On behalf of our staff, I would like to acknowledge those members of the community who made this event such a success: Hitachi Automotive Products in Farmington Hills for the grant which provided the funds for the camp; The Northville Historical Society for the use of Mill Race Village, where we set up camp; Begonia Brothers in Novi for providing plants for our Children's Memorial Garden, a 45-foot obstacle course for the kids and two days of volunteer time; Bucca di Beppo for providing lunch for over 40 adults and children; and Home Depot, Plymouth/Northville, for dozens of paints used for art projects.

Special thanks to Pam Poirier for her guitar and songs and to Sean Howell for his amazing magic show. We are grateful for all their support, time and effort. Thank you.

Elaïne Dzwonkowski
KIDZ/TEEN Group coordinator
New Hope Center for Grief Support

Who's got skin in the game?

Linda Sroka repeated something last week; this notion of "nearly 50 percent of all tax filers paying zero taxes." It's catchy — and logically flawed in both of its assertions.

First is this "50 percent" figure. Who are these slackers with no "skin in the game"? Well, retirees for one; the fastest-growing population in America. People who've paid taxes their entire working lives — mostly at the higher rates before the Bush or even the Reagan tax cuts — yet still have to file because of their investments, pensions, etc. There are also full-time students living on their own, the long-term unemployed, the self-employed whose expenses and deductions offset their taxable income. Take these groups away and that 50 percent is greatly reduced. Second is the "paying zero taxes" canard. At best, this statement only applies to federal income taxes, and then only for filers whose deductions exceed the amount taxed (the same deductions Linda and most other tax-filing Americans receive). It's a NET zero taxes; the government withheld money and used it all year, then refunded it after filing based on tax laws passed with bipartisan support and signed by presidents of both parties. The statement also overlooks Social Security and Medicare — flat taxes paid by every wage-earner — as well as state income taxes, state and local sales taxes, and property taxes. Put all that together, and you get "skin."

Finally, speaking as "an American who actually pays taxes," I'm proud of both our U.S. senators, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, and have no intention of "booting out the current administration."

Herb Helzer
Northville

To tip or not to tip

By Dan Hoops
Guest Columnist

While visiting my favorite Starbucks recently, I noticed their clever attempt at increasing their customer tips by converting the tip jar into a challenge; vanilla vs. chocolate. I asked the barista whether the challenges worked. Sadly, no.

When it comes to customer tips, many are unaware of the actual tax implications for these gratuities. Many do know that tips are includable as gross income (just look at the seventh line on your 1040 — "wages, salaries, tips, etc."), but there is more to it than the employer's gross income. Of course, right?

If tips exceed \$20 in a month, these amounts are required to be reported to the employer. Any monthly amount below \$20 is not required to be reported.

However, these amounts are still considered income and should be included in the employee's calculation of their wages, salaries and tips — even if the amount is not reported on the employer's W-2. The employer has a duty to withhold federal income tax from their employees' reported tips, as well as withholding for Federal Insurance Contributions Act ("FICA") or Social Security and Medicare taxes from employee wages. The employer is then required to remit to the Internal Revenue Service the withheld taxes and the employer's portion of the FICA for the employees' wages (including the tip income).

In the service industry, many workers rely heavily on customer tips to make their living.



Dan Hoops

The IRS understands the reality of service workers, as well as the reality of many employers who underreport tip income because it reduces their FICA obligations. Although cash tips may be more difficult to track within one storefront, employers need to understand that the IRS can figure out what the actual (or a very good estimate) amount of their employees' tips should be. If these amounts appear under reported, a fairly routine IRS audit would determine how much should have been withheld from the employees. This could result in penalties for the employees and FICA trust fund penalties to the employer.

Now that I have your attention, how should you proceed with reporting your tip income if you are an employee? The IRS has two forms that were designed for workers who receive tips in their employment. Forms 4070A and 4070. The purpose of the Form 4070A is for the employee to maintain a daily log of all tip income received throughout the month. The Form 4070A also includes a box where the employee can list the names of any other employees with whom their daily tips are split, including the amounts.

The Form 4070 is a summary of all of the tips for the particular month transferred from the Form 4070A and is given to the employer for purposes of withholding the appropriate amount of

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Man caught stealing jacket

Novi police arrested a 29-year-old man for shoplifting after he was caught stealing a jacket worth \$148 from Macy's on Sept. 11.

According to the police report, the loss prevention agent at the store watched the man via camera put on a jacket and walk out of the store with it on. He made no attempt to pay for it and was stopped shortly after leaving.

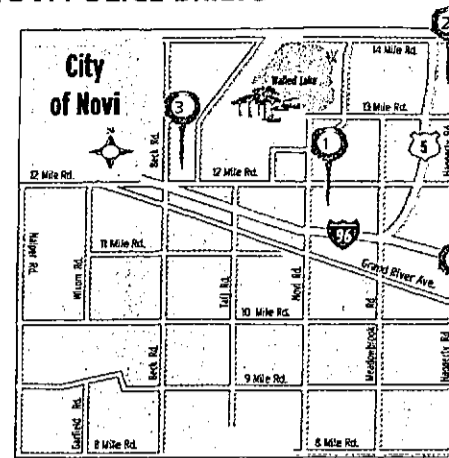
The suspect refused to make a statement when asked by police and was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for retail fraud third degree and released after posting bond.

Fuel tank stolen

A 500-gallon fuel tank for a Caterpillar loader was stolen sometime between Sept. 8 and Sept. 12 while it was on a construction site at Mackenzie Drive and Cabot Drive.

According to the report, the fuel tank holding approximately 200 gallons of diesel fuel and an air compressor were stolen with the help of other equipment at the site. The complainant said the tank must be trailed to and from the location and the gate to the property was keyed to the loader. He also said someone used the key to open then gate then backed a truck onto the property before using a loader onsite to put the

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



tank on it. Police have no suspects at this time.

Jewelry missing from home

A Novi woman made a larceny complaint on Sept. 12 after she noticed two pieces of jewelry missing from inside her dresser at her home on Wellington Drive.

The woman said she last saw the jewelry, which was a necklace and locket valued at \$2,000, in early August.

Man caught driving with weed

A 68-year-old man was arrested for possession of marijuana and operating with presence of drugs after he was

stopped for swerving and having a brake light out on his Jeep while driving on 10 Mile Road near Haggerty.

According to the report, the officer could smell the drug when he approached the car, but the man initially said he did not have any marijuana in his vehicle.

When asked again, he said there was some in the back seat and he admitted to smoking it while on his drive home from work.

During a search of the car, police found four grams of the drug as well as drug paraphernalia. He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he took a blood test.

The report will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office pending results of the test.

— By Nathan Mueller

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Pearson to manage Northville Educational Foundation

Novi resident Jennifer Curtis Pearson brings extensive experience in fundraising and sales to her new role as foundation manager for the Northville Educational Foundation. In the newly-created position, Pearson will oversee all of the foundation's development and grant activity in partnership with the Board of Directors, as well as manage the day-to-day operations of the foundation including its database, financial reports and network of volunteers.

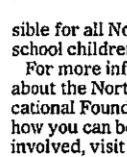
"Jennifer comes to us with a wealth of experience in fundraising and grant writing, both in her work and as a dedicated community volun-

teer," said Northville Educational Foundation President Eric Barritt. "Her enthusiasm, commitment and creativity make her a great fit for the foundation as we continue to reach out to the community for their support during these challenging economic times."

"I am excited to be part of the Northville Educational Foundation and enjoy working with the outstanding team of directors, volunteers, school staff, families, and community members who have been so supportive of the foundation and its mission," Pearson said. "This speaks to the incredible passion and



Pearson



McGee

McGee to serve on Turnaround Management board

The law firm of Miller Canfield announces that principal Michael P.

McGee (Detroit and Chicago), a Novi resident, has been appointed to the boards of directors for the Turnaround Management Association, Michigan Chapter, and for Michigan Saves, Inc.

At Miller Canfield, McGee has more than 25 years of legal experience specializing in public finance matters. His clients include cities, villages, townships, community colleges and other public entities in areas such as infrastructure finance, transportation, public/private economic development and inter-governmental agreements.

He earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, M.P.P. from the Institute for Public Policy Studies (Ford School) and A.B. from the University of Michigan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Croads
Terry and Lori Gilman Croad, of Novi, are celebrating their 25 wedding anniversary. They were married Aug. 23, 1986 at Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. and have lived in this area 17 years.

He was planning director for the City of Southfield and involved in Novi Youth Baseball League, and his wife worked part-time in the Novi School District. Their children are Aaron Croad (Albion College), Novi High School Class of 2008; Michelle Croad (Grand Valley State University), Novi High School Class of 2011; and Casey Croad, Novi High School Class of 2015.

Celebration plans include Andiamo's Riverfront, MGM Casino and Cliff Bell's Jazz Club.



Bulbuk
Charles Noel Bulbuk was born Sept. 2, 2011, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi.

Proud parents are Chaz and Johanna Bulbuk of Plymouth.

Grandparents are Mike and Karen Bulbuk of Novi and Brad and Pam Dase of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are Ann Loveland of Bloomfield, Donna Saunders of Wixom, and Vikki Melton of Hartland.

Rub-a-Dub



Rub-a-Dub Co-Chair Steven Tapper (center) — owner of Tapper's Fine Jewelry in Twelve Oaks in Novi, West Bloomfield and the Somerset Collection — is joined by (from left) Rochelle Meyer of West Bloomfield, Jodi Trivax of Birmingham, Lisa Fair of Troy and Rebecca Schlusset of West Bloomfield. ORT Michigan's major fundraiser, Rub-a-Dub, started 30 years ago in the late Ambassador of Norway David Hermelin's garage. Hermelin and his buddies would get together and rub off lottery tickets, hoping for a windfall for ORT's Michigan region. A small group of attendees has now morphed into over 500 patrons attending the annual favorite Rub-a-Dub. Money raised from the event helps fund educational programs for ORT America and the David B. Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield (www.hermelinort.org). A portion of the proceeds benefits the Better Jobs Opportunities Program which offers free computer training to unemployed area residents. The fundraiser was held at Franklin Hills Country Club in Farmington Hills.

PHOTOS BY JULIE VOLLES



Rub-a-Dub Committee member Dr. Larry Miller of Bloomfield Hills and Linda Kovan of Novi.

NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

Voices of ADHD & Dyslexia

"Voices of ADHD & Dyslexia: A Presentation for Students, By Students" will be presented by the students of Eton Academy — a nationally-awarded school in Birmingham educating students in grades 1-12 with ADHD, dyslexia and other learning challenges — from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile Road). Students will be joined by the Head of School Pete Pullen and teachers of Eton Academy.

In this open discussion, students (and parents) will understand definitions of ADHD & Dyslexia, learn about the misconceptions associated with it and hear from students with ADHD & Dyslexia as they share their personal experiences in areas including:

- Challenges and obstacles
- Handling social and peer pressure
- Understanding how you learn

This is a free presentation sponsored by Novi Public Library. School-aged children and their families are encouraged to attend.

Register at www.etonacademy.org

A second presentation will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, also at the Novi Library, called "Five Ways to Help Your Child Overcome ADHD & Dyslexia."

Interact serving ice cream

The Novi High School Interact club will serve Stuart's ice cream and yogurt to customers from 1-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Mike and Elaine Gabriel, owners of Stuart's at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads, will share 50 percent of the proceeds from the Interact club's serving efforts.

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18 years old. The Novi Rotary club supplies support and guidance but the Novi high school club is self-governing and self-supporting.

A variety of local service projects fund Interact's "Books For Children Book Drive", "Purple Pinkie Polio Project", "Ecuadorian Water Project" and "River Day Clean-up" planned so far for the coming school year.

Ben Rath is the current Novi HS Interact club president.

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Local events

ANNUAL FALL FAIR

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17
 Location: MSU Tollgate Educational Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Details: Family Fun day on Tollgate's expansive grounds. There will be live entertainment, demonstrations, hayrides, pumpkin decorating, many kids crafts, fishing in the pond and much more.

Contact: Yvonne DeMaltos, main-woods@comcast.net

WEST OAKLAND DEMOCRATS TO MEET

Date and time: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

Location: Comfort Suites Inn at 28049 South Wixom Road, Wixom. (Southwest corner of Wixom Road and Grand River Avenue).

Details: Jocelyn Benson, chair of the Democratic Convention, will listen to participants' thoughts on Democratic values and priorities. The proposed ideas will help shape the November convention. The discussion is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 for networking. Snacks provided.

HEALTH FAIR

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: Better Health Store and Market, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: Kids and parents will learn about exercises, nutrition and supplements suitable for children with health and fitness expert Peter Nielsen.

Contact: Visit the web site www.thebetterhealthstore.com or The Better Health Store facebook page for more information or to RSVP for the free seminars.

Business

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road

Details: Business networking

focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmlana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

NOVI OAKS CHARTER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

"Walk Like a Woman, Talk Like a Man: Bridging the Communication Gap"

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi

Details: Presented by Holly Hengstbeck, M.B.A. Networking begins at 6:15 with dinner and presentation following.

Contact: Please see www.abwanovi.org for registration and payment information.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have

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fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoasthost.us

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17

Location: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743.

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Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road

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Contact: (248) 349-0720

Web: www.novipubliclibrary.org

Story Times: Please see the library website or story time brochure for details.

5 Ways to Help Your Child Overcome ADHD and Dyslexia

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19

Details: Pete Pullen, Head of School at Eton Academy, will provide parents with easy to understand definitions of Dyslexia and ADHD, and a review of associated misconceptions. The presentation is designed for parents of students in grades 1-12 who are seeking strategies to help their student with different learning needs find

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15

Details: Are you looking for treatments to refine your skin? How do you know which is right for you? Come learn from the Providence Park Hospital experts about quality, safe care for your skin and how you can navigate through all the marketing messages. Enter to win a free basket of skin care products. Please register.

Word Basics

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 17

Details: Learn the basics of creating, modifying, and saving a document using Microsoft Word 2007 in this hands-on workshop.

Participants need to be confident using a computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse. Please register.

Excel Basics

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17

Details: Learn how to create, modify, and save a spreadsheet using Microsoft Excel 2007 in this hands-on workshop.

Participants need to be confident using a computer and proficient with a keyboard and mouse. Please register.

An Eastern Flair for Creative Music and Dance from India

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17

Details: Want to learn how to acquire a better singing voice, overcome inhibitions in music learning and make your learning fun and creative? Come and enjoy this unique dance and music presentation and learn about a new art form. Please register.

Open Office Hours in the Local History Room

Time/Date: noon-2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19

Details: On the first and third Monday of each month, a member of the Novi Historical Commission will hold office hours in the Local History Room to help researchers use its many resources.

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more success in school. Please register.

Help for Families From Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 20 and 27

Details: Need help with transportation, food, health, support services, child care education, finances or housing? From September 6 through December 27, residents can drop in and meet with an OLHSA staff member from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Library.

English Conversation Group

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register.

E-mail Instruction for Seniors

Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

Details: This half-hour session provides personal instruction by a Librarian on e-mail basics such as how to create an e-mail account and how to type and send a message. If time allows, creating folders and an address book will be discussed.

Food and a Flick

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

Details: Join us for pizza and a movie - no fuss, no muss, just lots of fun! For kids in grades 3-6.

3rd Tuesday Book Discussion

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

Details: Join this book discussion group led by members of the Novi Community. It's a wonderful way to read good books, make new friends and spend an enjoyable evening at the Novi Library. Reserve your copy of the book at the Library, by calling the Library's information Desk or accessing the online catalog.

Gone with the Wind Answer Lady

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

Details: Since 1994, Kathleen Marcaccio has presented her fantastic program on Margaret Mitchell and Gone With the Wind to hundreds of people. We are excited to have her here at the Novi Library. Her presentation provides background information on author Margaret Mitchell and her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel Gone with the Wind. Please register.

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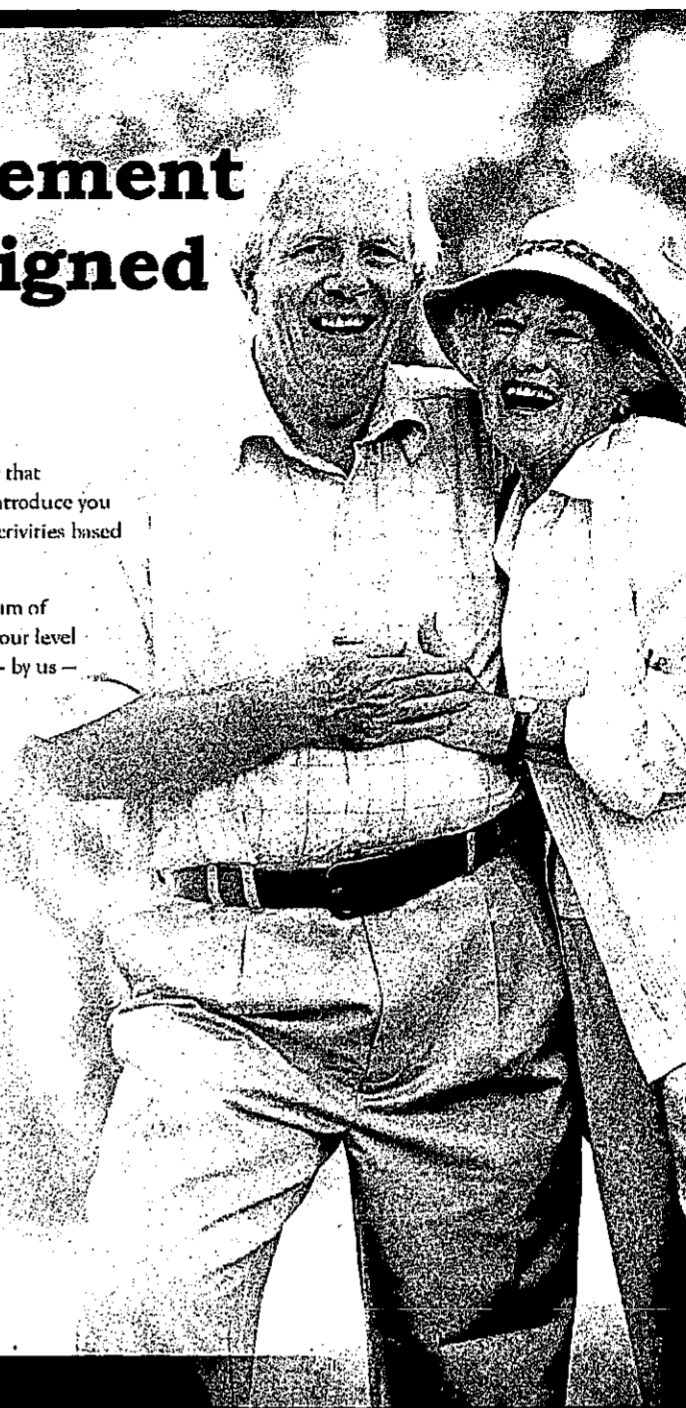
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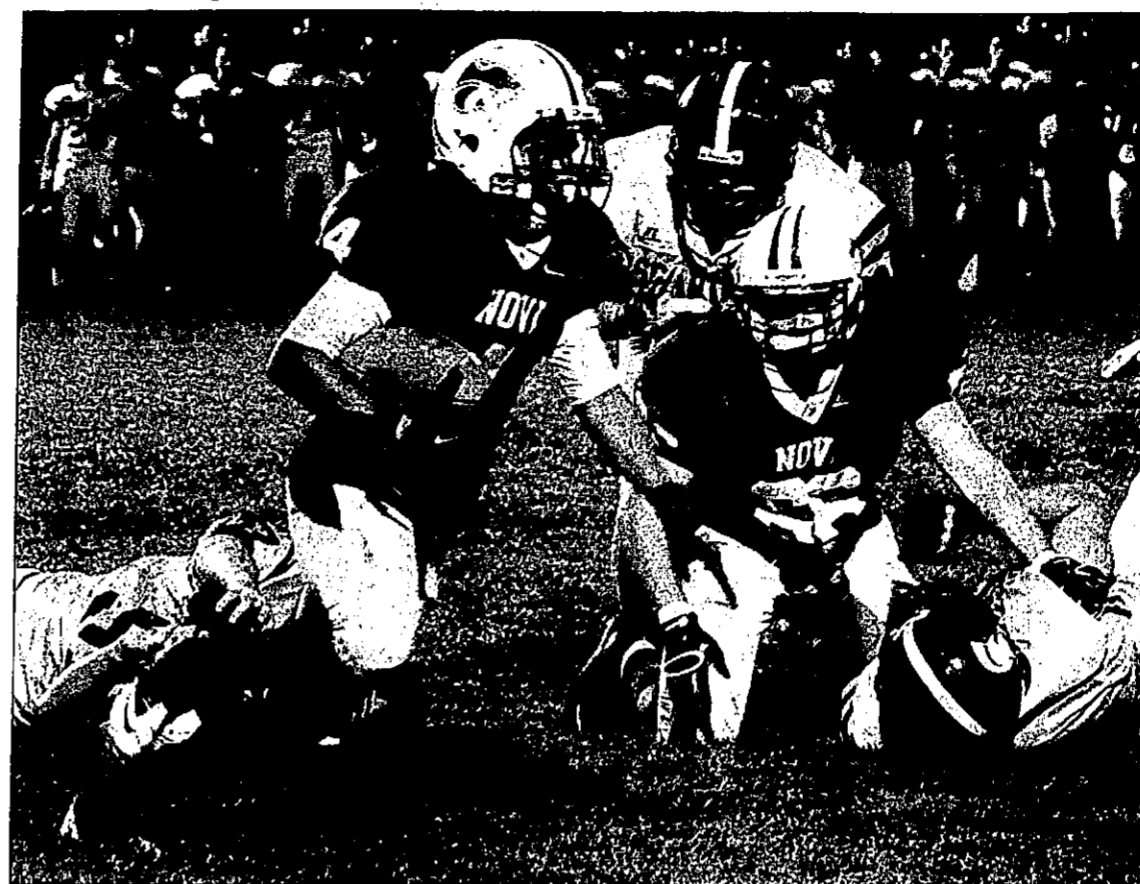


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Novi junior Justin Brooks breaks a tackle and accelerates up field late in the game during the Wildcats' 49-13 victory over Livonia Stevenson on Sept. 9.

Wildcats defeat Mustangs

Wilson's key assists spark victory over Salem

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The Wildcat boys soccer team started the week out with a tough victory. No. 4 Novi (5-1-0, 2-0-0 KLA Central) defeated baseline rival No. 5 Northville (2-3-2, 0-1-1 Central) 2-1 Sept. 6 on the road in the division opener for both teams.

"That is a huge win for us," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "It was a very physical contest with not a lot of flow because of all the fouls and rough play."

The 'Cats got on the board first when senior Dan Lumley let loose a long throw in from deep in Mustang territory and senior Phil Soong was pushed to the ground as the ball came towards him inside the goal box. Junior Matt Wilson converted the ensuing penalty kick for a 1-0 lead 10 minutes into the contest.

With 17 minutes left in the half, senior Alex Ferrini battled his way up the left side and into the corner of the goal box before crossing the ball to a cutting Aaron Quinley. The senior one-timed the ball into the goal for a 2-0 lead that would last through halftime.

"That would be the score at the half, which had me a little worried because there was a stiff wind in our favor that half and I really thought we needed another goal," O'Leary said.

With the wind in their favor, the Mustangs

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ON TAP

The now No. 5-ranked Novi soccer squad (5-1-0, 2-0-0 KLA Central) was scheduled to visit No. 8 Livonia Stevenson (2-0-0, 2-0-0 Central) two nights ago and South Lyon (1-0-1, 1-0-1 Central) today before hosting South Lyon East Tuesday and also Northville Sept. 22. All games are at 7 p.m.

Novi storms on Stevenson's undefeated season

Ince tosses five touchdowns, 'Cats led 42-0 at half

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

A heavy thunderstorm delayed kickoff at Novi by 105 minutes, but the Wildcats put Livonia Stevenson's football team to bed right away.

Novi (1-2, 1-0 KLA Central) scored on their first drive and rolled to a 42-0 halftime lead before a running clock in the second half wrapped up a 49-13 win over Stevenson (2-1, 0-1 Central). The Wildcats outgained the Spartans 429-80 in net yards, while Stevenson combined for a loss of 27 yards on 17 rushing attempts and three two interceptions.

"It's obviously not what we wanted. It's disappointing," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder said. "I'm not going to fault our kids. We came out and played hard. It's just they were just on top of us before we

ON TAP

Novi (1-2, 1-0 Central) hits the gridiron 7 p.m. tomorrow when the Wildcats host Plymouth Salem (1-2, 0-1 Central) after TasteFest. The Rocks are coming off a 22-7 loss to South Lyon (2-1, 1-0 Central). In week five, Novi visits South Lyon East (1-2, 0-1 Central) 7 p.m. Sept. 23.

know what hit us. We had the delay and we could give a lot of excuses, but they beat us. That's the end result. They beat us. Our focus now is moving forward here and trying to get a win next week."

Senior Derek Ince aired out 338 yards of work for five touchdowns on 15-for-22 passing in his

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Novi senior Michael Jocz nearly makes a catch, but bobbles the ball while coming down due to pressure from Livonia Stevenson senior Tony Wilson. The Wildcats defeated the Spartans 49-13 Sept. 9.

Shamrocks stay undefeated with rout of Inkster

Football team follows running game to victory

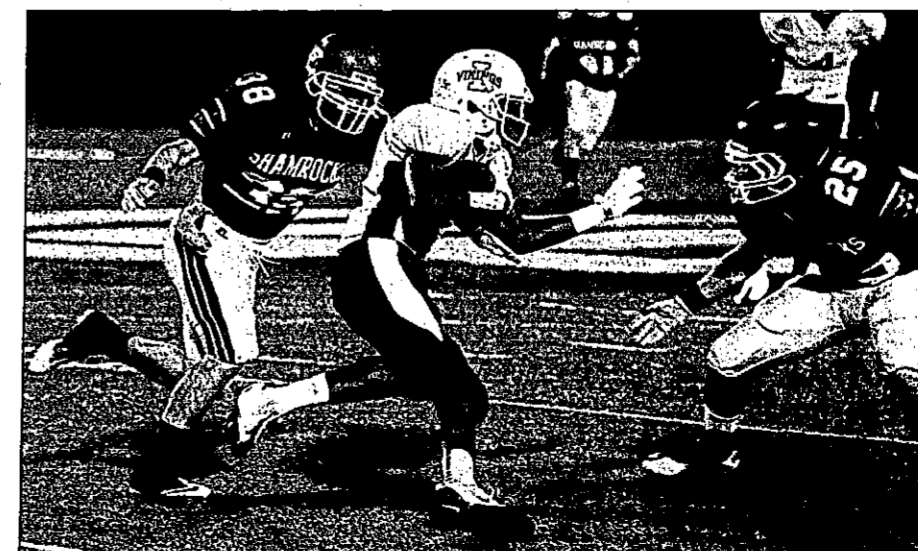
ON TAP

The Shamrocks (3-0) are slated to take on Highland Park in a home game tomorrow at 7 p.m. Highland Park is currently winless with losses to Toledo St. John's (42-6), Cleveland (24-18) and Orchard Lake St. Mary's (44-0). The last time the Highland Park Polar Bears and the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks squared off was 1950, with the Shamrocks prevailing 26-0.

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It wasn't a battle of gridiron giants by any measure, but it was a darn good way for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks to welcome their fans to their first home game.

The Shamrocks waited through an hour-and-a-half break due to lighting to run through the Inkster Vikings, 48-0, in a non-conference contest. The game was delayed after about a minute of play when a flash of lightning streaked in the dis-



Shamrocks Anthony Darkangelo, left, and Alex Kozlowski team up to tackle an Inkster player.

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Catholic Central kickers continue success

Squad defeats Bedford, ties rival Brother Rice

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There's an old saying in sports that range true with the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks this week—a tie is sometimes as good as a win.

The Shamrocks soccer team found itself all knotted up with Brother Rice last Thursday, 2-2, while visiting their rivals in Birmingham. The reason why it's as good as a win is because it doesn't give either team an advantage over the other—and it's way better than a loss.

With the tie, the Catholic Central squad's record now stands at 3-2-3 overall. They are 0-1-1 in the Catholic High School League.

Scoring for the Shamrocks in that contest were Giancarlo Sharma and Jack Cox, both finding the back of the net without assistance. Alex Pastor was in goal, making eight saves to help preserve the tie.

"It was a good week for us," said Catholic Central coach Joe Nora. "Our defenses has been good and getting better every game, and we're beginning to find the back of the net a little more often."

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mounted a comeback attempt, but Novi's defense kept Northville off the scoreboard for most of the half and Novi senior goalkeeper Ricky Stone made several key saves. Stone maintain a shutout until there were nine minutes left, when the continual Mustang pressure got one in the net.

"We held on for the final nine-minute flurry as Northville threw everything they could at us," O'Leary said.

The team followed up the 2-1 victory with a 3-1 victory Sept. 8 at Plymouth Salem, but the Wildcats didn't get off to as quick of a start.

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central soccer team will be on the pitch come Monday when they host Stoney Creek at 7:30 p.m., before visiting University of Detroit High School at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The team will then host Brother Rice at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday.

The folks in Bedford likely wished the Shamrocks would have found the back of the net a little less last week. Catholic Central dominated their foes at home last Tuesday, 4-0.

Scoring for the Shamrocks were Nate McLean, Spencer Dunn, Casey Hagan and Kyle Smokovitz. Assists were credited to Keegan Eckhout, Matt Kleinknecht, Pastor and Cameron Dunn.

Stephen Galindo was in net for the Shamrocks and made three saves to earn his third shutout of the season.

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first game in the starting quarterback role since last fall. The five touchdowns ties a state record with four others for the second most touchdowns thrown in a single game. Five others share the record of six touchdowns.

"We saw better improvement with our route running. We played some good football. We got better today," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "The quarterbacks made some good reads. I think we're settled on a quarterback at this point, which is a positive other thing I think that came out tonight."

Line connected with senior Logan Regnier (12 yards on seven catches) for three touchdowns, while seniors Scotty Kempa and Michael Jocz (52 yards on two catches) each reeled one in as well. Senior Derek Cingel had 130 yards on five catches.

"If a quarterback's making the reads, the ball should be distributed all over the place," Pennycuff said. "I think once finally discovered, when you go through your reads, good things happen. He did that tonight, the ball got distributed, points got on the board."

Kempa caught the first touchdown pass and ran in the Wildcats' last score in the fourth quarter. He had 74 all-purpose yards in his first game out of the quarterback role.

"Kempa's now a receiver in our starting rotation. We went ahead and put him in and he was ready to go. He made a catch and contributed to this win," Pennycuff said. "Kempa had that great catch in the end zone on that first one. We've got some great kids who can play and I think our kids are starting to put it together, but we've still got a long way to go."

Junior Mario Ferrini added an interception touchdown up the right side, one of two given up by Stevenson junior quarterback Joe Mims.

Mims went 13-for-25 for 107 yards, including a 40-yard bomb to sophomore Mitch Deacon in the fourth quarter. The Spartans' other touchdown came on a 15-yard toss from Mims to sophomore Dom Ferrara that Ferrara ran in to the two-yard line before fumbling the ball into the end zone, but junior Adam Wheeler was standing by to recover it for a touchdown.

"Joe is a playmaker and hopefully we get an opportunity throughout the year to really highlight him and his improving from every week," Fielder said.

Ferrera also led Stevenson's runners with nine yards on four attempts.

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JV falls to Stevenson

The Wildcats JV football squad visited the Livonia Stevenson Spartans on Sept. 8 for the third game of their 2011 season. Novi had difficulty kick-starting its offense in the opening series, and fell behind one touchdown early in the game. The Wildcats second possession appeared to be floundering as well, when quarterback Isaac Burgess unleashed a long pass to Austin Racicot, who galloped for a touchdown. The kick was good, tying the score at 7-7.

Novi's defense kept the pressure on, with tackles behind the line of scrimmage by Andrew Wilchynski, and a great sack by Jalen Ward. Kicker Bryan Klasterman kept an offensive drive alive by running for a first down on a broken punt play. He later nailed a long kick out of bounds at the Spartan 5-yard line, forcing Livonia into a bad field position.

The game turned Novi's way as the Spartan offense sputtered midway through the first half of play. Linebacker Patrick Wojtylo gave the Livonia quarterback only seconds to throw, and the pressure paid off for Novi with a beautiful interception by Keith Pravat. Novi took over on their 15-yard line, and the offensive line opened up a huge hole for Racicot, who ran 85 yards for another Novi TD. Down 14-7, Livonia got serious and put together two solid scoring drives. The Spartan QB scored first from short yardage on a keeper, and again on a short pass over the middle. Score at the half, Livonia 21, Novi 14.

The third quarter of play was a draw, with neither team able to score. Novi cornerbacks Billy Uile and Ali Taha were able to break up many of the Livonia passes, and provided strong open field tackling. Offensively, Burgess connected with receivers Daniel Mellon and Keaton Figurski, but the Wildcats were not able to put points on the board.

In the final quarter the Novi defense seemed to be tiring, and the Spartans were able to capitalize on a strong running game. Livonia broke several plays for long yardage and scored two more touchdowns. Down 35-14, Novi linebacker Mark Ryan shut down the Livonia offense with three successive tackles behind the line of scrimmage, forcing a punt in the last minutes of the game.

Novi took over, and Burgess completed a long pass to Mellon for an 18-yard gain. He followed with his best pass of the night, a rifle shot to Ryan over the middle for a 22-yard gain. Unfortunately, Novi's drive was cut short by an interception. Novi's defense held the Spartans one last time, and the game ended with a score of Livonia 35, Novi 14.

Submitted by Chuck Wright

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jakkett
Correspondent

Field hockey tops Dexter

Novi's field hockey squad improved to 2-1-1 with a 1-0 victory over Dexter (2-3-0).

Neither team could get on the board until the final five minutes, when a free hit by senior Natalie Paul from just past midfield came from the right and found sophomore Haley Notarantonio streaking up the left side. Notarantonio settled the ball and dribbled in before ripping a shot just inside the near post for her first goal of the season.

Dexter pressured, but senior netminder Shelby Henley and senior defenders Andrea McDonough, Amanda Kadykowsky, Karla Ayala-Talavera and Lauren Pollard stopped each attack as the Wildcats held on for the victory.

The 'Cats were scheduled to visit Dearborn Edsel Ford last night before hosting Grosse Pointe North Tuesday and Washtenaw Whippets next Thursday, both at 4:30 p.m.

Girls Golf

Although the Wildcats' Sept. 7 meet at Northville (4-0) was rained out, Novi's girls golf team notched two more victories to improve to 4-0 in the KLA Central Division.

The 'Cats cruised past Plymouth Salem (0-3) 179-216 last Friday behind scores of 42 from sophomore Lauren Cojei, 44 from senior Kathleen Koomen, 45 from junior Aparna Yechoor and 48 from sophomore Hannah Wagenberg. Things weren't as easy

Monday at Cattails Golf Course when the scoring had to go down to the sixth golfer before the Wildcats were determined as the victors, by two strokes, over Livonia Stevenson (1-2). Cojei and Yechoor were both medalists for the match after shooting 48 apiece.

The junior varsity squad shot a 202 as a team and also defeated the Spartans behind a 49 from junior Anna Grulich.

Novi was scheduled to hit the greens last night against South Lyon East (0-3) at Cattails, but also have the Oakland County meet in Waterford and a match against Northville both on the horizon next Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

Boys Tennis

With rain postponing dual matches at Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson, as well as a quad meet at Novi, last week, the Wildcats will have a jam-packed week.

The Varsity B squad was scheduled to host Howell Monday while the Varsity A team visited Salem for a rescheduled match. Novi coach Jim Hanson didn't have a new date for the Stevenson match, but Novi was already scheduled to visit Northville two days ago, host Saline today, compete in the Howell Invitational 8 a.m. Saturday and host Hartland Monday.

From there, the Wildcats' division placement will determine a North Division opponent Tuesday and a trip to a West Division opponent Sept. 22. All dual meets are scheduled for 3 p.m.

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Catholic Central students raise their fists as they sing a fight song during the Novi school's Sept. 9 fall pep assembly.

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tance. Despite the delay, the Shamrocks remained focus and came out and did what they do best—run the ball and rely on their crushing defensive pressure to win the game.

Leading the attack for the Shamrocks was Zach Beck, who put up two rushing touchdowns and returned a kickoff for another. Wyatt Shallman, who is a junior that is being sought after by several Division I colleges, added two rushing touchdowns—one from 25 yards out—in the dominating offensive performance. Shallman had 72 yards on 10 carries from the fullback position.

The game was a showcase of what the Shamrocks do best and gave everyone a chance to see Matt Godin, a University of Michigan recruit at defensive end, at his best as he recorded two tackles, three quarterback hurries and a sack despite being double teamed throughout most of the night.

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Catholic Central runningback Wyatt Shallman picks up some yards during CC's Sept. 9 home game against Inkster.



CC players Matthew Godin, right, Michael Haugen, left, and another Shamrock team up to bring down an Inkster player on Sept. 9.

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Wildcats battle back against rival Lakeland



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Wildcat Isabelle Glancy tips the ball right near the net during Novi's Sept. 8 game at Livonia Stevenson.

Wildcat Lesley Harrington serves against Livonia Stevenson.

Big victories piling up for Novi volleyball

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Before the Wildcats improved to 15-2-1 (1-0-0 KLA Central) with a victory at Livonia Stevenson (15-3-0, 0-1-0 Central) Sept. 8, the girls swept a tough quad meet at Saline on Sept. 7.

Novi defeated Milford (3-6-0) 22-25, 25-13, 15-8 before dismantling Saline 25-16, 25-18 to start the day.

"We just flat out made too many errors in the first game, hitting errors, service errors, serve-receive errors they came in bunches," Novi coach Ginette Parsley said of the Milford contest. "Fortunately, we were able to refocus and came back to win the match. Milford was a very scrappy team and just kept bringing the ball back over the net. It wasn't always in a conventional manner, but they did a good job of keeping the ball alive. Once we decided to have some patience and continue to run our offensive sets, we were able to start terminating the ball and ending plays."

Novi finished off the day by taking care of KLA rival White Lake Lakeland 13-25, 26-24, 15-13 at the quad meet. Despite an up-and-down second game, the 'Cats won and carried the momentum over to the third game with a 7-3 lead before Lakeland made a 7-1 run to take the lead 10-8. Novi finished on a 7-3 run to win the match.

"The first game was all Lakeland. They came out on fire and we frankly laid down and died. They simply dominated us in all facets of the game," Parsley said. "It was a

very uncharacteristic performance from either school in recent matchups. Most of the games tend to be very close and hard-fought; this one was a total blowout.

"The rest of the match was a different story. Both teams battled hard over the next two games. It was an all out war/street fight. Neither team was willing to give an inch."

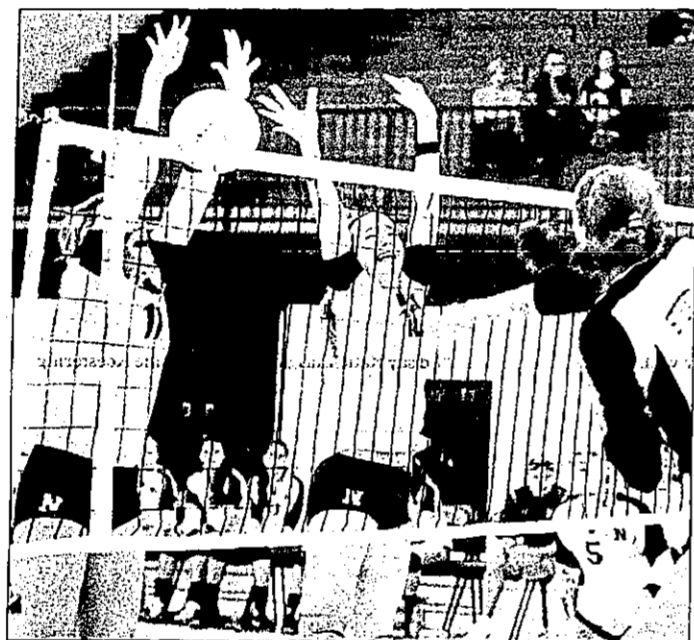
Senior Aly Ryan was a force on offense for the Wildcats, making 15 kills on 27 attacks while adding seven digs and seven aces. Senior Katie Enright was again consistent with 14 kills, 14 digs and 13 serve receptions. Sophomore Emily Robb set up many of the points with 46 assists, 13 digs and she also had three aces.

Also adding to the attack was senior Victoria Rose with 14 kills and four blocks, while senior Lesley Harrington (26 serve receptions, 15 digs, nine kills, seven aces), junior Kacey Sheldon (11 serve receptions, 17 digs, four kills, two aces), freshman Isabelle Glancy (26 digs, five kills) and senior Molly Marzonie (34 digs, 37 serve receptions) kept the games going.

FRESHMEN

The youngest Wildcats in Novi's program improved to 12-2-3 with a second-straight tournament victory last Saturday at the Waterford Mott Invitational.

Novi defeated Fenton and split with Mott and Okemos in the Gold Division, but were granted the top seed for the playoff bracket, which set



Wildcat Anna Lu competes in Novi's Sept. 8 game against Livonia Stevenson.

ON TAP

The team was scheduled to host Plymouth Salem two nights ago before visiting baseline rival Northville 7 p.m. tonight. Novi will host South Lyon East Tuesday and South Lyon Sept. 22, both at 7 p.m.

Wildcats Emily Robb, left, and Aly Ryan try to block a shot by Stevenson Spartan Katie Tomasic on Sept. 8.



Wildcat Victoria Rose goes up for a spike against Livonia Stevenson on Sept. 8.



Stevenson's Katie Tomasic, right, tries to block a shot by Novi Wildcat Isabelle Glancy on Sept. 8.

them against Sterling Heights, the No. 2 seed from the other pool.

"The 'Cats defeated Sterling Heights 25-19, 25-16 in the semifinal to set up rematch with Okemos, who Novi defeated 25-19, 26-24 to win the invitational championship.

"The team played their best together by working hard, communicating and hustling," Novi freshman coach Kathleen Narducci said.

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area with two contests. Youth teams will have the opportunity to win a \$1,000 sponsorship from Play It Again Sports and weekly chances to be named Play It Again Sports Hockey Team of the Week.

The Play It Again Sports \$1,000 Sponsorship sweepstakes started Sept. 8 and will run through Sept. 19. Hockey players, coaches and parents

will be able to nominate their teams for a chance to win. One lucky team will be chosen at random and will be presented with a check for \$1,000 from Play It Again Sports.

In addition, the 10 local Play It Again Sports stores, including Novi's on Novi Road (northeast of 10 Mile Road) will weekly name a Hockey Team of the Week for the

duration of the youth hockey season, beginning Sept. 20 through the end of the year. Players, coaches and parents, can nominate and vote for their teams on the Play It Again Sports Facebook page.

Weekly winners will be invited into their local Play It Again Sports store for a party where each player will receive \$10 to spend on any

merchandise in the store. Winning teams will also qualify for the grand prize — tickets to the CCHA College Hockey Championship on March 17 at Joe Louis Arena.

More information on the contests and how to nominate teams can be found on the Play It Again Sports Facebook page at www.facebook.com/playitagainsportsmi.

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Novi wins KLA Central clash with Stevenson

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Unbeaten Livonia Stevenson used the Sept. 8 home match against visiting Novi as a measuring stick.

And the visiting Wildcats, behind a balanced hitting attack, gave Stevenson plenty to ponder after a 25-12, 21-25, 25-18, 25-17 triumph.

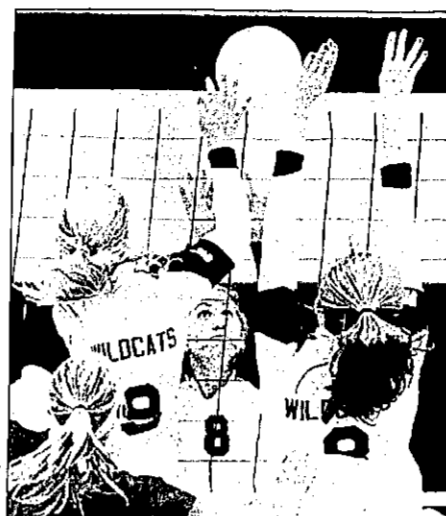
Outside hitter Katie Enright paced Novi with 13 kills, while middle hitters Aly Ryan and Victoria Rose contributed 11 and 10 kills, respectively, and three blocks apiece.

Isabelle Glancy chipped in with nine kills, while Kacey Sheldon added seven.

"We're pretty deep," said Novi first-year coach Ginette Parsley, whose state-ranked team improved to 15-2-1 overall. "Everyone can hit the ball well, we can hit across the line. I think we came out strong in the first (set), but we were a little complacent in the second. We had some hitting errors and let them dictate instead of us playing our game. And once we started playing our style of volleyball, we did well."

After the Wildcats cruised through the opening set, Stevenson responded in the second behind the play of senior Kelly Vellucci and sophomore Katie Tomasic.

"They (Stevenson) hit the ball well," Parsley said. "We didn't block as great as I thought we should have against them — and they found holes and the ball hit the floor — but just think we hit and brought the ball harder towards them...."



Livonia Stevenson's Mara Murray tries to sneak a shot past Novi Wildcats Katie Enright, left, and Victoria Rose during their Sept. 8 game in Livonia.

And they couldn't deal with it. Tomasic recorded seven of her 14 kills on the night during the second set, while Vellucci added three of her team-high 15 and two blocks.

"This was really our first true bout of high competition and faster-paced volleyball," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, whose team slipped to 12-1 overall. "I think the fact that they realized what they had to do after the first (game), they came more prepared for the second game. Then what ended up happening was peaks and valleys because they lost their confidence. They (Novi) were very, very strong. They had some power hitters and they moved really, really well."

Sophomore setter Emily Robb finished with 40 assist-to-kills to go along with nine digs for the Wildcats. Senior libero Molly Marzonie finished with a team-best 29 digs, including 22 serve receptions, while Sheldon and Enright each added 13 digs.

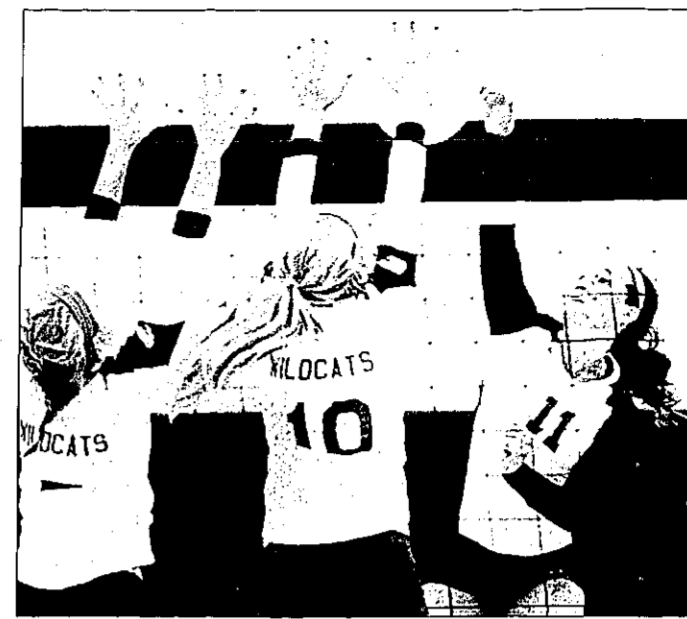
And when it was all added up, it led to a convincing Novi victory.

"We play hard, we play strong," Parsley said.

"We have certain plays we run. Everybody communicates as long as we're on the same page. We're fast. We set a lot of quicks, backslides, make their middle move and keep them on their toes and keep them guessing."

Parsley singled out some of team's unsung heroes on the night.

"I'd say Katie Enright,



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Stevenson's Katie Vellucci, right, tries to get a spike passed Novi's Katie Enright.

my outside hitter... my sophomore setter (Emily Robb) did a great job, and my 'middles,' Aly (Ryan) and 'Vic' (Victoria Rose) played very well," Parsley said. "They're strong."

Graham, meanwhile, also came away impressed with Wildcats.

"They have a really good setter and they play really good defense, and so they put a lot of stuff up," she said. "They did everything right. We tried to change it up, but we didn't do it as much. We're working on that stuff instead of bump, set and hit to try to mix things up a little more to make it a little more competitive."

Vellucci added 19 assists and four blocks.

Junior Allie Koesterling



Stevenson's Katie Tomasic, left, spikes one against Novi on Sept. 8.

had 12 assists. So what will the Spartans concentrate on leading up to their next tournament?

"Having confidence basically, and practicing, just being able to play defense," Graham

said. "I think we'll spend a lot more time defensively than anything else. I have strong offense, but where are we?"

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

Novi Planning Commission
David Greco, Secretary

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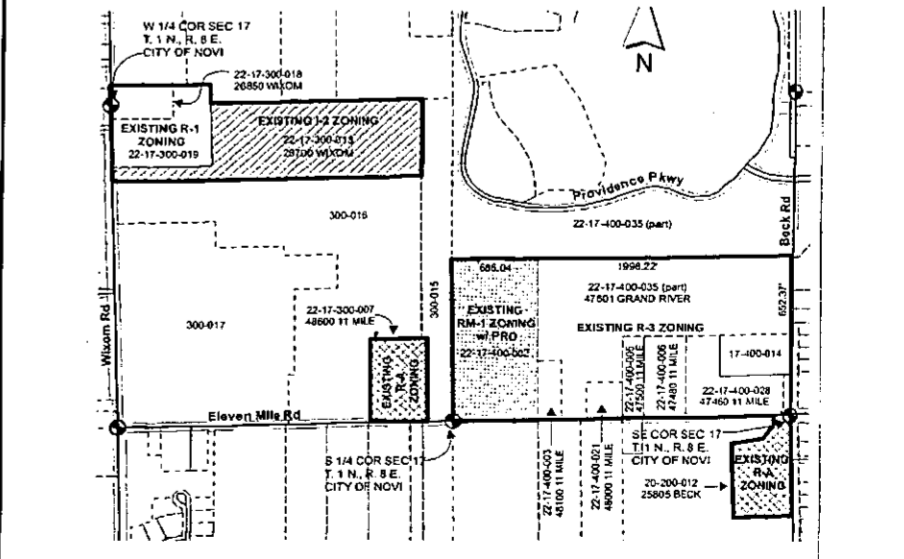
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To rezone a part of the South 1/2 of Section 17 and the Northeast 1/4 of Section 20, T.1 N., R. 8 E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcels 22-17-300-019, 22-17-300-013, 22-17-300-018, 22-17-300-019, 22-17-400-002, 22-17-400-003, 22-17-400-005, 22-17-400-006, 22-17-400-014, 22-17-400-021, 22-17-400-028, 22-20-200-012 and the portion of 22-17-400-035 described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of Section 17, thence N. 01°21'47" W. 667.12 feet along the east line of section 17 to the point of beginning; thence S. 87°20'58" W. 1326.12 feet; thence S. 01°53'29" E. 368.99 feet; thence S. 87°21'00" W. 280.07 feet; thence S. 01°53'15" E. 208.00 feet; thence S. 87°21'00" W. 159.89 feet; thence N. 02°09'22" W. 484.00 feet; thence S. 87°21'00" W. 180.00 feet; thence N. 02°09'22" W. 834.05 feet; thence N. 87°19'01" E. 1998.22 feet; thence S. 01°21'47" E. 652.37 feet to the point of beginning, containing 36.03 acres more or less.

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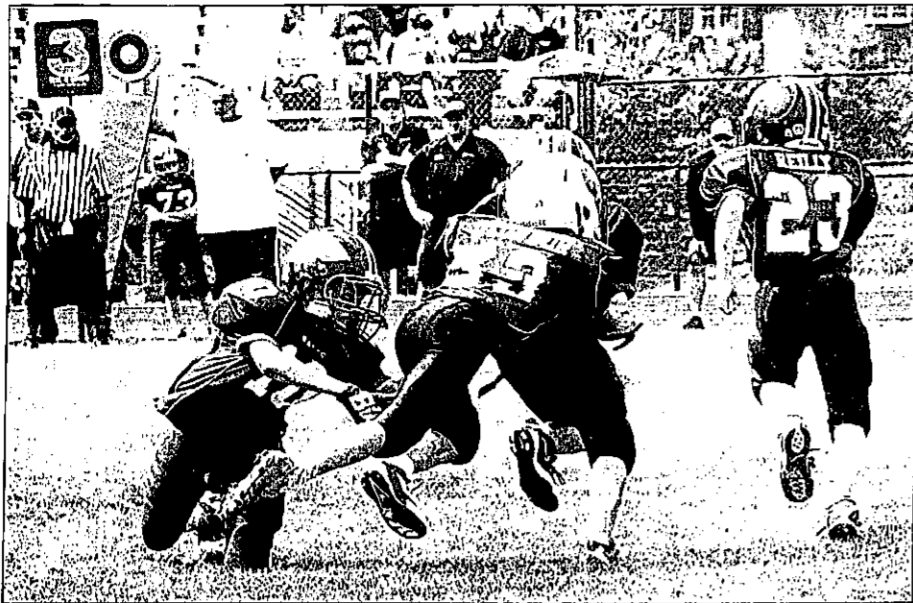
NOVI COLTS ROUNDUP

Varsity loses to Braves, 20-8

The Walled Lake Braves (1-1) defeated the Bobcats (1-1) Saturday at Novi Middle School. The Braves received the opening kickoff, drove down the field and scored the game's first touchdown and PAT attempt for an 8-0 lead. On the ensuing kickoff, the Braves successfully converted an on-side kick and scored again for a quick 14-0 lead. The Bobcats were forced to punt after their first possession stalled. The Braves appeared to be heading for another touchdown until cornerback Spencer VanKirk intercepted a pass in the corner of the end zone.

The Bobcats' offense started to move the ball late in the second quarter with VanKirk and Michael Ullie sharing the quarterback responsibilities. VanKirk dropped back and completed a 23-yard pass to Andrew Schroeder to move the ball into Braves territory. The drive eventually stalled, but it allowed the Bobcats' defense to regroup and hold the Braves' lead to 14-0 at halftime.

The Bobcats received the second half kickoff, but a fumble was recovered by the Braves. The next Bobcats' possession ended when a Braves' defender scooped up a fumble and returned the ball for a touchdown and a 20-0 lead to end the third quarter. VanKirk and Schroeder combined to move the chains for the Bobcats setting up VanKirk's 5-yard quarterback sneak for a touchdown. Michael



JV Bobcat Andrew O'Conner (33) makes the sack against the Braves last Saturday.

Leone converted the PAT for the final score of the game.

Submitted by Ken Hixson

JV fails to Walled Lake Braves, 27-13

The Braves (1-1) spoiled the Bobcats (0-2) opener with a 27-13 win on Sept. 10. The game began with tough defensive stands early by the Bobcats, who struggled offensively in the first half to hold onto the football, losing three fumbles and throwing two interceptions, including a costly one with only two minutes to play in the first half that the Braves returned for a touchdown and a 20-0 lead into halftime.

The Bobcats came out in the second half and began where they left off, turning the ball over again to the Braves on the kick-off, resulting

in a short drive by the Braves for a score and a 20-0 lead. The Bobcats roared back on their next possession, with tailback Trendon Hankerson running right off tackle behind blocks from right tackle Rakin Parker and running back Brendan Smith, racing outside to score on 60-yard play from scrimmage to make the score 20-7 after Smith ran in the extra point attempt.

The Bobcats held the Braves in check and engineered a long drive capped off by a strong run by Blake Turner, to narrow the score to 20-13 following the Bobcats missed extra point attempt.

The fourth quarter saw both teams battling hard. With just two and a half minutes to play, the Bobcats were forced on fourth down to go for it from deep in their own territory, but failed to make the first down.



Novi's Ian Patterson (89) breaks away from the Braves in this past weekend's varsity matchup.

They turned the ball back over to the Braves, who scored the insurance touchdown for a final score of 27-13. Playing well for the Bobcats on defense were Parker and Turner, who both made big plays on defense. Tyler VanKirk stepped up at cornerback to make several tackles to contain the Braves outside running attack, while Austin Turner, Stephen

Cadwell, and Andrew O'Conner each contributed with big plays for losses. Offensively, the Bobcats were led by Hankerson's running and good blocking by the offensive line made up of Parker, Demond Ellison, Matt Williams, Jordan Castleberry and Isaiah Hawkins on their big drive in the second half to score and get the Bobcats back in the game.

Freshmen fall to rival Braves, 20-6

Hoping to bounce back from a hard fought overtime loss last week, the Freshman Bobcats (0-2) lost to their cross-town rival Walled Lake Braves 20-6. The game started erratically for the Bobcats, but solid defense by Ashton Smith (8 tackles), Makari Paige, Anthony Mascari, Adam Burrol, Jonah Matas, Joshua Erno and Scott Slater kept the game competitive, with the Bobcats trailing 12-0 at halftime.

The second half started with solid play from the Bobcats' Go-Team. Quarterback Jack Beano and teammate Donald Whitlock racked up positive yardage and allowed the Bobcats to gain good field position. The Bobcats' offensive backfield of Smith, Paige, Willingham and Lynch gained over 50 yards on the ground. After solid blocking from the Bobcats' offensive line, QB Ashton Smith plowed in from the 5-yard line for a Bobcats' touchdown, cutting the lead to 12-6, with five minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Bobcats tried to make a late game comeback, but a fourth quarter Braves touchdown followed by a successful two-point PAT kick allowed the Braves to walk away with a hard fought 20-6 victory.

Submitted by Mike Lynch

REAL ESTATE

BIA's Stoskopf: honor 'humbling'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, deflects credit for a national honor he recently received.

"It's very humbling," the Williamston, Mich., resident said of being named New Executive Officer of the Year for 2010 by the Executive Officers Council of the National Association of Home Builders.

"Really, it's the patience of my family, my faith. It's my staff. It's been my honor and my privilege to be part of the BIA of Southeastern Michigan. The confidence that the board put in me. I just really appreciate their ongoing support."

"So really it's not my award, it's a team award."

Stoskopf, 47, has served as BIA's CEO for just over three years, commuting to the West Bloomfield headquarters daily. He sees more improvement in home building.

"The activity that we have going this summer, and when you look the last 12 months..." There were 939 permits from October 2009 going back for previous 12 months for single family homes for the four-county area. From June 2011 for one year back would be 2,250, a significant improvement although there's still room for more.

"We've recovered back to about 22 percent of normal," he said. That's for St. Clair County, with Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties also being included.

"St. Clair's numbers are so small it's really the bigger

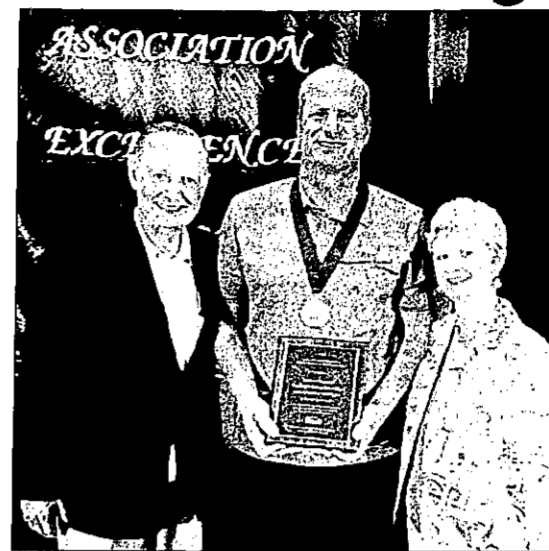
three," he said. Stoskopf's been married almost 25 years to Wendi. The couple has two children ages 20 and 17.

The New Executive Officer award is named after a former executive officer, David Lloyd, and is presented to an executive officer of one of NAHB's local or state home builders associations, who has served no more than three years (by Dec. 31 of the award year) in an association management position and is judged to have made major contributions to the profession during this time period. Stoskopf became executive officer of BIA in April 2008, succeeding Irvin H. Yackness who had filled the position for 56 years, until his death in July 2007.

"I knew that I'd been submitted," Stoskopf said. "I had no idea until they announced my name I was the winner. A complete surprise."

Although nominations for the award were submitted in April 2011, the honoree's name is kept under wraps until August. The award was announced at the council's annual meeting in Naples, Fla., recently.

The award nomination was submitted by BIA's 2011 president, Adorno Piccinini of Walbridge in Detroit. "I strongly believe Michael brings an outstanding level of creativity, innovation, experience, insight and energy to the position. I was fortunate to be involved in the decision to bring him on board just three years ago and have worked closely with him ever since. Hiring Michael as our executive officer has proven to be an excellent decision," said



Robert R. Jones (left) of Robert R. Jones Homes and immediate past chairman of the National Association of Home Builders, Michael Stoskopf of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Carole Jones of Robert R. Jones Homes in Naples, Fla., where Stoskopf was named New Executive Officer of the Year by the Executive Officers Council of the National Association of Home Builders.

Adorno in a statement. In supporting material for the award nomination, BIA's First Vice President Richard Kligman of Superb Custom Homes in Plymouth said, "In addition to all his valuable business acumen, Michael has an innate ability to get along with people and instinctively supports them, particularly during difficult junctures. Our Executive Committee, Board of Directors, membership and staff know that we have an excellent leader in place. We are proud of what he has accomplished, grateful for his leadership and we look forward to working with him in the coming years. We all benefit from his encouragement, his motivation and his energy."

Stoskopf is the seventh executive officer to serve during BIA's 83-year history.

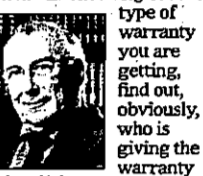
The BIA contributed to this report.

Check on what warranty covers

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: We are getting a home warranty from our seller and I am wondering whether or not that is going to protect us with respect to problems that have come up in the condominium.

A: It may or may not as there has been much discourse regarding the adequacy of home warranties and the unwillingness on the part of many home warranty companies to replace as opposed to repairing an item. In checking out the



Robert Meisner

type of warranty you are getting, find out, obviously, who is giving the warranty and find out exactly what the contract covers and how much the service fee is. For example, pools, spas and other specialty items might not be included. Also check to see whether the company has policies on pre-existing conditions and whether those repairs would be covered. Find out how the company handles complaints about the contractors who handle repairs and ask whether the company will let you buy a new appliance or item at a reduced rate if you would rather have it replaced than repaired. In short, a warranty is only as good as the company behind it and the language that is used in the warranty agreement itself. Get your real estate lawyer specialist to review the warranty as part of a review of your purchase agreement before you sign on the dotted line and always provide a lawyer review contingency in the purchase agreement.

Q: Is it a good idea to have a husband and wife on the board of a condominium?

A: I must respond by saying that it "proverbially" all depends. First, the documents have to provide that both the husband and wife, being presumably joint owners of the condominium, have the right to individually serve on the board. Secondly, the potential husband and wife team must recognize that it could create strife internally in their family. Also, it may create the impression that one family is running the show so to speak and it may create ill will. On the other hand, if the husband and wife were elected by the populace, one can always argue that it was the co-owners' decision to allow them to serve on the board jointly. Sometimes, because of necessity and/or apathy, it necessary to get a level-headed board member and it may end up being the spouse of one of the present directors. In short, it all depends upon the circumstances.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Opinions: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 31 to June 3, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

4015 Norwich Dr \$85,000	9809 Horton St \$150,000	9174 Tavistock Dr \$150,000
2266 Padgett Ln \$155,000	19702 Ingram St \$78,000	18688 Dalby \$71,000
47478 Parkgate Ct \$378,000	9057 Laurel St \$90,000	8905 Dale \$49,000
42560 Saratoga Rd \$60,000	15875 Lowell St \$174,000	20515 Darby \$25,000
GARDEN CITY \$138,000	14753 Melan St \$138,000	15490 Dixie \$13,000
6878 Arcolia St \$34,000	38777 Northfield Ave \$110,000	18329 Poinciana \$45,000
28569 Maplewood St \$50,000	15827 Penn Dr \$190,000	3436 Sylvanbrook Ct \$51,000
30355 Rush St \$195,000	3138 Rowcroft St \$133,000	24218 W Chicago \$25,000
1032 W Rose Ave \$105,000	NORTHVILLE \$350,000	44107 Deep Hollow Cir \$237,000
LIVONIA \$130,000	38636 Glenview Ct \$112,000	38513 Avondale St \$64,000
17371 Blue Skies Dr \$173,000	15976 Morningide \$124,000	6600 Central City Pkwy \$83,000
29506 Bobrick St \$23,000	35681 Mulfield Ln \$240,000	33520 Harvard Ave \$125,000
34270 Bretton Dr \$194,000	42930 Richards Ct \$60,000	483 N Byar St \$105,000
480 Fox Hills Dr # 6 \$33,000	20290 Poinciana Dr \$385,000	34306 Sylvanbrook Rd \$110,000
5410 Hollow Cir \$150,000	17653 Dolores St \$96,000	8160 Parkside Dr \$166,000
5075 Mester Rd \$175,000	15385 Doris St \$85,000	38539 Red Oak St \$65,000
1940 Klingensmith Rd Unit 43 \$75,000	42784 Lilley Pointe Dr \$55,000	34111 Sheridan St \$81,000
4130 Sandy Ln \$387,000	35041 Elmira St \$125,000	7322 W Frumlin Ct \$56,000
3008 Woodcreek Way \$390,000	36667 Grandon St \$125,000	
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP \$50,000		
1936 Applebrook Dr \$237,000		
2134 Fairway Dr \$118,000		
1807 Hazel St \$18,000		
740 Henley St \$330,000		
1550 Tully Ct \$252,000		
FARMINGTON HILLS \$161,000		
30211 Astor St \$75,000		
33306 Oakland Ave \$125,000		
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425 Dunston Dr \$540,000		
1231 Harrow Cir \$350,000		
26381 Dundak St \$125,000		
28089 Hickory Dr \$240,000		
29310 Laurel Dr \$80,000		
39224 Silverthorne Bnd \$252,000		
39275 Silverthorne Bnd \$258,000		
39276 Silverthorne Bnd \$271,000		
39312 Silverthorne Bnd \$262,000		
2158 Syc Dr \$168,000		
FRANKLIN \$415,000		
26585 Woodlore Rd \$415,000		
20175 Woodside Ct \$600,000		
LATHRUP VILLAGE \$80,000		
18797 Wilshire Blvd \$80,000		
MILFORD \$807,000		
1466 Hunters Lake Dr \$226,000		
301 N Main St \$221,000		
301 N Main St \$225,000		
1105 Riverside St \$225,000		
COV \$492,000		
50702 Amesburg Dr \$492,000		
50654 Billensa Dr \$495,000		
50750 Calvert Isle Dr \$518,000		
22346 Carlisle Ct \$385,000		
42038 Cherry Hill Rd \$99,000		
46401 Grand River Ave \$271,000		
27974 Middleton Rd \$150,000		
24790 Nepawine \$474,000		
24425 Olde Orchard St \$58,000		
21528 Syc Dr \$555,000		
SOUTH LYON \$226,000		
430 E Liberty St \$26,000		
51845 Richfield St \$115,000		
SOUTHFIELD \$32,000		
15945 Addison St \$63,000		
20330 Alhambra St \$93,000		
30560 Baleswood St \$36,000		
19751 Jeanette St \$21,000		
29085 Marshall St \$10,000		
17160 Nadora St \$80,000		
29478 Sylvanbrook Ct \$56,000		
25024 Penclenton Dr \$32,000		
WHITE LAKE \$145,000		
1801 Bogie Lake Rd \$145,000		

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 23-27, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP \$30,000	29310 Laurel Dr \$80,000	42038 Cherry Hill Rd \$99,000
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3740 Burning Tree Dr \$227,000	39275 Silverthorne Bnd \$258,000	27974 Middleton Rd \$150,000
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Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will offer a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Attendees will learn about the \$50,000 income guarantee and free pre-licensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.



Bart Patterson

Patterson has been a licensed residential Realtor since 1986 and started with RE/MAX Classic at that same time. He is currently the vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic and will continue in that capacity. Patterson has also served his community in many areas as chairman of the Board for the Canton Chamber of Commerce, chair of the Technology Committee and is a member of the Marketing Partnerships with the Canton Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the local Western Wayne Oakland County Area Association of Realtors.

Designation

Bartley Patterson has received his CCS "Certified Commercial Specialist" designation. The CCS designation is designed to be the first step into the commercial marketplace with detailed training on effective pricing, ROI analysis and investment opportunities. Patterson said, "This will be a great opportunity to participate in the commercial market in the surrounding areas of Canton and Plymouth. I look forward to using this training to help clients make advised decisions in the commercial marketplace."

Real Estate Continuing Education Course on Tuesday, Sept. 20, and again on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present an update on real estate law and practices as required for six hours of state-mandated Real Estate Continuing Education. Only one of the two classes is required. Registration is \$80 per person for BIA members and \$125 per person for guests. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present the BIA 2011 Golf Outing and Inaugural Michigan Association of Home Builders (MAHB) Golf Challenge on Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Links Of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile, Novi. The golf course is located at 10 Mile and Beck. The event sponsor is Carter Lumber. Registration and range practice begins at 9:00 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch is included at the turn. A buffet steak dinner and awards start at 3 p.m. Three four-somes will be selected to represent BIA as part of the Inaugural MAHB Region VII Golf Challenge against teams from the home builders associations of Greater Ann Arbor, Lenawee County, Monroe County and Metro Flint. The association with the lowest three-team combined score will be awarded the 2011 Trophy and bragging rights for the next year. To be eligible to participate in the Golf Challenge, all participants from a foursome must be current association members. Registration is \$75 for the complete golf package or \$30 for dinner only. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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10	Smog	63	climber	70	climber	90	climber
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