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Entries for the men's tourney, limited to the first 120 golfers, close at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27. The entry fee is \$95 (does not include cart). To participate, you must have a USGA index handicap (maximum of 20).

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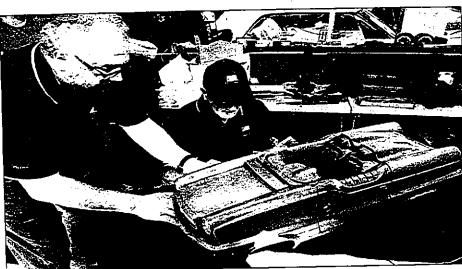


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Frank Roscoe, left, and Vincent Geraci ready their clay, scale-model on an American Motors concept car called "The Metropolitan" inside Wrenchers in Novi - a classic car restoration business on Grand River Ave.

Automotive retirees prove they've still got it

Team continues to design and create together

> By Lonnie Huhman Staff Write

In a back room at Wrenchers automotive restoration shop a group of retirees have proven that once you got it as a team you will always have it.

The shop is located on Grand River in Novi. Since the start of the year the team composed of Chrysler/American Motors Corp. retirees Vince Geraci, Bill St. Clair, Bob Bristow, Keith Goodnough, Frank Pascoe and Felix Derose has been working on an updated model of the Nash (or Hudson Metropolitan).

This car was manufactured during the



Close-up details of the group's AMC Metropolitan show the detail in the clay model.

mid-1950s and early 1960s. It was a smaller or subcompact type of car that had some speed yet was fuel efficient for the time.

The remake made its debut at the AMC Motor City All Family get-together at Greenmead in Livonia on Aug. 19. Geraci said they have taken an icon vehicle and updated it in today's standards (one being

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Cassis will not campaign for special primary

Nancy Cassis indicated Tuesday morning she will not actively campaign for the congressional seat in the special primary election Sept. 5. The former state senator from Novi sent e-mails



to local newspapers clarifying her comments from an earlier television show discussing the primary election for the new 11th District, in which she ran a write-in campaign against Kerry Bentivolio. Bentivolio won that election Aug. 7 and will face Democratic winner Syed Taj in the Nov. 6 general election. Cassis will be listed on the ballot

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in the special primary election Sept. 5 for the current (soon to be for-

mer) 11th District, along with Ben-tivolio, Karolyn Cavanagh, Ken Crider and Steve King. This election was scheduled by the gover-nor's office after Thaddeus McCotter resigned July 6. The winner in that election will face lone Democratic candidate David Curson of Belleville in the general election Nov. 6. The winner will complete McCotter's term through the end of the year in the old 11th District.

"Much has been made of my comments from earlier this summer on Off the Record in which I stated that if I did not win the 11th District primary I would withdraw from the special election," Cas-sis said. "I would like to clarify that, at that time, I made the remark in the context of only two filed candidates and for one to withdraw would save taxpayers the \$650,000 expense of a special election. That all changed when three more people from Livonia filed to run. Thus my name is on the ballot along with four other Republicans and one Democrat

"So today I want to make it clear that I will not actively campaign for the special election on Sept. 5. The voters will go to the polls, see the names that are on the ballot, and our democratic process will work itself out as it has done for over 200 years in our great nation.

"It is time to lay our differences aside and work to get our Republican ticket elected in November starting with Mitt Romney."

Absent in the e-mail was any endorsement of Bentivolio in the new 11th District race.

Novi devoting over \$800,000 toward parking lot repair

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By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Over \$800,000 of infrastructure improvements, including work at the Novi Ice Arena, were approved by the Novi City Council. Construction is scheduled to start in September and is expected to be done this season.

The council awarded a construction contract to local company Nagle Pav-ing for the 2012 Parking Lot Improvements project at the Ice Arena, Ella Mae Power Park, Fire Station L and Police Headquarters. Nagle was the lowest bidder at \$818.066.

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said these work projects will be taking care of existing infrastructure at a number of city facilities. Pearson said the dollar amount did increase from what was previously anticipated because more reconstruction is necessary.

He said it was determined during the design phase that the project costs would likely exceed the budgeted amount and that some work would be phased and completed in a future year. According to the city

report, the rehabilitation for all nine parking lots was bid together since there is similar work involved at

each location, which could involve complete pavement removal and replacement to minor patching and repairs. If needed, drainage improvements will also be completed in some locations

This project is included in the Fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 Capital Improvement Program in the budgeted amount of \$996,760 for construction and engineering. The total budget is spread over two fiscal years.

Of that total, \$81,046 was awarded for design engineering and in addition \$83,727 was also recommended for award to OHM

for construction engineering services, which was approved making the total contract awards in the amount of \$982,839.

In other decisions, council members approved a proposed amendment to the consent judgment in the Adams vs. City of Novi case. According to Pearson, the case was originally filed in 1998 and settled by allow ing Adams Outdoor Advertising to install an additional sign along the 1-96 corridor. According to the city report, the judgment has

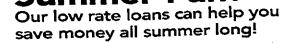
been amended once previously. The proposed second amendment would allow Adams to increase the height of one of its signs by 20 feet.

The new agreement states the sign would be converted to digital on the eastbound side, with a static sign on the westbound side. In exchange, Adams would remove one of its other sign structures completely and would convey its easement for the removed sign to the City of Novi.

Council member Andrew Mutch said usually companies want to add signs. But, because this agreement has one coming down, he thinks this is a positive compromise.

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Fraudulent McCotter petitions may also have been submitted in '08, '10

By Ken Abramczyk

It appears Thaddeus McCotter's campaign fell short of signatures to nominate him in previous congressional campaigns, indicating the alleged signature fraud may extend prior to this year's congressional race. Four staffers - Don Yowch-

uang, Paul Seewald, Mary M. Turnbull and Lorianne O'Brady were charged with a total of 13 felonies and 21 misdemeanors in connection with petition signature fraud this year. Attorney General Bill

Schuette indicated at a press conference on Aug. 9 in which he announced the charges that the staffers likely did the same thing in 2008, using 2006 signatures. Schuette did not issue charges for 2008. he said. because the statute of limitations ran out. At least two media organizations have analyzed the nominating petitions provided by Practical Political Consulting of East Lansing and reported that McCotter fell short of the 1,000 required validated signatures to run in 2010. One of them, the Detroit Free Press, found that McCotter's campaign did not obtain the mini-

mum signatures in 2008. Practical Political Consulting, which provides voter lists for candidates, had in its possession McCotter's nominat ing petitions between 2002 and 2010, which were obtained by several news outlets, including the Observer. The petitions exceed 800 pages in length. Jim Daggy, a data archivist with Practical Political Consul tants said he completed a "cursorv flip-through" of the doc-

uments, but had not complet

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ed a formal analysis of the doc-uments. He found white spots near dates where it appeared that White out had been used at the election year at the top of the petition

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The Free Press found that 2002 and 2004 petitions had few duplicates, but in 2008, at least 67 of the 177 petition pages submitted were either copies or had been doctored by cutting and pasting dates from other documents onto the petitions. In 2010, at least 73 of the 167 pages turned in were duplicates, which would have invalidated more than 1,000 of the signatures. In 2012, both the cut-and-paste and duplicate tricks were used.

Daggy was surprised at what he called the "progressive brazenness" from 2006 to 2008. 'I can spot visual red flags and there were white spots or

White out and some records never had any background color," Daggy said, indicating that those were photocopies. A message was left with for-

mer McCotter spokesman Randall Thompson. Repeated attempts to contact McCotter have been unsuccessful since his resignation on July 6. In a statement after the charges were announced on Aug. 9, McCotter thanked the attorney general and his office "for their

earnest, thorough work on this investigation. Joy Yearout, spokeswoman for Schuette's office, said the office had obtained the electronic copies of the petitions. Yearout said the office wasn't anticipating additional fraud charges from the new information as the statute of limitations has passed. "We are reviewing the infor-

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that according to their design model this Metropolitan would be able to fit on a Fiat 500 wheelbase). What used to be their jobs is now purely a hobby and

reason for them to go to the shop and create as a team. The work on the model, which is one-fifth to scale of the actual car, began with Geraci and St. Clair taking the original look and redesigning it on paper. From there Bristow used his engineering know-how and made it a feasible possibility. It's then that the rest of the team sculpts it out of clay and changes it into a

finished model. "It's actually quite a bit

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ative process. We all have an artistic bent and would hate to lose it." They have done this before a couple years ago when they remade the Mar-

to stay busy and catch up. "Old buddies will stop by and we will talk about old times," a smiling Pascoe said of the past year working on the model. "It keeps our minds and hands busy.'

atmosphere as the old work place. The shop fills with laughter at times and serious design discussion the next, all in the goal of creating a unique re-imagination of a classic automobile.

of work and takes a crew to get it done," Geraci said. 'But most of all, it's a cre-

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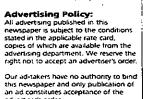
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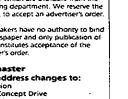
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Yearout said the investiga-

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McCotter was not charged. On

"did not have specific, direct evi-

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Aug. 9, Schuette said his office

charges later," Yearout said.

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Seeing Purple

Notorious criminal gang said to have hung out at local business building

By Julie Brown Staff Writer Joel Johnston is a pro at cutting hair. On a recent

Thursday afternoon, he

was giving a haircut to

Matt Thomas of Novi, a

senior at Eastern Michi-

Business has been sol-

id at JJ's Barber Shop, on

Meadowbrook just north

ston's dad. James, known

The younger Johnston

recently moved his Novi

barber shop (there's also

corner from 10 Mile into

brook. He became a prop-

What makes the Novi

barber shop special is its

purported ties to Detroit's

notorious Purple Gang of

to have used it as a dance

"We're still waiting to

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Historical Village in

He visited Mill Race

Novi property, and was

Public Library for news paper accounts from the

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find the money," Johnston said, pausing in the build-

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of 10 Mile in Novi, John-

as JJ, started the busi-

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ple Gang began and lat-er dominated. Johnston, co-owner, purchased the building on Dec. 29 and it took about six months of extensive renovating to give it its sleek, modern look.

'Called to this community'

JJ's Barber Shop has been in Novi almost five years total. "I believe we're called to this comnunity," said Johnston, a Chesterfield resident looking to shorten his commute by relocating to the west side. He's married to Aimee and the couple has six children ages 16 to 4.

Accounts of the Purple Gang dance hall came from business neighbors, with a nearby building believed to have been a brothel. It now houses an ice cream shop and insurance business.

The predecessors at the barber shop building, Novi Carpet, had also heard the Purple Gang stories.

"The would tell us something about the corner being the brothel. This was the dance hall." The single light fixtures

in the barber shop look like those of the 1920s. When the men put in a wheelchair lift. Johnston found a local newspaper

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Some of the few remnants of Johnston's building to its past are these brass light fixtures attached to a plaster ceiling, now covered by a more modern drop ceiling.

dated 1929.

He acknowledges stories of locals are his "only hard emphasis" of the criminals congregating. The building's exact age is unknown, but Johnston estimates it's from the 1920s.

Three chandeliers, two smaller and one large, were removed by the ear lier owner. Johnston said.

He hasn't sensed any ghosts. "I have heard people say they think it is haunted. Not that I've seen or heard," said Johnston. 40.

He's pleased to put the building to honorable use noting barbers and bartenders hear many stories from their customers. "Really, Jesus is the answer to a lot of situa tions we find ourselves in." said Johnston, a Christian who worked 12 years as a youth pastor.

Wants to learn more Customers are "intrigued" although the history isn't shared in a big way. Johnston would like to learn more from community elders about the building's history, "a story that could shed light on the history. The history of greater Detroit



is so rich.'

Joel Johnston's dad retired from the business but returned and is cutting hair in Nashville, Tenn.

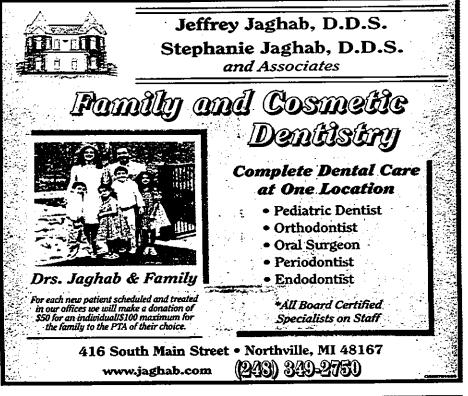
JJ's Barber Shop in Novi can be reached at (248) 477-0010.



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Joel Johnston, co-owner of Novi's JJ's Barbershop at 24300 Meadowbrook Road, believes that its building used to be tied into the organized crime family in Detroit — the Purple Gang. Other businesses in the area have mentioned that they believe it was part of a speakeasy and brothel complex at the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Meadow brook back in the '20s. Here Johnston is in its basement which was said to be linked by tunnel to the building right on the corner of 10 and Meadowbrook - to avoid potential raids by the coppers



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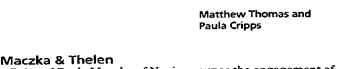
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Cripps & Thomas

Paula Cripps and Matthew Thomas, both of Novi, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Sandra and Richard Cripps, of Farmington Hills. She graduated from Harrison High School, was in the United States Coast Guard. attended Macomb Community College to study physical

therapy, and is a director of rehab. Matthew Thomas is the son of David and Nancy Thomas. He graduated from Farmington High School and attended Michigan State University. He is currently a project manager for a commercial construction company. A May 25, 2013, wedding in Lake Orion, Mich. Is



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Bob and Paula Maczka of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Maczka, to John Thelen, son of Tony and Gavle Thelen, of Portland, Mich..

The bride-to-be graduated from Mercy High School in 2006 and from Michigan State University in 2009. She earned her master's degree in accounting from Michigan State University in 2011. She is a certified public accountant and works for Deloitte in Detroit. The groom-to-be graduated from St. Patrick High School in 2006 and from Michigan State University in 2009. He earned his master's degree in accounting from Michigan State University in 2010. He is a certified public accountant and works for Plante Moran in East Lansing.

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Rice & Ellis Beth Anne Rice and Daniel Brian Ellis, of Illesheim, Germany, were married May 12, 2012, in Mariners' Church of Detroi The bride is the daughter of Jay

and Sharon Rice, of Novi. She graduated from University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology (completed in 2004) and spent seven years as a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army. She is currently a fulltime student at University of Maryland working toward a master of public administration degree. She is employed as an elementary school substitute teacher at Illesheim Ele

mentary in Germany The groom is the son of Albert & Sylvia Ellis, of Lakeville, Mass.

bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics (completed in 2008) and Trident University International with a master of arts in education degree in aviation education. He is currently a full-time student at Trident University International working toward a doctorate in higher educational leadership. He is employed as a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter standardization and instructor pilot in the United States Army Father Richard W. Ingalls, Jr. officiated the ceremony and Claire E. Rice served as maid of honor. A reception was held at Detroit Renaissance Center. After a three-week honeymoon in Ireland, the happy cou-

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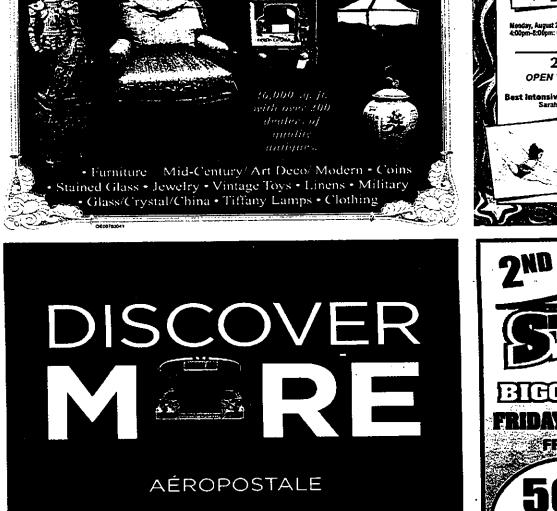
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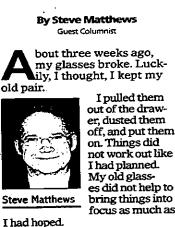
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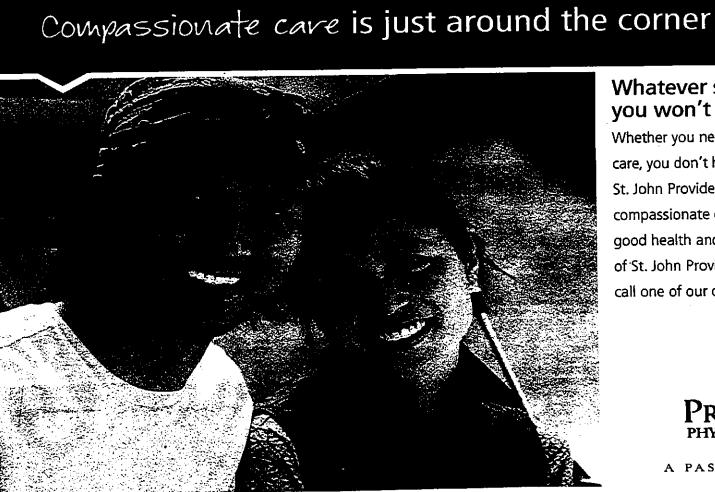
None of the three candidates who filed for the two open seats on the Novi School Board withdrew by last Friday's 4 p.m. deadline so it looks like there will be a race between Dennis O'Connor, Brad Leidal and Tracev Cadwell The six-year terms will be decided by voters in the Nov. 6 general election, and

the terms will start in January. Dennis O'Connor The lone incumbent, O'Connor was elected in November 2008 to a fourvear term. (The board voted to extend terms to six years recently.) He has lived in Novi 21 years, moving here in 1986, transferring out of state in 1993 and returning in 1998 to "reconnect with a community where educational excellence is a top

> priority. Twelve years ago, O'Connor opened his own consulting agency, develop-



So I made an appointment to see the eve doctor. At the optometrist, I sat head propped in a machine, eyes looking toward the eye chart. "Which









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O'Connor, Leidal and Cadwell to face off for Novi school board

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He holds an MBA in marketing and management from Wayne State University; a BA in journalism from University of Michigan, and a secondary teacher certificate from U of M as well. He has been married for 30 years, and both of their

grown daughters graduated from Novi High School "I enjoy public service, and I have a passion for education," said O'Connor. "I want to make sure that our tax dollars are spent properly - focused on providing the best education possible for our children. I'm a fiscal conservative

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cated into the classroom. "We have great schools in Novi, but state funding and our enrollment growth is less certain every day," he added. "We have limited resources. We need to constantly evaluate programs to make sure they are providing maximum student achievement and results for

Tracey Cadwell

all Novi students.'

Cadwell has lived in Novi for 7 years, and her community involvement includes Glen Haven Condominium Association Board member, member of PAASN Parents of African American Students in Novi), and member of the American School Counselor Associ-

"I have worked in the educational field since 1999," said Cadwell. "I have been an educator and currently work in an administrative position as an Admissions Coordinator for a charter

school." She is a graduate of Michigan State University with

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She has two sons: Harold III (Tre') 17 and Stephen 12 "I am running for the Novi School Board, because I am a parent and educator that is concerned about our students and school district." said Cadwell. "I also desire to work with a school board that focuses on ensur ng an exceptional curriculum program for all students within the district that will positively impact the success of students in their post-secondary educa tional career. I have been in the educational profession for 12 years, and serve on two charter school boards as a recording secretary.

I believe that I am knowledgeable about the educational process and the role of a school district's board of education, and would be a valuable asset to this dis trict.

Brad Leidal

to ourselves, "We are doing OK."

I believe that we are doing OK.

But we need to do better. We need

to make sure that we are focusing

on the needs of every child. That

is why we have these two goals of

a year's growth for every student

These goals force us to look at

the needs of all students. For the

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at the advanced level on state and

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ask what more we can do. Our

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The goal also forces us to look

at proficiency and ask what more

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al of our schools as Focus Schools.

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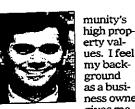
can we do. What things do we

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and high achievement for all.

Leidal moved to Novi seven years ago, citing the quality of the education systern. He and his wife of 13 years, Janet, have two sons -one in third grade and one

entering kindergarten. "Being the parent of two young children in the district I'm passionate about ensuring the students of Novi receive the best possi ble education and meet or exceed the Board of Educa tion's current goal that each student will achieve one year's growth in one year's time," Leidal said. "The district is going through unprecedented times, finan cially, despite these challenges, we still have to meet our stakeholder's expectations by providing a quality education for our students, while maintaining our com-



my background s a busi ness owner gives me the expe rience to

work through this financial crisis. I look forward to the opportunity to work with all stakeholders in the district as we continue to support the Novi Community School District's commitment to excellence."

He's a co-owner of a commercial masonry construction company based in southeastern Michigan Leidal earned a BA in polit cal science from U of M-Dearborn and a master's in management from Walsh College

Leidal's communi ty involvement includes

coaching in the Novi Youth Baseball League, Novi Parks and Recreation and the Northville Baseball/ Softball Association.

schools. We knew that before the state told us.

One of our challenges is to find ways to close that gap. The first step is to make sure that we have strategies and instructional approaches that will help all of our students be proficient. If we can do that then we will have taken a big step toward making sure that all students are performing at a high level

Quite frankly, in my mind, the more important challenge is the challenge that our Board of Edu cation set out before us-every child needs to make growth every year. We need to push every student-high achiever and low achiever and every student in between. We need to focus on every child.

Steve Matthews is the superin tendent of the Novi Community Schools district. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 437-1234; www.twitter.com/ docsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.

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JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi resident Bob brought with him ered tennis ball to practice his swing and was working





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Age 67, passed away August 16, 2012. He was born on May 19, 1945, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, son of the late John and Wilma Bishop, Johnny was an avid fisherman, a loyal University of Oklahoma football fan and enjoyed NASCAR. He was a loving and devoted hus-band and father and was the world's best grandpa. He is sur-vived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Linda; his loving children: Michael, Jeff & Melanic, Chris & Stephanie, Bryan & Karen and David Bishop; his adoring grand-children: Justin, Bradley, Sunny Dawn, Brittany, Josh, Brandi, Danielle, Adam, Katie, Davey, Zach and Little Izzy; his loving great grandchildren: Adrianna. Nathan, Maurianna, Natalie,

great grandchildren: Adrianna, Nathan, Maurianna, Natalie, Myah, Jayden and Maliki; his brother Bobby Bishop and his sis-ter Sharon Crawford. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 20, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. A function for the state of the state of the state function for the state of the state of the state function of the state of the state of the state of the function of the state of the state of the state of the function of the state of the state of the state of the function of the state of the state of the state of the state of the function of the state of the function of the state of funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 21, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. ne Guestbook www.phillips

CARSON, RAYMOND Age 89, passed Aug. 18, 2012. Visitation Aug. 21 at Phillips Funeral Home, funeral Aug. 22, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Phillips Funeral Home Online Guestbook: phillipsfuneral.com

CHAPSKI, CLARA T. Oct. 16, 1919 - Aug. 19, 2012 Online condolences:



CHARLES "BILL" Age 81. Preceded in death by his first wife Ann Louise Davis. husband of Mary Ellen Ron) Herzog, Charla (Mark) Halboth, Michella (Todd) homas, and Rebecca (Bob

Stecker. Dear step-father of Mark (Karin) Smead, Lynn (Don) Kramer, and Carey (Nancy) Smead. Grandfather of 16. Greatgrandfather of three. Bill was an Air Force Veteran of the Korean War, a devout Christian and an dedicated member of Faith Bible Church in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Bible Church,

34541 Five Mile Rd., Livonia 48154 HEIDT.

ELSIE M.

Age 91, lifelong resident of South Lyon, passed away August 19, 2012. She was born July 15, 1921 in Detroit, MI to Charles and Anna Marie (nec Rossow) Schmidt. She was united in mar-riage to Raymond C. Heidt on Sentember 27 1947- and they riage to Raymond C. Heidi off September 27, 1947; and they spent 51 loving years together until his death in 1999. Elsie is survived by her children, Carl (Sue) Heidt and Carol (John) Hall; her sister, Evelyn Graham; 5 creadebildren; and 4 creat grand-Hall; her sister, Evelyn Graham; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great grand-children. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother Donald Schmidt. Visitation will be held Friday. August 24, 2012 from Noon until 1 p.m. with a funeral service at 1 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Thomas Lubeck from St. Paul's Lutheran Church will offiiate the service. Mrs. Heidt will be laid to rest next to her husband at Glen Eden Memorial Park in ivonia. In lieu of flowers the amily would appreciate mer t contributions to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, c/o Office of Development, P.O. Box 995, Ann

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August 25, 2012 at 11 AM. The Rev. Anne Schaefer to officiate

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Directors at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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JAMES EUGENE

Age 74 of Orrstown, PA went

home to be with his Lord or August 18, 2012 at Manor Care

Nursing Home in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was born July 12, 1938 in Pontiac, MI the son of the late Jerold and Ila (Walker)

Oaks. James had been employed by Michigan State University at the research farm as an agricul-

the research farm as an agricul-turalist and foreman, retiring after twenty-five years of service. He also worked with sugar beets and was a fieldman for Monitor Sugar Company in Bay City, retiring after fifteen years of service. He had worked with the farmers in Gratiot County. Upon retirement James and Shirley moved to Orrstown, PA where they current-by reside lames is survived by

Orrstown, PA where they current-ly reside. James is survived by his wife Shirley L. Oaks (nee: Kauffman) of Orrstown, PA; daughters: Peggy Oaks of Ithica, MI, Kathleen McGuire of Mesa, AZ, Holly Kane of San Diego, CA, Jodi Guillotel of Pacifica, CA.; a son Jacob Oaks of Phoenix, AZ and a sister Patricia

CA,: a son Jacob Oaks of Phoenix, AZ and a sister Patricia Tucker of Kalispell, MT. In addi-

tion to his parents he was prece

ed in death by his first wife Mary L. Oaks (nee: Kennedy) and a brother Robert Oaks. Funera

services for James will take place

1 p.m. Saturday, August 25, 2012 from the Midland Mennonite

Church (corner of Stewart and Patterson Rds. in Midland Twp.)

recently New Hope Communit Church. Burial will take place

Midland Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church on Saturday

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STATLER-GAUGER,

Age 56, passed away Aug. 18, 2012. A private family service will be held. Online guestbook

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AUSTIN LEE

Age 19, of Commerce Township and a 2012 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, died on August 18, 2012. He lived life to his fullest potential and his hap-"RED" Of Milford, died August 15, 2012 at the age of 82. He was a brick mason for 65 years. Beloved husband of Barbara, father of Linda (Gordon) Grossman, Donald (Shelby), Tom (Cathy), David (Sandy). Grandfather of 7, great-grandfather of 5. Also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main Street, Milford on piness and laughter was an inspi-ration to many as he lived with Cerebral Palsy. He leaves his par-ents, Mark and Shelley Killebrew, his sister, Mark and Shendy Kincolow, his sister, Mary Katherine, and brother, Jonah; grandparents, Bobby and Janet Killebrew; aunts and uncles, Lydia (Ray) Jechorek, Kent Killebrew, Cindy (Larry) Neblett, Richard (Donna) Igras, and Lynne Hall; cousins, Kyle

And Lynne Hall; cousins, Kyle Killebrew, Chelsea Neblett, Diane Igras, Ryan and Kelly Killebrew, Erin and Jack Hall; god-mother, Sandy McBride and many, many dear friends. A Funeral Liturgy was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Milford, on August 21, 2012. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to Walled Lake Central, Department of Special Services or to Ronald McDonald House. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, at

248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



LaROQUE, SYBLE G.

Age 96, of Livonia, previously a longtime resident of Northville, passed away August 18, 2012. She was born March 12, 1916 in Ebro, was born March 12, 1910 in EDFO, Minnesota daughter of Albert and Margaret (Peavey) Murray. She was united in marriage to George "Sully" LaRoque in 1939; and then control 52 varies toothor until they spent 52 years together until his death in 1991. She was very his death in 1991. She was very dedicated to her country; during WWI she worked in the Willow Run Bomber plant helping with the war efforts. She loved going to the Northville Memorial Day Parade; she rarely missed a parade; syble was a very hard worker; besides her fulltime job as a Nurses Aide she was also a semstress. After retiring in 1986 seamstress. After retiring in 1986 from Detroit Receiving Hospital, she enjoyed the challenge of a crossword puzzle and traveling all crossword puzzle and traveling all over the US with her family. Syble is survived by her children, Dennis (Myra) LaRoque of Tennessee and Linda (Greg) Tennessee and Linda (Greg) Schuyler of Livonia; her grand-children, Nicky (Tom) Ross, George LaRoque, Tracy Daley, Dana (John) Bucaro, Brandon LaRoque, Travis Schuyler and Greg (Laura) Schuyler; eight great grandchildren; her dear friends Richard and Fran Kroll; and many Rienard and Fran Kroll; and many loving nicces and nephows. She was preceded in death by her hus-band; her daughters, Mavis Nitzel and Connie Bell; her sons, Reggie LaRoque and Jerry LaRoque; and seven brothers and sisters. Visitation will be held Thursday.

August 23, 2012 from 4-6pm with a funeral service beginning at 6pm August 25, 2012 from expanding at 6pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville, Memorial donations are suggested Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Attn: Donor Services, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.

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Court dates set in petition fraud case for former **McCotter staffers** Hills faces 17 charges: 10 counts of elec-By Ken Abramczyk

A preliminary examination was set for Sept. 27 for one of Thaddeus McCotter's former staffers accused in the signature fraud involving the Congressman's nominating petitions.

Mary Melissa Turnbull, 58, of Howell appeared for a pre-exam conference Thursday in front of Judge Dennis Drury in 52-4 District Court in Troy. The court set Sept. 27 as the preliminary examination date at the request of Turnbull's defense attorney, Robert Kostin. Turnbull, a district representative, faces two charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and one

count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia was charged Wednesday in 16th District Court in Livonia with five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator. Each count is a mis-

demeanor, punishable by up to 93 days in jail O'Brady stood mute before Magistrate Dennis Epler and a plea of not guilty was entered on her behalf. O'Brady was released on a \$1,000 personal bond. Don Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington

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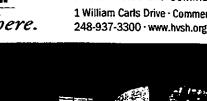
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The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

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count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail Paul Seewald, 47 of Livonia faces 10 charges: one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony; and nine counts

tion law forgery, a five-year felony; one

of falsely signing a nominating peti-tion as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail. Pleas of not guilty were entered for Seewald and Yowchuang at their arraignments on Aug. 10.

O'Brady, Yowchuang and Seewald are each scheduled for a pre-exam on Sept. 18 and a preliminary exam on Sept. 20 in 16th District Court. Michigan Attorney General Bill

Schuette alleges that these four members of McCotter's Michigan staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 primary ballot. Schuette revealed examples of petitions that were allegedly manufactured electronically by transposing signatures collected in previous election years onto 2012 nominating petitions.

The Novi Police responded to a loud party complaint, which led to the arrests of nine teenagers for underage drinking.

to a home on W. Le Bost Drive regarding a loud party. Upon arrival the police reported the party was noisy and they could hear it from five houses away. The officers observed what appeared to be underage individuals inside the home drinking liquor.

On Aug. 2, police went

Much of the noise was coming from the back deck, so officers went around and found a group of teenagers. A handful admitted to drinking while the rest, 15 of them,

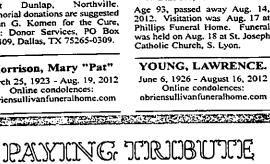
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Loud House Party

verified by a breathalyzer test. Those arrested ranged in age from 17-18.

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Property Destruction

2^{A window at the Novi} Commons office building was damaged by an unknown suspect. Novi Police responded to the complaint at 43000 Nine Mile Road on Aug. 2. The police report stated someone had shattered

the glass window that separates the lobby with the reception desk. It further said there were no objects thrown or found in the area. It's believed the suspect caused the

damage by pulling the open bottom edge of it.

Stolen Property →A New Hudson wom- \mathbf{J} an had her wallet stolen while at Twelve Oaks mall. On July 31. the 29-year-old woman told police that she was in Journey's kids shoe department buying shoes for her son when it went missing. She said she had placed her purse near her, but when she went to pay she discovered the wallet inside the purse

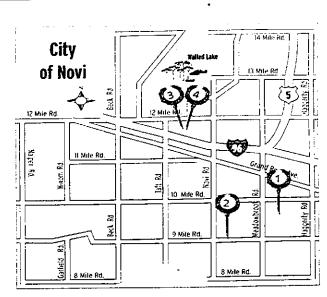
missing. Mall security also took a report and the woman canceled her debit card in response.

Drunken Driving

A phone call by an off duty police officer led Novi Police to arrest a drucken driver. On Aug. 9, the call-

er told police that there appeared to be a drunken driver at Twelve Oaks mall. The police later caught up with the driver on westbound I-96, just west of Novi Road. The caller stated seeing the driver erratically driving on northbound I-275 and nearly struck a guard

The police asked the man if he had anything to drink, which he said he had several glasses of wine at a friend's house over an hour before. However, they could not smell intoxicants because



of the strong odor of cologne. After having trouble

with field sobriety tests,

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was given a breathalyzer. He was arrested after it came back with a .114 blood-alcohol content.

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Drive-up coming to Panera Bread

LOCAL NEWS

Novi amends ordinance in Town Center

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

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Panera Bread will soon have a drive-through option, thus opening the door for other possible drive-up window restaurants to come to the Town Center District, after a zoning amendment was approved Monday by the Novi City Council

Matthew Ouinn, a spokesman for property owner City Center Management, said Panera will now plan on remodel-

ing, and another site also within the area may do the same. The amendment will allow drive-through restaurants in the TC-1 District in limited instances and with features that maintain the intent and

lar area. The district includes nine parcels located on the south side of Grand River Avenue, west of Flint Street and east of the railroad tracks. Quinn thinks the ordi-

character of that particu-

nance change will allow for the downtown economy to stabilize and revive with a long-term lease from Panera and maybe with another piece of property sold and develoned.

By a 6-1 vote, with council member Andrew Mutch dissenting, the council approved the second reading of the zoning ordinance text amendment to permit drive-throughs within this zoning district. One specific detail stated drive-through lanes must be accessory to a larger indoor sitdown restaurant use with outdoor seating provided. Prior to the vote, Mayor Bob Gatt said he would "wholeheartedly support" the second reading. He also said he thought this amendment would be best for the City of Novi in that

this area could be better redeveloped. Mutch said he was on the fence about the decision and was concerned the area would become home to more fast-food drive-through locations. He was hoping there would be more of a limit on the amount of poten-

tial drive-throughs. Property consolidation/redevelopment and change of uses are his main concerns, which he

said could lead to more fast-food locations pop-

ping up. The amendment comes after a property owner and Panera Bread separately went to the city to request drive-through permission in the area. According to city officials, what was original ly conceived and currently envisioned in the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance language for TC and TC-1 areas was

prioritizing pedestrianoriented mixed uses. The city report said. however, that realistic observation of the market-driven development in the intervening years required practical eval uation of options and

current needs. And, as accessory drive-through

facilities are currently permitted in these districts for pharmacies and banks, considcration of appropriately designed and implemented restaurant drive-throughs warranted consideration. The Town Center District ordinance requires a number of features

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for all uses and sites to encourage a more pedestrian-centered area including the inclusion of low brick walls throughout the area, pedestrian plazas and amenities and general "walkability"

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Stabenow named grand marshal of Great Lakes State Fair

> CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18,263 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 25, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 2505, OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS: IN ORDER TO AMENDANCE DATE OF A STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS: IN ORDER TO

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 12, 2012.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 CITY OF NOVI

To the Qualified Electors: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Primary Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012. The polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. All polling places are handicap accessible. Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available at the polling places listed below:

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Village Oaks Elementary School

Novi United Methodist Church

Orchard Hills Elementary

Holy Family Catholic Church

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Fox Run

Meadowbrook Elementary School

Hickory Woods Elementary School

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Thornton Creek Elementary School

FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE

INFORMATION ON OBTAINING AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION

tee ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile

Absentee ballots for said election are available to quantiable electors at the Onice of the City Clerk 45175 w. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 1, 2012. The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturday, September 1, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2012. Ballots obtained in person on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 must be

Deerfield Elementary School

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Organizers reviving Michigan's state fair. now known as The Great Lakes State Fair, on Aug. 16 named U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow as grand marshal for the event at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace from Friday, Aug. 31 through Monday, Sept. 3. "We are honored and privileged to announce that U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow will be the grand marshal for the state fair," said Kent Roberts, vice chairman of the Great Lakes State Fair Board. "Senator Stabenow is a great champion for agriculture in Michigan – whether she is working tirelessly to

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get Farm Bill legisla tion passed in Congress or advancing research efforts. With agriculture being such a major focus of the fair, we see her involvement as a perfect fit.'

"It is an honor to be part of the new Great Lakes State Fair to showcase Michigan-made products and to highlight how agriculture continues to be a bright spot for Michigan's economy," said Stabenow, who serves as chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

The timing for Stabenow's placement as grand marshal comes during a week in which she is vig-

STATIONS AND SPACES IN ALL PARKING AREAS.

orously seeking passage of a bi-partisan Senate Farm Bill in the House of Representatives that she says upon passage will create jobs, enable drought disaster relief and mandate cuts in unnecessary spending.

The state fair will feature a wide range of agriculture exhibits during its four-day run, including samples of home grown fruits, vegetables, grains and herbs. Fairgoers will also have an opportunity to purchase food that is created from Michigan crops including iellies and jams, breads and muffins and cakes

and pies. Last week, fair organizers announced the fair's musical entertainment which will be headlined by evening performers Annabelle Road, Jill Jack and David Shelby and a number of home-grown daytime bands. In addition, the fair will also include Detroit's own

Shrine Circus with high wire heroics, acrobatics, clowns and a number of wild animal acts and a Midway that will be loaded with rides, games and treats.

Tickets prices for the state fair range from \$5-\$25 for children and \$6-\$30 for adults. Details can be found at the fair's website, www.greatlakesstatefair.org.

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Sen. Debbie Stabenow





Novi events BLOOD DRIVES Time/Date: 7 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 Location: First United

Methodist Church, North ville Time/Date: 2-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29 Location: Oak Pointe Church Time/Date: 1-6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 30 Location: VFW Post 4012, Northville Details: The entire country is in an Emergency Appeal for blood donors. All donors

will be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$500 gasoline card. Contact: Donors can contact Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@ redcross.org to set up an

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River Avenue (between Taft

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 18.255** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.255 to amend Ordinance No. 97-18 as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance AT ARTICLE 23A, OST, PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT, SECTION 2302A, RETAIL SERVICE OVERLAY USES PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS; IN ORDER TO EXPAND THE AREAS WHERE THE RETAIL SERVICE OVERLAY IS PERMITTED. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 13, 2012 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

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The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 13, 2012 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., revailing local time.

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presents Rachelle Smith, principal and founder of Positive Details: Live music perfor-Creative Infusion Consulting, LLC of Novi. A memo-Road (Friday), Jill Jack (Satrable motivational speaker Rachelle began her career at age 12, selling candy in junior Michigan Pavilion featuring high school in Biloxi. Missis-Michigan made, grown or sippi. When the family moved to Seoul, South Korea the stock and agriculture areas next year, Rachelle worked as with large indoor arena; loa grocery sacker at the Yongcal Americana/country live san Army Base Commissary, in music entertainment: beer garden featuring Michigan a 'tips only' position, pitching potential customers in English or Korean to choose her lane Contact: Please see www. abwa-novi.org for registrasions vendors; and Shriners tion and payment informasmall scale circus and circus tion. attractions. Tickets available

JOURNEY OF SELF DIS-**COVERY: MEDITATION** SERIES Location: Schoolcraft Col-

lege Time/Dates: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 19 through Oct. 10 Details: This four-week series presented by Kathy Bindu Henning, offers a variety of self-discovery topics and includes interactive lecture and present moment meditation. Everyone is welcome. Lectures can be taken individu-

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ally or as a series. Contact: 734-462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft edu/cepd. SHORT SALE SEMINAR Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 Location: Livonia Public Library 32777 Five Mile Road Details: Come with your questions to a free seminar and learn about what a short sale is and the different alternatives available. Explore your options with a professional resource panel. Buyers looking to learn about short sales also welcome. Sponsored by The MacNRo Team. Keller Williams Agents. Contact: Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debb McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077 to reserve a spot by Friday, Sept. 21.

17TH ANNUAL NORTH-VILLE-NOVI HOME TOUR

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 Details: "Three Centuries of Homes" -- Hosted by the American Association of Contact: Karen Zyczynski, (2480 349-6342; www aauwnn.org

MICHIGAN MADE ARTS CRAFTS JEWELRY SHOW

Time/Date: noon-8 p.m. first Fridays through December

Location: Atrium Of Novi 43155 Main Street

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Details: Featuring many handmade items from people with disabilities. Anyone in Michigan that makes handcrafted items can get a space for \$20. Therapy Choir Michigan will perform at 6:15 June 1 Face Painting by Community Choices of Westland. Contact: MichiganArts-CraftsShow@gmail.com; visit http://www.Michigan-ArtsCraftsShow.com; or call (248) 396-0396 BEREAVEMENT MEET-

INGS Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m.

third Tuesdays Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)

Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER Location: 25075 Meadow brook Road

Contact: (248) 347-0414; theglin@cityofnovi.org

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NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS **NETWORKING BREAK-**

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 18.256

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 18.256 to amend Ordinance No. 97-18 as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance AT ARTICLE 16, TC AND TC-1 TOWN CENTER

DISTRICTS, SECTION 1600, INTENT AND SECTION 1602, PRINCIPAL USES

PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS; IN ORDER PERMIT

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provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.,

City of Novi **Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday**, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 12-100.42**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 12-100.42 TO amend the City of Novi code of ordinances at part ii, chapter 28, signs, TO UPDATE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO GASOLINE AND FUELING STATION USES.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.260

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.260 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: ARTICLE 2, CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS, ZONING DISTRICTS AND MAP, SECTION 201, DEFINITIONS; ARTICLE 14, B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICTS, SECTION 1402, PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS, SUBSECTION 1; ARTICLE 15, B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS, SECTION 1502, PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS SUBSECTION 2; ADDICUTE PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS, SUBSECTION 7: ARTICLE 16, TC AND TC-1 TOWN CENTER DISTRICTS, SECTION 1600, INTENT; ARTICLE 18, FREEWAY SERVICE DISTRICTS, SECTION 1801, PRINCIPAL

USES PERMITTED, SUBSECTION 1; ARTICLE 19, I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, SECTION 1903, PRINCIPAL ARTICLE 19, 1-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, SECTION 1903, PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED IN LOCATIONS NOT ABUTTING A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS, SUBSECTION 3; ARTICLE 25, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 2505, OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS; SUBSECTIONS 14.C(10), 14.C(11), 14.C(21) AND 14.E(3) AND SECTION 2506, OFF-STREET STACKING SPACE, LAYOUT STANDARDS, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, SUBSECTION 12; IN ORDER TO UPDATE AND MAKE CONSISTENT ORDINANCE LANGUAGE PERTAINING

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

CASE NO. 12434 121 AUSTIN DRIVE The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 2400. Front yard and side yard setback requirements are stated in Section 2400. The minimum front yard for a lot in an R-4 District is 30 feet and the minimum side yard is 10 feet. The proposed reconstruction/repair of an existing nonconforming structure would maintain the structure with only a 2'10" side yard, 7'2" short of the mandated minimum. The front yard would have a 10' setback, 20' below the required minimum. The property is located west of Old Novi Road and south of 13 Mile Road. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a site within a R-4 ict have a minimum front yard setback of 30'. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires that a site within a R-4 district have a minimum side yard setback of 10' and a minimum aggregate of 25'. CASE NO. 12-038 43205 CRESCENT BLVD. The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)i.a. to allow an oversize wall sign of 83 square feet located on the west face of a new retail tenant suite. The property is located north of Grand River and

CASE NO. 12-034 121 AUSTIN DRIVE

DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANTS.

east of Novi Road in the TC District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)i.a. permits a single wall sign for sites in the TC district, with a size not to exceed 1.25 feet for every linear ous public/private street frontage or 65 feet, whichever is smaller CASE NO. 12-040 45605 NINE MILE

Beck Road in the R-1 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2515 of the Zoning Ordinance limits

residential fences to 6 ft. in height and indicates that fences shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the minimum front yard setback distance. CASE NO. 12-042 1929 WEST LAKE DR.

CASE NO. 12-042 1929 WEST LAKE DR. The applicant is requesting variances from Table 2400 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance to allow a reduction the required south side yard setback of 10 ft. to 0.5 ft. a reduction in the required 25 ft. aggregate side setback to 23.5 ft. and a reduction of the 35' required rear setback to 30' for proposed addition to an existing nonconforming residence. The applicant is also requesting a variance to increase the height of a single story portion of the existing non-conforming residence. The property is located east of West Lake Drive and north of South Lake Drive in the R-4 Zoning District. CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 2400 requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 ft., and 25 ft. aggregate for the two side yards. Section 2502(4) limits the improvements allowed to a nonconforming structure.

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Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide professionals in the community and receive training/ education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided. Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaguette67@gmail.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

After primary Don't forget local races in November general election

In addition to approving both the local road millage and the Detroit Institute of Arts millage, Novi voters also cast ballots in the Republican and Democrat primary a few weeks ago. Now, the winning candidates need to be elected this November.

For the November election, voters attention most likely will be drawn toward the federal races for U.S. president and U.S. Senate, as well as myriad statewide ballot proposals. By the time election day arrives on Nov. 6, there's a good chance everyone will be sick of seeing political ads on television attacking one side or the

But there will be a number of items toward the bottom of the ballot that can impact residents and business owners locally. Perhaps even more significantly.

Among them are two available seats on the Novi Community School district's Board of Education. Voters will be asked to select a pair of candidates to serve six-year terms on the board. Incumbent Dennis O'Connor, Brad Leidal and Tracey Cadwell are running. Bruce Bagdady, who has been faithfully serving on the board since 1998, has decided not to seek reelection.

A board of education can play a major impact on everyone in the community, whether or not you have children attending the schools.

For parents, of course, it's a big decision. School boards set goals and provide an overall direction for the district to follow. While the superintendent and other administrators handle day-to-day operations, it's up to the board of education to create that vision.

And whether it's new curriculum, school boundaries or countless other issues, the school board ultimately approves those changes.

All of those decisions affect the entire community. The right ones will improve the district as a whole, while ill-advised choices can begin to drag it down.

When it comes to attracting families or businesses to the area, schools are a primary factor. Strong schools boost property values and attract young families to the area. Both are a boon to expanding a commercial base.

But this isn't the only contested local race in the November election. State Rep. Hugh Crawford, a Republican, faces a general election challenge from Democrat Chuck Tindall for the 38th District seat. athy Crawford is the incumbent District 9 Oakland County commissioner who will be challenged by Democratic candidate Gwen Markham. All four of these candidates are from Novi.

Of course, there are a slew of other county positions up for grabs in November, including executive, prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, treasurer and water resources commissioner

The 11th Congressional District has a contested general election, as well, with Republican Kerry Bentivolio and Democrat Sayed Taj squaring off to replace former Rep. Thaddeus McCotter. (We'd be remiss if we didn't mention the Sept. 5 special election for this seat where Bentivolio and four other Republicans -Nancy Cassis, Ken Crider, Steve King and Carolyn Cavanagh - will battle for a position that will last less than two months but will cost Novi more than \$30,000.)

There have been a number of changes taking place in Lansing and Washington, D.C., in recent years. In both capitals, some argue the new direction is long overdue, while others believe it's destroying our rights.

We hope voters take the time to learn about the candidates who want to represent the local community, as well as the issues they face. Only then can they make informed decisions to place the best individuals in office.



Cal Stone, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

COMMUNITY VOICE

Which person from the past or present would you like to talk to?



"Babe Ruth, I'm a big baseball fan and he's one of the best." Eric Borastron Novi



would like to understand how things went so far afield from where they ought to be. Jay Lindsey



"President Obama because I'm really impressed with him by all of the obstacles he has to overcome. Faye Jones

Detroi

"All of those sadistic killers, like the shooter at the Colorado movie theater. I would like to know why they did what they did.'

Neil Patel

It's obvious that when it comes to stupidity, the politicians aren't the only ones we need to focus on.

Maybe the new tea party will some day regain their wits and join the fight to get Medicare, the program they love so much, socialist as it might be, expanded to cover every American the way it works in Canada, however I'm not holding my breath.

Richard Jankowski Milford

McCotterized

Disgraced former congressman Thaddeus McCotter has become a national joke. Not only did he miss the primary ballot this summer because of "faulty" nominating petitions, it appears that he should have never been on the ballot in 2010 and 2008, and possibly 2006. And the Republican Party is complaining about election frauds?

Since the Republican state attorney general and the Republican secretary of state won't do anything to penalize Mr. Mc-Cotter, I have a suggestion that the House of Representatives or the U.S. attorney general should consider. Have Mr. McCotter reimburse the government for all of the salaries, health insurance benefits, congressional travel expenses to and from Washington, D.C., and his district, and the overseas "investigation" junkets he received and benefited from. That would be the minimum.

It would nice if he reimbursed local communities for the estimated \$650,000 for their

expenses in holding the special Sept. 5 election. If possible, his name would be deleted from all congressional records, similar to what the National Collegiate Athletic Association did to the University of Michigan and Penn State University for violations of NCAA regulations. (U-M had to remove all of its championship banners and return basketball tournaments from the Fab Five period in the early 1990s while Penn State had to forfeit its victories for a specific period in addition to pay the association a ton of dough.)

If he had any conscience, Mc-Cotter would also drive throughout his former district and offer a public and personal apology to his constituents and answer any questions on how this fiasco happened.

McCotter certainly ended his political career in shame. The best lesson that could come out of his political cesspool is that voters should be more aware of the potential political actions (or inactions) of their elected leaders. If anything, McCotter's name will be used in the future to describe fraudulent actions as "We've been McCotterized" or "That's another example of Mc-Cotterism."

His name will forever be related to political shame. Leonard Poger

Westland

Girls on the Run encourages

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with the Plymouth YMCA, announced another sea son of Girls on the Run

Sept. 17. Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls ages 8 to 13. The program combines train ing for a 3.1 mile run

with self-esteem enhanc ing, uplifting workouts. Registration includes a tshirt, water bottle, daily snacks, and entry into a 5k race on Sunday, Nov. Teams are forming

for third- and fourthgrade girls at Orchard Hills, Novi Woods, Deerfield, Village Oaks, and Parkview elementary schools. A team is also forming at Novi Mead ows for fifth- and sixthgrade girls.

Volunteer coaches are needed. Coaches do not have to be runners themselves, just dedicated individuals willing to encourage the girls and work with them to achieve their goals. A training session is provided for coaches, and a supply box is provid-

Practice takes place after school two days a week, for an hour and a half, for ten weeks. The \$115 registration fee may be paid at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, or reg ister online at citvofnovi. org and receive a \$5 discount. The deadline to

register is Monday, Sept. For questions or to find out how you can become a coach, contact Novi

Grace Perry, Director of Advertising

LETTERS Win at any cost

If former Congressman McCotter's petition fraud were not so disgusting, it would be laughable. It's deemed disgusting in light of the self-righteous facade he has so conspicuously donned throughout his public career. Worse is the Republican Party, which is presently doing everything in its

power to diminish the opposition ---gerrymandering congressional districts, voter citizenship ID, shortening the early voting period in Ohio for voters other than military voters (traditionally Republican), switch-

ing party affiliation after name is on ballot (mainly under the counterfeit, all encompassing claim of "eliminating voter fraud" which, statistically, is almost non-existent).

What is laughable is the Republican Party effort to question the integrity and legitimacy of any Democrat from the dishwasher in a coney island to the president of the United states, while they give nary a glance before vetting and supporting their candidates (Palin, McCotter, Ryan, etc.). Win at any cost is their eternal

Patrick M. Downey

Taxpavers can't take anymore

motto.

In January 2013, our taxes are going to go up if the Bush

tax cuts expire and Congress doesn't act to keep them going. For citizens in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, we, now pay for the Detroit Zoo and Detroit Institute of Arts. We also just had our water bills go up. Some families will be faced with water shut-offs because

they cannot afford the added burden. Between the federal, state and local governments, homeowners and taxpayers are getting hit from all directions. When does it end? People who are not homeowners get to vote for money out of our pockets and people who are not taxpayers get to vote as well to take more money out of our pockets. We are outnumbered and there seems no

end in sight for how our pockets can be picked by others with government's help. When do those who are subsidized by government through tax payer dollars and those with jobs that are paying them enough that these hits don't really affect them going to stop and realize that there is a large segment of the population (young families and seniors) who cannot afford for the rest to keep dipping into their pockets for more money. The money just isn't there and you are

pushing them over a cliff. Maybe the ones who will truly pay those bills you all voted for were busy working their third job and couldn't make it to the polls to protect what little money they have left from the government pickpockets. Public employees with great pensions are draining the budgets and the taxpayers who may have no retirement at all are paying the tab.

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these property millage requests to be put on the primary ballots. I would like to see a bill from Michigan that mandates all millage and tax increase proposals be on general election ballots only. Let's insist that a minimum percentage of the electorate vote before a millage can be passed. This idea that only 10 percent or less of the population goes to the primary elections and these costs get passed onto the homeowners is wrong. It should be a minimum of whatever is the average turnout of a

In 2008, the tea party's were trying to protect is a government program.

court to uphold the Affordit's the worst piece of legislation imaginable.

We're then offered the wit and wisdom of Donald "Sideshow" Trump, the guy who took on the birther mantle and made the unverified claim that he had dispatched gumshoes to Hawaii to investigate. Whether the president's birth

certificate was real, tea party supporters like Michael Savage even made the claim that Roberts' epilepsy was the root cause of his cognitive dissociation in the Obama ruling. Some of these government

haters have even threatened to move to Canada because the U.S. is entirely too socialist. The problem is Canada has what might be described as socialist health care.

published in the Thursday edi-

However, all letters will be published online each week at www. It is time that we stop allowing

general election.

Valerie Earle Livonia

View on health care

incredibly inane rallying cry was, "Keep your hands off my Medicare!" Never mind that the Medicare these patriots Now after the latest Supreme Court decision, with conser-Vative Chief Justice Roberts siding with the four alleged "liberal" members of the able Care Act ("Obamacare"), the new cry from them is that

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ed for each program site.

Recreation Supervisor Greg Morris at (248) 735-5646 or gmorris@cityofnovi.org.

> Families invited to hit the links for an evening of fun

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with the Links of Novi, is pleased to announce the first-ever Parent-Child Open and Outdoor Movie from 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Links of Novi Singh golf course, located on 10 Mile Road between Wix-

om and Napier roads. The Parent-Child Open and Outdoor Movie will feature a nine-hole golf scramble followed by an outdoor movie, on a big screen, at the course. The event includes putting, closest to the pin. and longest drive contests. In lieu of a parent, grandparents, aunts and uncles are encouraged to participate. Children must be 18 years of age or younger.

Following the golf scramble, the Novi community is invited to come to the course to watch Dreamwork's "Over the Hedge" at no cost. The movie will start at approximately 8 p.m. cessions will be available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and enjoy a great

evening. Registration is \$30 per team and is going on now at cityofnovi.org. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Sept. 5. For questions or to find out how you can become a sponsor, contact Greg Morris, recreation super visor, at (248)735-5646 or gmorris@cityofnovi.org.

Young actors encouraged to be a part of the Novi Civic Theatre's production of The Adventures of

Stuart Little The Novi Civic Theatre is seeking young actors in grades second through sixth to be a part of upcoming production of The Adventures of Stuart Little. Auditions will be held from 5-7 p.m.

Aug. 28 and 29 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road (between Taft and Novi roads). For those who prefer

to be behind the scenes, the production provides the opportunity to learn about costuming, lighting, and sound. Those interested in performing and working behind the scenes must come to the audition. If cast, participants are expected to pay the \$110 registration fee. Rehearsals begin Sept. 4 and will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thurs-

The audition packet is available online at cityofnovi.org, novicivictheatre.org and at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office. It is suggested that actors call (248) 347-0400 to sign up for an audition time. Walk-ins will be tak

en on a first come first serve basis. Performance dates and times are 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. (a special show for student field trips and seniors); 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16: and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18.

The story of Stuart Little portrays the adventures of a heroic and debonair stalwart mouse with human qualities. Stuart faces some comic misventures while searching for his lost bird friend and living with a human family as their child. The play is based on the novel by E.B. White, his first for children, and is widely recognized as a classic n children's literature.

LOCAL NEWS

UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

Civilian pistol safety class offered by the Novi Police

Department

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL).

Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and shooter's ear muffs or ear plugs to par ticipate in the course. Participants must be 21 vears old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend

For more information visit cityofnovi.org or

contact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@ cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0572.

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On the Road with the Novi Public Library!

Enjoy taking day trips but not the planning and driving? Then join tour guides and local experts Kathy Crawford and Margi Karp-Opperer as they lead informa tive and enjoyable day trips to Holly, Lansing, and Detroit - including tours, special luncheons. and deluxe motor coach transportation.

The On the Road series begins with a patriot day in historic Holly, Mich. on Sept. 11. This trip ncludes a guided tour of the Great Lakes National Cemetery; an elegant Oueen Anne luncheon at the Historic Holly Hotel; and options exploring the Hadley House Museum and Detroit Model Railroad Club, meeting local authors, historians, craft ers, and shopping.

The motor coach will depart the Novi Civic Center at 8.15 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$73, which covers transportation, lunch, door prizes, shopping coupons, and admission

fees. Availability is limited, so early registration calling Novi Public Library administration at (248) 869-7204 is highly recommended. The On the Road series is for adults 18 years and older.

The series continues with a day trip to Lansing on Oct. 4, featuring guided tours of the State Capitol and State Supreme Court: special visit/pho to opportunity with

State Rep. Hugh Crawford; and a charming luncheon at the English Inn. Then on Nov. 2, travel to Detroit with a docent presentation and tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts' Faberge: Rise and Fall special exhibit; luncheon at the renowned Rattlesnake Club, and motor coach tour highlighting Detroit's architecture. The Novi Public

Library is located at 45255 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi and the Novi Civ ic Center is located next to the library at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For more information on the On the Road series and other programs, visit www. novilibrary.org

Park It! coming to Novi's Sizzling Summer Art Series

Park It!, an organization that partners with parks and recreation departments across Southeast Michigan, has selected Novi as one of the 30 cities they will be visiting this summer. Park It!. will add to the Sizzling Summer Art Series by bringing their large outdoor LED movie screen to Fuerst Park:

Friday, Aug. 24 - Gratitude Steel Band, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31 - The Lorax movie at 9 p.m.

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BUSINESS

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Novi once again home to a Dressbarn store



Dressbarn's Novi Town Center location is slated to open on Aug. 24.

By Cal Stone

Women who were disappoint ed when the Dressbarn store in Novi's West Oaks shopping center closed five years ago will be happy to hear that a bigger and better version is opening tomorrow in the renovated Novi Town Cen-

ter plaza. "We have been wanting to be a part of the Novi shopping district for many years now," said Martha Langdon, district manager for the chain. "We are extremely excited

about our new store." The former store was only a "Misses" with sizes 4-16, but the new one carries those as well as sizes up to 24. The 6,500 square feet will be managed by Maria Garwood and will employ eight to 10 people. Store hours are 10 a.m.

to 9 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and 11-6 on Sundays. The chain has been around for

50 years and is based in Suffern, N.Y. The next closest store to Novi is in downtown Farmington. "Novi is a great opportunity and

a great market," said Langdon. We love to get new customers. It's going to be a beautiful store - a prototype. It's a whole new design that people haven't seen before in the Detroit market."

Dressbarn is part of the Ascena Retail Group, which also includes Maurices and Justice clothing stores. The trio includes over 2.500 stores with revenues over \$2.8 billion. There are currently 840 dressbarn stores with plans to open 20 to 30 more per year. The company opened a Woodhaven store one year ago and recently

store offers a broad assortment of the newest emerging fashion trends in apparel and accessories for girls and guys with a wide selection of styles always available for their fashion-conscious cus-"We are excited to welcome rue21 to our growing collection of fashion stores at Novi Town Center," said Jim Clear, NTC general

RUE21 OPENS

manager. "Their commitment to great values on the latest fashions is a very desirable combination for shoppers today." The address is 26056 Ingersol Drive; phone (248) 449-8326. The store will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. More information about rue21 stores can be found at www.rue21.com.

remodeled its Shelby Township store.

"Our mission is inspiring wom en to look and feel beautiful," said Langdon. "We just try and really do that with everything we do fashions, associates, customer experience. That's really what we're all about - providing a great environment for women. Great

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ter location. Dressbarn, with more than 35 stores in Michigan, will be opening up shop in the Town Center, just north of Walmart, on Aug. 24.

A new rue21 fashion store has opened in Novi Town Center. The

According to the company's website (www.dressbarn.com), Roslyn Jaffee opened the first store in Stamford, Conn. in 1962. 'At a time when women were wholly underrepresented in the workplace, Roslyn dared not only to work, but also to launch a new era in women's fashion. Designer label wool pencil skirts, sheer blouses, flares, furs, and leather coats were all the rage. And Roslyn offered her customers the very latest in women's designer styles. A year later the second Dressbarn store was opened. Soon after the inception of the business, her husband Elliot joined Roslyn and together they built the business as well as a reputation for quality, style, value, and custom-

fashions and really great prices."



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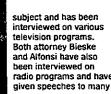
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benefits. www.ssdflahter.com

Located Upper Lev-Twelve Oaks has been el Center Court, Marbusy adding merchants lee's by Tapper's is a new this year, with seven new stores already open, and concept in jewelry and

another on the way. The Art of Shaving, on creating an innova-Marlee's by Tapper's, Windsor, and Cool Cuts 4 Kids join three other popular stores that style. Marlee's offers a have all opened their doors since early 2012: elry, handbags, hats, ioma int Goods, and TUMI. Offerother accessories, some ing supremely comfortable, high-quality undergarments, sleepwear, and active wear, Soma Intimates can be

found in the Lower Level Sears Wing. Dry Goods, a trendy new fast-fashion destination from the family-run Von Maur department store chain, is on the Lower Level near Center Court. FUMI, an international brand of premium travel, business, and lifestyle

accessories, can also be found on the Lower Level near Center Court. The Art of Shaving, open this month, is a

best-selling men's brand that started a revolution in men's grooming. The store features the highest quality shaving products in order to offer men an indulgent grooming regiment from a masculine and luxurious shopping environment.

The Art of Shaving is in the Lower Level Lord & Taylor Wing.

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shopping environment that celebrates a woman's unique personality. Windsor creates products that fit the life and work styles of today's junior and contemporary woman. Styling a fun, distinctive wardrobe is easy to do at Windsor, which sells fashionable tops, bottoms, and skirts as well as accessories, shoes, and even formal and prom dresses. Wind-

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Xspect Solution

nature Associates represented the tenant, Xspect Solution, Inc., an affiliate of Wenzel. The new facility will provide a showroom and dem-

New tenants come to Twelve Oaks Mall Wing on the Lower Level And for the young ones, now open in the Lower Level Sears Wing is Cool Cuts 4 Kids, the first store in Michigan from this hair carefor-kids chain. Combining fun, convenience and a kid-friendly environment, Cool Cuts features two entertainment nlete with the latest and greatest tech-

> nology to occupy and entertain. From video games and movies for the kids to cool haircuts and great hair care prod ucts for the entire family, Cool Cuts strives to make every haircut fun for kids and easy for parents

up of retail options at Twelve Oaks is Spritz Designer Fragrances. Some of the brand names offered are Burberry. Bvlgari, Carolina Herrera, Calvin Klein, Dolce & Gabbana, Ed Hardy, Giorgio Armani, Hugo Boss, Lacoste and more. Spritz will open in the Upper Level JCPenney

major regional shopping center, located on the northeast corner of Novi Road and I-96. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Visit www. shoptwelveoaks.com for more information.

onstration area for the machines. They will be selling and servicing. The location was chosen for its main road exposure.

"We want to make sure that everything we have Also adding to the line-

Wing in the fall. Twelve Oaks Mall is a

sor is found in the Sears David Giltner of Sigand were invited to spend time at a special finale party at Paradise Park. The library also offered a number of programs to entertain and delight its Reception Package



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NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

Reading rewarded

by Paradise Park The Novi Public Library once again conducted a successful Summer Reading Program in 2012. This year, nowever, there was more incentive than ever for children and teens to complete the Summer Reading Game as those who did so were offered a fun experience at This year's program reg-istered 1367 children who

read for 29,172 hours, a substantial increase over 2011. Known as "Read to Me," Dream Big," or "Own the Night," depending on the participants' ages, the program offered children and teens the opportunity to earn prizes at various junctures

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along the way to completion of their reading goals; those who finished the requisite number of hours were given a free book, were entered into a grand prize drawing,

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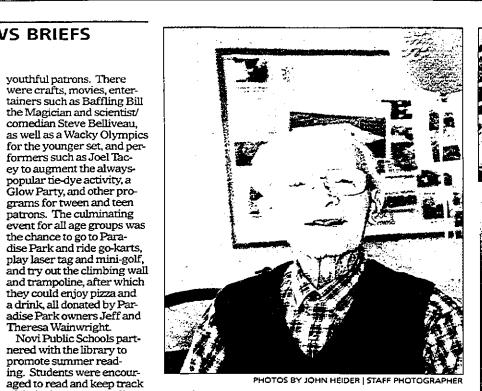
as well as a Wacky Olympics for the younger set, and performers such as Joel Tacev to augment the alwayspopular tie-dve activity, a Glow Party, and other programs for tween and teen patrons. The culminating event for all age groups was the chance to go to Paradise Park and ride go-karts play laser tag and mini-golf, and try out the climbing wall and trampoline, after which they could enjoy pizza and a drink, all donated by Paradise Park owners Jeff and Theresa Wainwright. Novi Public Schools part

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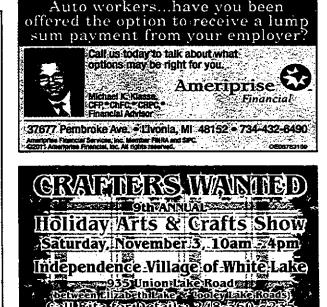
comedian Steve Belliveau,

nered with the library to promote summer reading. Students were encouraged to read and keep track of their time spent reading, take Accelerated Reading Tests at the library to document their progress, and turn in their reading lists at the beginning of the new school year in exchange for



LOCAL NEWS

Theodore Ross, 100 years young, was one of the many Novi residents honored in an Aug. 16 gathering at the Novi Senior Center. The center's Rachel Zagaroli and Tori Heglin gathered life information on about 3 dozen residents aged 85 or over. Ross, born in 1912 in Hartford. Conn., was the senior among the seniors.



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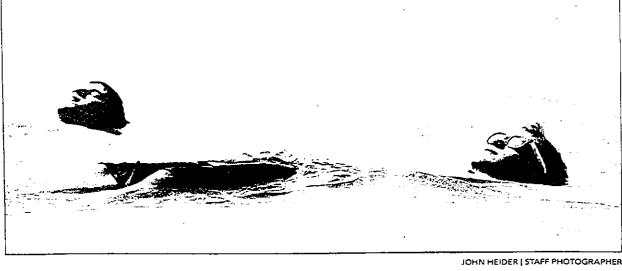
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Jeff Weber, 17, right, and Alex Raeon, 18, enjoy a cooling lie-down in the waters of Walled Lake on July 24. The pair were visiting Novi's Lakeshore Park that day - and even though it didn't get above 90 — that day, the water was still

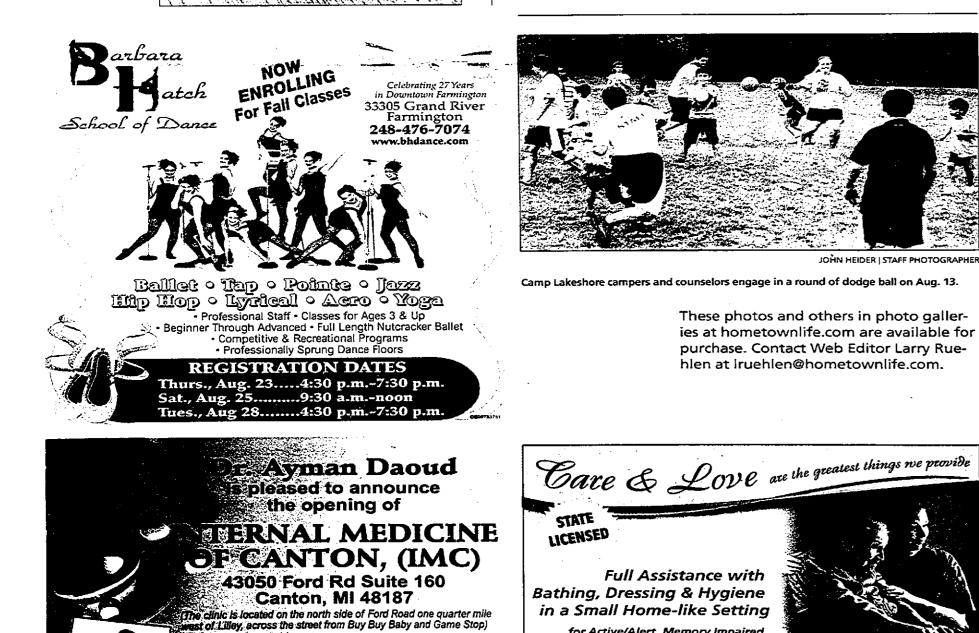


Visitors to Novi's Lakeshore Park on July 24 found inviting waters, blue skies and temperatures that didn't peak 90. The park's beach, located at 601 S. Lake Drive along the south shore of Walled Lake - is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and is free for residents of Novi.





Northville Parks and Recreation held a family campout on Aug. 11 with 12 families at Maybury State Park. The Friends of Maybury held a horseshoe throwing contest and supplied prizes for nine lucky winners. Shown (I to r) are Addy Royston, Trevor Royston, Jay rholser, Tyler Nagy, Jacob Nagy, Mosi Jones, Joey Nagy, Karon Zirker and Zat Kroff.



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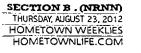


big success for Mustangs NORTHVILLE FOOTBALL By Sam Eggleston ON TAP ing to follow the lead of their The Northville Mustangs top returning players as they build on the foundation that Taking a quick gander at the football team will kick off the Northville football roster for season when they host Lake-Ladach's teams have con-2012, you're going to notice one thing right away — it just and tomorrow at 7 p.m. structed over the past few sea keeps going and going. sons. Returning for 2012 on players this season, and each That's because this year offense are quarterback Joey one of them understands that Hewlett, running back and there are 183 football players Markatos, Peter Chew, Ian their role on our team is no receive Colin Bailey, receiver in the entirety of the program: more or less important than Sean Conway, the entire offen 54 freshmen, 46 junior varsity the next," said Ladach. sive line and receive Brad and 83 varsity players. The biggest challenge this While it's never a bad thing VanHulle. The offensive line will be season will be keeping the team to have a massive pool of playfocus on the next game and not key for Northville, and they've ers to pick and choose from, looking ahead, said Ladach. come ready to play. The smallfifth-year head coach Matt est member of the front five is Each and every team on their Ladach said it poses a bit of schedule, he noted, is much center Drake Wolter, who is 5a dilemma at times, and an improved since last season. feet-10 inches and 201 pounds opportunity to teach some Team goals this year? Sim-The left side of the line feavaluable lessons about teample, said Ladach: Win each tures tackle David Hornshaw work, too. Hoy, Drake Wolter, Greg-"We've got 83 players on who is 6-4 and 240, and guard game as they come. ory Stewart, David Moor-"Beating Lakeland in the our roster, but we can only Dimitri Angeles, who is 6-5 opener is our first goal," he and 296. On the right side of put 11 of them on the field at aid. "They have some talentthe line is tackle David Moora time," he said. "It's going to man, 6-4 and 271, and guard ed players, and they are optibe a challenge getting all 83 Jack Fischer, David Hornmistic about their chances of of our players into games this Evan Schriner, 6-3 and 276. making the playoffs this sea-On defense, the Mustangs season. However, we have will be looking to Hewlett at son. I anticipate that game one stressed selflessness with our will be a battle." strong safety while Sam Taccoplayers, and I believe they trunelli and Nate Priebe will play Northville's success from y understand what it means to vears prior will likely paint a be a member of the Northville corner. Brandon Patrone, Zach Kyle Brenner, Handsome target on the team's back, said Tofilski and Adam Kwiecinski Mustangs.' all return with inside lineback-Ladach, and the Mustangs are The Mustangs will be looker experience and Jon Wines, expecting everyone to bring ing to add to the success they their best game against them Kevin Piwowar and RJ Hollohad last season. The team finished 8-1 but bowed in the firs This year's roster includes: front. Playing a key outside round of the playoffs to the Jake Hansen, Tyler Kwasny, eventual Division I runner-up linebacker position again this Fontana, Zach Wilds and Kel-Nick Wicker, Nick Stegmeyer, year will be Brad Merlo. Detroit Catholic Central, 56-6. Jacob Hanlon, Joseph Hewlett, We have a great group of lan Flanagan This year they'll be look-Young Wildcats looking to improve this season

things 7 p.m. tonight by hosttime alongside a young core ing former KVC rival Brighton of Wildcats. (8-2 in 2011) in the season Following a 4-5 campaign in opener for both teams. The 2011, the Wildcats have a new team will then travel to White line of wide receivers and a Lake Lakeland (4-5 in 2011) 7 brand new quarterback in p.m. Aug. 30. senior Ryan Caputo, who will "Brighton's very good and make his debut at the position it's going to be a battle," Novi tonight against former KVC coach Todd Pennycuff said. rival Brighton. "He's never played foot-"Lakeland has everybody ball," said Novi coach Todd back." Pennycuff, who enters his basically going to be very third year at the helm. "He's young. We're going to be a lita senior and came out and won the starting job over two tle young and we have a lot of injuries. Our top four kids are juniors and a sophomore. He's going to be raw. He gets bet-

ter every day. He's a hard working and very intelligent Caputo, a baseball star for the Wildcats, is expected to make his debut with three of the team's top six wide receiv ers sidelined by injuries. 'We have a lot of receivers," Pennycuff said. "We're

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SPORTS



Mustangs scrimmage at Ann Arbor Skyline High's field on Aug. 17.

Numbers could add up to

Jack Henderson, Kevin Bak Robby parks, Jomi Ogunfiditimi, Matt Shaw, Paul behe, Robert Peraino, Matthew Pirone, Abhi Narsinghia, Chris Rinaldi, Nate Priebe, Aaron Kowalczyk, Thomas Huber, Chandler Cosey, Colin Bailey, Sam Tacconelli, Joel Booth, Greg Cole, Keishiro Iwasaki, Chris

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By Chris Jackett

Although the seniors will lead Novi's football team this fall, many will be stepping into starting roles for the first

> Seniors Grant Wheeler, Matt Forche, Brandon Macklin, Blake Boron, Robie Deighton and Craig Lathum are expected to carry form the receiving core once Wheeler, Forche and Macklin return from injury.

NOVI FOOTBALL

Novi's football team (4-5 in

2011) jumps into the thick of

ON TAP

"(Macklin is) probably the most improved kid we have,



A Novi Wildcat varsity football coach watches as players practice proper tackling skills during an Aug. 20 session.

if not the most improved kid I've ever seen," Pennycuff said. "Blake Boron's our top kid. He's got to play top notch and be a leader on our team offensively and defensively (as a cornerback). We're probably going to be starting three sophomores and a freshman. Pennycuff said senior Lucas Buck would also be a big piece of the team this season on both ends of the ball

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Shamrocks march with same goal in mind

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By Sam Eggleston

If there's one thing you can always be certain of in pre-season high school football, it's that Tom Mach isn't going to change what the Detroit Catho lic Central Shamrocks are striving toward as season goals.

First and foremost, the Shamrocks will be looking to win the Catholic High School League Central Division title, followed by the Catholic League Prep Bowl Championship. After that they'll look

CC FOOTBALL to qualify for the state playoffs and work to win

and advance from there. That's been Mach's focus in all 37 of his years at the helm of the CC football program.

Coming off a 12-2 record last year that found the Shamrocks ending their season with a loss in the state finals, the squad is no doubt looking to come into 2012 on a high note.

"This year's team has been working extremely hard all off season and it has resulted in the development of a true family atmosphere amongst our squad," said Mach. "We attribute this to the positive presence of our seniors and their leadership qualities."

Some of the seniors of note this year are Wyatt Shallman, a running back and defensive end who has committed himself to the University of Michigan. Also at running back and defensive back will be the speedy Anthony Darkangelo, while the offensive and defensive lines will be anchored by Derek Edwards. David Houle and Brandon Malinkowski will be forces in the linebacker slots this year and will play at fullback and

running back, respectively. The Shamrocks will likely be running the ball, the traditional Catholic Central route to the end zone, despite the fact that they went to the air much more than normal last year. The 2012 quarterback graduated, however, and the team will likely be back to controlling the ground game. Mach said this year the CHSL schedule will be packed full of talent once again.

"The Catholic League looks to be extremely tough and talented, so winning against our tradi-tional rivals will once again be the top challenge for 2012," he said.

One early-season positive of note has been the line play, which has "gelled" in the early week. The team, however, has a big hurdle to clear this year - a fairly inexperienced crew. "We return relatively few players with previous starting experience, so while we feel good about the players that have stepped up at this point, we lack real game experience," said Mach

But what the team lacks in experience, they make up for with desire and dedication plus they are looking forward to playing as the underdogs a little this season. Brother Rice has been picked as the CHSL front runner by the majority of the pundits out there while DeLaSalle will continue with their first-rate football with quarterback Shane Morris driving the offense. Mach also noted that Orchard Lake St. Mary's will again be a tough opponent and University of Detroit Jesuit is an up-and-coming program that will challenge any team they play.

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The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team is slated to be in action when they host Detroit Cody in the season opener tomorrow at 7 p.m. before visiting Toledo Whitmer at 7 p.m. next Friday.

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back and an inside line-

backer. Forche will offer

complimentary running

really counting on Lucas

Buck," said Pennycuff,

who coached Buck as a

freshman at South Lyon

East before both joined

Novi's program. "He's

really turned into a real

The rest of the defense

will feature a lot of youth

with some key multi-year

"Our defensive line is

going to be new. Our sec-

ondary is going to be

new," Pennycuff said.

"We're probably play-

than anyone else in the

experience some grow-

Pennycuff said his

team wouldn't be back to

full health until the sixth

game, leaving little room

for error by the young-

sters and new quarter-

division. We're going to

ing more young kids

players graduating last

"On defense, we're

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a.m. Saturday.

Novi's volleyball squad

new school year off with a

pair of tough tournaments

yesterday and the Macomb

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The 'Cats were scheduled

to visit the Farmington

Hills Mercy Tournament

I am looking to lead our

team," Cottrill said. "They

are three of the best players

from this side of the state.'

on the team as sophomores

Cottrill is their third coach

Ginette Pierre-Parsley last

The graduation of four start-

sition will be the program's

"New coach, so adjusting

She expects the toughest

competition in the KLAA

to come from Northville,

South Lyon, Livonia Steven-

rival powerhouse Lakeland.

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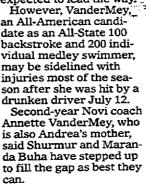
(41-6-1 in 2011) starts the

As a coach, you expect that there's a fair amount of trading hard work for a bit of complaining from the athletes being put through the paces. However. Brian McNeff was pretty happy to report

team doesn't complain very much. "This team is very focused," he said. "They know that I expect them to come to practice every day and be great. I work them very hard and they

finals. This year the squad lost a lot of those tankers

seniors. Wildcats are in another three-way battle within the KLAA Central Division with Northville and South Lyon. derMey, Maranda Buha, Kelsev Shurmur, Janice

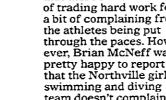






Novi's pompon squad has a this season

By Sam Eggleston



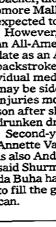
just come in and work - very little complaining. They know what they have to do and are doing what it takes to reach their goals.' Last year the Mustangs went 7-1 overall and took second in the conference and 13th at the state

to graduation, but will be

By Chris Jackett Three years ago, a talented group of freshmen slipped into the pool at Novi High School and made an immediate impact. Now, they're Division I last fall, the

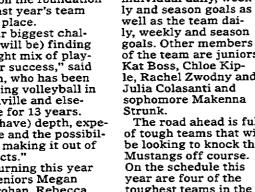
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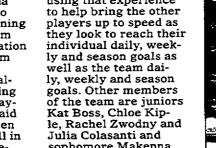
an All-American candidate as an All-State 100 backstroke and 200 indimay be sidelined with injuries most of the seadrunken driver July 12.



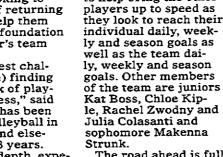
"(We have) many

returning players with court experience," said Yaklin. The team will be using that experience to help bring the other





The road ahead is full of tough teams that will be looking to knock the



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toughest teams in the Salem and Stevenson.

The Novi Athletic Boosters organization has announced that all-sports passes

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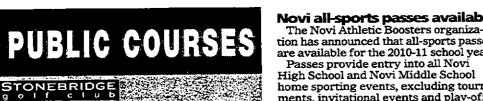
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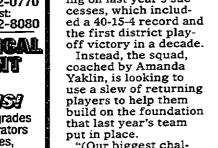




"(Our biggest chalwhere for 13 years. "(We have) depth, expeity of making it out of

districts." Returning this year are seniors Megan McCrohan, Rebecca

and juniors Kelsey



lenge will be) finding the right mix of play ers for success," said Yaklin, who has been coaching volleyball in Northville and else-

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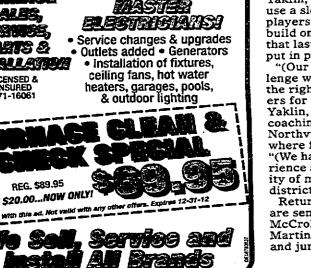
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as Pinckney's coach. Well and the second second versed in the KLAA's Lakes Conference, Cottrill now heads up the association Sec. Sec. and Kensington Conference champion Wildcats with a handful of young veterans, including two starters. Senior Kacey Sheldon and juniors Emily Robb, Kati

A CONTRACTOR

New coach puts reserves at center stage

By Chris Jackett

After ending the season in a

tough five-set district cham-

pionship last season, graduat-

ing four high-caliber players

just one season, Novi's volley-

The Wildcats, who went

into battle by former White

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NOVI VOLLEYBALL trill, who also split

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were all returning start

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ball program is still on pace to

and losing their coach after

do well this year.

NOVI

Timar, Belle Glancy and ed to carry the load for Novi

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Tankers focused on improving, gaining experience

that the Northville girls

NORTHVILLE GIRLS looking to follow the lead they lead both vocally and Emily Butler, Lia Nagata and Grace LaFreniere are season while Sarah Lohm-T T T T T T T L L ... an. Lauren Jarzembowski JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER and Andrea Meister come

Mustang Catherine Cui helped the Mustangs in 2011 and made it to the state finals meet.

The Mustangs did bulk up their freshman class with 31 newcomers, most of whom McNeff said came into the program with experience from club teams. Northville will be in a

very tough Central Division this year with Novi and Stevenson returning some strong swimmers. as will Salem. But McNeff said he didn't set team goals like he has in years past - this year choosing to put individual growth

ON TAP

Things in the pool

and team growth first. "I didn't give the team too many goals this year, McNeff said. "The only thing that I expect out of them is to come to practice and work hard every day and in every thing that we do: If they do this then the results will take care of themselves." The Mustangs also wel-

come Jennifer Amman as the new diving coach. She was with South Lyon last season and Walled Lake for many years before that.

ON TAP The Northville Mustangs girls swimming and diving

team will next be in the pool when they compete in the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational a week from today.

The 2012 Northville Mustangs swimming and diving roster includes: Erin Aquinto, Arlexis Branson, Tess Breuch. Riley Bruen, Natalie Burford, Olivia Burrows, Emily Butler, Lily Chen, Madeline Chen, Sungui Choi, Melissa Clawson. Megan Conner, Megan Cragel, Hannah Craig, Hanna Cruz, Catherine Cui, Sarah Cullen, Elle Curtis, Palig Demirjia, Sonny Demirjia, Kristina Denniston, Jena Drago, Loren Evans, Natalie Filipowicz, Maria Gutowski, Shannon Hayes, Elizabeth Hetu, Chandler Hilton, Elizabeth Horn, Emily Ifverson, Pooja Ippa-

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Preseason injuries plague talented senior class of swimmers

After finishing 11th in

Kara Berg, Dana Morgan, Burnett and Rachel Aepelbacher, along with sophomore Mallory Buha, are expected to lead the way. However, VanderMey, vidual medley swimmer,

self heal."

son after she was hit by a Second-year Novi coach Annette VanderMey, who is also Andrea's mother, said Shurmur and Maran

NOVI GIRLS SWIMMING "If (Andrea can't

of their top returners as

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Cui, Briana Schoenek,

all back for their senior

into their junior year look-

ing to help pave the way

to success. Jessica Yan,

who had a strong fresh-

sophomore campaign.

son and maintain that

hard work ethic," said

McNeff. "The swim sea-

son is very long and it can

really wear on the swim-

swimmers from our con-

ference team last year

and we will have to have

some people step up and

fill those spots.'

mers. We lost a lot of

man year, is back for her

will be to keep our focus

throughout the whole sea-

"Our biggest challenge

won't hear up until return,) we will need 4:30 p.m. Aug. 30 when other team members to Novi's swim and dive step up and fills these squad heads to Grosse large gaps in the lineup, Pointe South. Annette VanderMey said, noting that other key ing a strong core on the swimmers are injured

"Two other senior leaders "Strong contingent of are part of what we affectionately call our 'MASH' divers returning, led by Rachel Aepelbacher, that unit. Kelsey Shurmur will do well for us down will re-focus her events this season, giving up the the championship stretch includes Jillian Odom, distance to shorter rac-Lina Davis, Jaymie es to help her shoulder pain, along with Maranda Buha limiting her prac-Ziegler and Lauren Harrington," Annette Vander-Mev said.

tice yardage to help her-With two key graduates and a core of talented Shurmur was a state freshman, the 'Cats will qualifier in the 100 butneed to avoid additional terfly and Maranda Buha was All-State in the 50 injuries to get past their freestyle. Along with Andrea VanderMey, all division rivals, as well as non-league Grosse Pointe South, Bloomfield Hills three were key relay Marian and Beverly Hills team members, too.

boards.

All-American backstro Groves. ker Mallory Buha will "Non-League, we always swim against help carry the load along some pretty tough comwith backstroke state petition outside of our qualifier Morgan and league," Annette Vandersprint relay state team Mey said, "Our first meet member Burnett. of the season is against Aepelbacher, who has a strong east side pro earned All-American diving consideration, is leadgram, Grosse Pointe

South. Always a fast meet and hope to get our girls thinking fast right from the start. Marian and Birmingham Groves are two other match-ups that will test our depth this season, as well."

VanderMey is hoping the new core of freshmen can have the immediate impact her daughter's group of 14 had three years ago. "We also have the stron-

gest freshman class coming in since this group f seniors arrived on the cene," Annette Vander-Mey said. "Key freshman to look out for are Alexandra Cortez, Lauren Kim, Dana Kilponen, Ava Bianchi and Elizabeth Glenn as they prepare to take over the reigns of Novi swim and dive and provide depth to our program. The league, as always, will continue to show strength at all levels - local, county and state - so that makes for very tough dual meets. "We are graduating the strongest senior class to go through Novi High School. Should be a great

year, as these 14 seniors want to go out and leave their mark!



Some of the Novi varsity swim team waits for the clock to tick down before leaving on another lap during their Aug. 17 practice. From bottom are Alexandra Cortez, Lauren Kim, Janice Barnett, Dana Kilponen, Meagan Cortex and

JOHN HEIDERISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Novi's Andrea MacDonough helps the field hockey team in a

mers.

New head coach navigates team into higher division

By Chris Jackett

Youth seems to be a common issue for many of Novi's athletic squads this fall, but the field hockey program is still young itself.

Now in the program's fifth season, inaugural coach Amy Kilgore has taken half a step back to a varsity assistant role while her husband. Kevin Kilgore, who coached JV for the past three years, assumes the varsity head coach role.

With just four seniors returning and three of five student-athletes with national playing experience graduating, the Wildcats will have their hands full as they debut in Division 2 after winning Division 3 last season.

"We have great senior lead ership and a strong group of juniors, so we should fare well," **NOVI FIELD HOCKEY**

two goalkeepers with no varsity experience.' Playing a vital role in this season's trio of transitions will be the remain-

ing two national players, junior Megan Paul and Lauren Brown. "Megan Paul will play in the backfield and Lauren Brown will anchor the forward line," Amy Kilgore said. "Both girls play field hockey year round and have improved dramatically on an already strong skill set.'

Also looking to make an impact are senior Stephanie Eiler and junior Lizzy Malear. "Stephanie Eiler is a senior cap-

tain with great leadership. She will anchor the backfield," Amy Kilgore said. "And junior Lizzy Malear will continue to hold the midfield this year. Last year, as a sophomore, she started at center

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Novi's field hockey team will ump into their tougher contests 11 a.m. Saturday with a doubleheader at East Grand Rapids and a 4:30 p.m. Tuesday battle with powerhouse Ann Arbor Pioneer on the road.

mid, a job usually maintained bv a senior. To have her back at center mid and just a junior will be a huge asset for us."

With the new division, the new head coach and his squad will see a large contingent of tough teams from the likes of Saline, Academy of the Sacred Heart and Detroit Country Day.

"Our toughest match up this year will be against Division 1 and perennial powerhouse Ann Arbor Pioneer," Amy Kilgore said.



By Chris Jackett

Accustomed to success,

challenging feat ahead of them After winning back-to-back

state titles and High Kick titles two and three seasons ago, the 'Cats finished as runners-up at both the events last year. Now, third-year coach Erin Bartos. in her fifth season with the program, will try to get the girls

back on top despite returning just seven varsity squad pom-

NOVI POMPON

"Varsity only has seven returning members, so all seven are crucial to this team,' Bartos said. "I have coached all of them in past seasons and a few of them I have coached all four years since their first year on the (junior varsity) team. The Garden City squad that upended the Wildcats in com-

petition last fall after several challenging attempts in prior seasons will provide the toughest competition once again, Bartos said.

"This group of girls has become accustomed to winning," Bartos said. "The seniors are ready to be leaders on this team and hope to end their pom careers just as they came into the program, as champions.

"Our biggest challenge this season will be our team's inexreturning varsity team members, our team is very young and does not have varsity level competition experience. Bartos said last year's JV

now a varsity assistant coach program, which will help with the transition to varsity for several of the younger Wild-

"We have a great incoming group of girls from our

junior varsity team, which was coached by the current varsity assistant coach. Elvse Bartos," Erin Bartos said. "Last year's JV team won the JV state championships as well as

the JV High Kick Championships. They are strong competitors and are looking for another undefeated season on the varsity team this season.'

The Bartos sisters have also brought on Maria Hernandez as a first-year varsity assistant coach with Novi's program.

coach, sister Elyse Bartos, is during her third year with the

perience. Having only seven

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Wildcat Aaron Quinley goes up for a header during last year's game against Troy High.

this year's success for Wildcats

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

With only two returning starters, Novi's boys soccer team has some work to do to show they're just as talented as in years

Finishing 16-4-0 (9-1-0 KLAA Central) in 2011, the Wildcats were knocked out of the playoffs by eventual Division I champion Canton. With several star players graduating and senior Matt Wilson opting to leave the team and play Wolves Academy club soccer, the offense will look to junior Don Nakashima to keep the ball rolling after subbing in several strong efforts late last season "Offensively Don Nakashima is a return-

ing forward that has a ton of potential and will be counted on heavily," Nov coach Brian O'Leary said. Last year's squad had a lot of depth on a 24-man roster and still returns 14 student-athletes.

"We are obviously a team that lacks varsity game experience, but we had 24 players on the team last year.' O'Leary said. "So we have a decent amount of returning players, they just don't have a lot of high school varsity game experience.

Along with Nakashima and senior netminder Andy Netter, the returning team members include seniors Anton Karamuco, Josh Bowne, Tyler Holt, Clay King, Jon Rice, Tyler Sloan, Mitch Adams and juniors Aric Mann, Nick Oakley and Matt Kiura.

Joining the varsity squad are senior Hiroki

By Sam Eggleston

Correspondent

golf team comes into this sea-

players from last year and the

same goal as usual - win the

division and build from there.

The Mustangs, coached by

Mary Jane Ossola in her ninth

sey Matych and Camilla Zhao

Matych led the Mustangs with

the team-best nine-hold match

score average and Zhao led the

season, return seniors Lind-

from last year. Last season,

team in tournament scoring

finals as an individual.

and earned a trip to the state

But two players from last

son with two returning starting

The Northville Mustangs girls

Novi's boys soccer team (16-4-0, 9-1-0 KLAA Central) was scheduled to open the season Monday by hosting Ann Arbor Skyline before visiting Walled Lake Cen tral last night. The Wildcats host Walled Lake Northern tomorrow,

Sakai, juniors Seiya Ogino, Gabriele DeFrancisco, Parker Sutton, Amitoj Chahal, Jay Kim, Stevie Caruso, sophomore Ryan Kobakof and freshman

Canton Monday and

7 p.m. competitions.

Brighton Wednesday, all

in a homestand string of

Tony Asimadu. "Defensively, my three captains - Mitch Adams, Clay King and Andy Netter - will be counted on heavily," O'Leary said. "Our midfield should be good with Aric Mann, Nick Oakley and Ryan Kobakof playing center mid, and Jon Rice and Tyler Holt playing outside mid."

O'Leary said his squad has adjusted well to the absences of several stars from last year and is looking forward to a very evenly matched Central

Division "Our division will be very competitive and the teams could finish in any order," O'Leary said. "It should be the type of divisional race where the first place team will have a few losses and ties and still be able to finish in first place. I think on any given night any of the teams could win. lose or draw."

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ear's top five means there is a

lot of work to do to fill the gaps.

"Our biggest challenge this

season will be to find our top

five players for the end of the

year tournaments," said Osso-

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LOCAL SPORTS

Team goals remain same for 2012

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Now in his 23rd year patrolling the sidelines of the Northville soccer pitch, Henry Klimes is kind of set in his ways. But if you've ever watched him run a practice or coach a game, or just paid attention to the outcome of nearly every season, you already real

ize that it's not a bad thing at all. Klimes sets the same goals every year for his Mustangs, and those goals are straight for ward: win the division and take a shot for the conference title. Then in the second part of the season, which is the playoffs, they intend to be at the top of their game and compete with anyone thev face.

The Mustangs will be looking to use the experience the team built last year as a launching point toward those season goals, too. This year, the team returns a slew of players who earned plenty of playing time last year. On the defensive side of the ball, the team will be looking to David Lindow, Troy Dolmetsch and Ryan Tish to help lead the team. Offensively, Nate Baughman, a senior, will be expected to lead by example while helping bring newcomer Nick Toupin, a freshman,

up to speed in North-



A Northville Mustang has his hands full with a Canton player in this Aug. 2011 shot.

ville's often high-octane approach to the game. "Not everyone is up to speed," said Klimes.

Northville's strongest play will likely be in the midfield this year with names like Daniel Kubert, Joev Van Houten and Ben Holbrook back "Defense wins games, battle at midfield," said

Klimes. "We expect a lot

from them and we're confident in their abilities to Expected to share time in goal will be juniors Peter Arton and Steven

ty of tough opponents on their schedule, many of which are in the Central Division and the KLAA with them. Salem, Novi and Stevenson are always competitive on the soccer pitch and the Mustangs will have to bring their Agame against them each time they square off, and the Mustangs will start the season off today with a non-conference challenge when they face an always-competitive and

SOCCER ON TAP The Northville soccer team will be on the

visit Saline before visiting Livonia Churchill Monday and Plymouth Wednesday, All three games start at 7 p.m.

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Saline squad at 7 p.m. The Mustangs are already 2-1 on the season, beating a team from Kalamazoo, 2-0, and Stoney Creek, 1-0, in the Portage Invitational. They lost to Rockford, 2-0. The complete North-

ville soccer roster for 2012 includes seniors Nate Baughman (forward), Colin Warner (midfield), Troy Dolmetsch (defense), Daniel Kubert (midfield), Ben Holbrook (midfield) and David Lindow (defense); juniors Peter Arton (goalie), Ryan Tish (defense), Griffin Wasik (defense), Steven Jansen (goalie), Mark Zywiol (midfield), Benedikt Kansy (forward), Conrad Bush (defense), Michael O'brien (midfield), Jared DeBravander (defense), Colin Watkins (midfield), Joey Van

Houten (midfield), Angelo Zannis (forward) and Dovle Long (defense): and lone freshman Nick Toupin (forward).

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The Detroit Catholic

Central Shamrocks soccer

team will be hosting Ann

Arbor Pioneer Saturday

at 2 p.m. before hosting

Midland at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday. The team will

then visit Bedford at 7

p.m. a week from today

into the season full of ded-

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This year's team are

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CC BOYS SOCCER By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks will be taking the field with a few goals in mind. First and foremost, they need to get to know each other

a little better. The Shamrocks are in what could be considered a "building year" as the squad doesn't come into the season with any true stars standing out above the rest. What's more is they are now under the guidance of former Cath olic Central assistant coach of five years and first-year CC head coach Gene Pulice. He spent 26 vears as a head coach prior to coming to CC. "(We will be) keeping the team focused on small, short-term goals,' said Pulice about how to keep the team together

and on track this season 'We have a great group of guys and parents and no real hurdles." Pulice did say that

though his team isn't chocked full of super stars, they have a very solid goal of working toward creating a "whole team of stars by tournament time." The Shamrocks are

extremely coachable this year, said Pulice, and noted that the squad came

er), Alwin David (defender/midfielder), Jack Cox Mustangs looking for division championship

Ye, junior Chloe Page and soph-omore Katie Childers to (step up and compete for playing time)," said Ossola. "To really compete and reach our goals we will need a combination of those girls to shoot in the mid 40s to complement Lindsey and Camilla. I am pretty confident

we can get there.' Member of this year's golf team are Madison Berman. Sabrina Bernardo, Madeline Blomberg, Katie Childers, Amanda Ciccarelli, Alyse Clevenger, Gerianna Dauber, Jen Kowalczyk, Lindsey Matych, Elizabeth McGowan, Chloe Page, Nicole Saez, Shannon Williams, Megan Ye, Victoria

The Mustangs did start their season already, playing in the Highest Honor's Girls Invitational at Huron Meadows. The team finished sixth out of 24 teams with a 348. The winner of the tournament was Seaholm with a 322. Matych led the Mustangs with an 80 on the day while

Zhao shot an 84, Ye an 89 and Williams a 95. "Not a bad start for us," said Ossola. "We had some really solid ball striking and after play. The girls all agreed they need to work on putting and their short game."

Two teams that finished ahead of Northville were Novi (342) and South Lyon (343).

Wildcats swinging for success this fall

tion at practice and try to work

Northville's goals this year

are to win the Central Division

and compete for the top three

spots in the highly-competitive

Kensington Conference. Novi

and South Lyon, which start the

season with more experienced

the way. Ossola said this year's

since the KLAA was formed.

Central Division is the strongest

The team also hopes to quality

for the state final - last year was

the first time Northville missed

taking the trip to the champion-

ship tournament in eight years.

"We will be looking for

seniors Amanda Ciccarelli.

teams overall, will be standing in

on the fundamentals we are

stressing," said Ossola.

By Chris Jackett

If the Aug. 16 Milford Invitational is any indicator, this could be a good season for Novi's girls golf team.

In their first race of the season, the Wildcats finished third of 24 teams with a four-person score of 342.

Junior Lauren Cojei's score of 79 led the way, teaming with sophomore Katelyn Henry (81), senior Ally Krick (86) and a tie for the fourth

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spot between senior Anna Greulich and junior Hannah Wagenberg, both with 96. The scores were career lows for Cojei. Henry and Krick. "Hannah and Ally have

shown that they are capable of shooting in the mid to low 80s," said Novi coach Debra Harris, who is now in her 23rd season with the girls program. "Katelyn Henry, sophomore, had moment of greatness last year for a freshman. She has been

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Novi's girls golfers (6-6, 5-5 KLAA Central in 2011) were set to participate in the Traverse City Central Invitational at Grand Traverse Resort Aug. 20-21 before jumping into division play at baseline rival Northville 2 p.m. Tuesday.

developing and working hard. She has great potential to be in a two or three position for us. She had a great tournament this

past week. She broke into the 80s for the first time." If the Wildcats can keep up the pace, they hope to improve on a disappointing finish last season that left the squad with a 6-6 (5-5 KLAA Central)

record. "Last year we did not finish strong and we will need to be better at matches during the school year," Harris said. "South Lyon, Northville and us will be battling it out. We were within six strokes of each other in a tournament last week.'

Losing just one of its core players, Harris hopes the extra year of experience and practice on the fairways will help her squad stay consistently strong throughout the season.

Along with Wagenberg, Krick and Greulich, Harris expects senior Aparna Yechoor to make an impact on the final few spots of the Wildcats' lineup while Cojei and Henry continue to improve in the front of the pack.

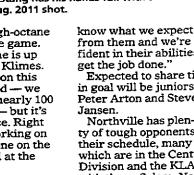
"These four players

were right in the mix last year as support players and will be key to us being good verses great," Harris said of the quartet. "There are some players that have worked hard (in) the offseason to

try to be in the top six." Harris said seniors Lauren Henry, Ashley Penzato, sophomores Claire Kalina, Madison Kroetsch and senior transfer Sabrina Lagace have all shown potential in recent weeks and could add an extra layer of depth to Novi's lineup.



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"Every player on this team is talented --- we took 20 out of nearly 100 who tried out - but it's a different pace. Right now we are working on getting everyone on the same page and at the same speed."

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Last year's depth could lead to

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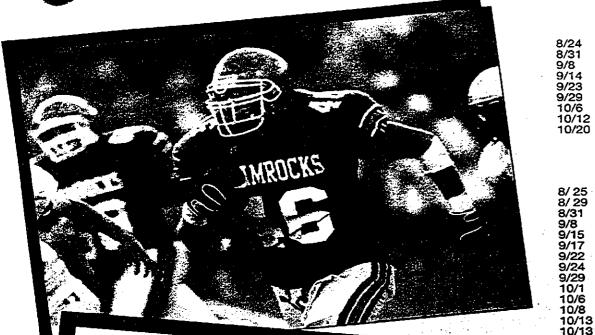
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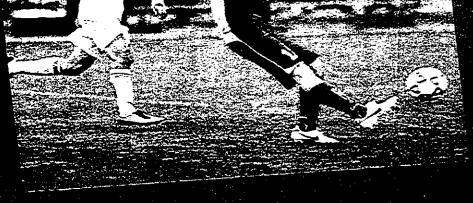
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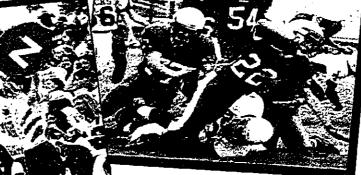
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VOLLEYBALL

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Bulk of netters return to lineup

By Chris Jackett

With 10 of the squad's top 14 student-athletes returning from a team that finished fourth in Division I, Novi's boys tennis team will have a target on their back against a long line of tough opponents this season.

The KLAA champion Wildcats' entire single: lineup NOVI BOYS is back TENNIS

from the team's 11-0 (5-0 KLAA Central) season in 2011. However, four singles state champion Andrew Ying (27-2 in 2011), a junior, is battling for the one dou bles spot in a pairing with senior Jason Carless, who played one doubles last

year and went 23-4. Senior Nishant Kakar and junior Michael Chang, who played three and four doubles respectively last year, are also

competing for the top doubles flight Taking Ying's four singles flight position is freshman

Koushik Kondani. "(Kondapi is a) solid player with lots of USTA experience," said Novi coach Jim Hanson, who is in his 19th season coaching the boys program.

Sophomore Tim Wang. senior Pavan Rao and sophomore Andre Liu will all return to their respective one through three singles flights.

"(Wang) will play one singles this year," Hanson said. "Tim played one singles last year. Wang earned a 15-6 record and All-State hon-

ors in 2011, while Rac went 19-5 and Liu 13-6.

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ON TAP The Novi boys tennis squad (11-0 in 2011) is starting the season with a lot of the state's best

competition. Scheduled to compete in the Rochester Tournament two days ago, the 'Cats now battle at Bloomfield Hills Andover 9 a.m. Friday, at East Grand Rapids 9 a.m. Monday and at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational 8 a.m. Aug. 30.

Rao was also the KLAA champion in his flight.

With one doubles player graduating from each flight last spring, just about everyone has a new partner. However, juniors Shashank Chitta and Kevin Xu are capitalizing on their experience at five doubles last season and are now vying for the three doubles spot. Chitta was 14-1 after stepping into four singles to win the KLAA title when Liu was injured, while Xu went 8-2 en route to a dive doubles KLAA title.

The pair is battling senior Jon Thompson and freshman Maxx Anderson for the three spot. Thomson went 24-3 at four doubles last year. while Anderson is making his high school debut. "Another good fresh

man player with USTA experience," Hanson said of Anderson. Six seniors who were on junior varsity last year are vying for the five doubles position. Paired together in that battle is Achuta Doddipatla and Harrison Halley, Omar Freij and Moynawk Gangopadhayay, and Neel Bhattacharyya and Akhil Nistala.

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Strong singles flights return to squad

By Sam Eggleston Corresponder

Matt Stetson isn't complaining when he says his team needs some work to get the doubles flights on par with his singles line-up. In fact, it's a good problem to have because his singles line-up is no doubt going to be one of the best in the state.

Entering his ninth season as head coach for the boys squad and following a fifth-place finish in the state last year, Stetson knows a good thing when he sees one, and he sees a good thing in his single players. His No. 1 singles player, senior Tyler Gardiner, is a University of Michigan recruit and a returning state champion in his flight. His No. 3 singles player, Nate Albanelli, returns to play the same flight for the third-straight year. making him a favorite in nearly every match.

Plaving at No. 2 singles this year will be Connor Johnston, a freshman who is quite talented and ranked nationally in several polls, while senior Rahul Raj will play fourth singles in the top-notch

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"Our biggest challenge this year will be developing our doubles," said Stetson. "We returned three of our four singles players, but we had to replace three doubles players, which has actually led to four new teams for us this

Thankfully the doubles flights have senior Matt Evasic to lead by example. He was an All State honorable mention player at No. 1 doubles last year and returns there this year with fellow senior Brian Manney. At No. 2 doubles will be Bren

dan Slovisky, a senior, and sophomore Andrew Schafer, Senior Ben Crabil and junior Veer Shah will play at third doubles while sophomore Jason Wang and freshman Oliver Daniel will be penciled in at No.

4 doubles. Looking to earn time in the rotation will be the teams of sophomore Nick Chatas and Sophomore Dan Baldwin, junior Sam McCutcheon and freshman Evan Simoff and junior Anthony Kang and senior Dan Janokovski.

"The talent is there, but we need to put it all together at the right times." said Stetson of his doubles teams. The Mustangs already started the season off

on the right foot with a first-place finish in the Traverse City Central Invitational last Saturday. Gardiner, Johnston, Albanelli and Raj all went 3-0 and won their flights while all of the

doubles teams finished second or third in their respective flights. Northville won't have an easy season with their tough schedule ahead of them, however. They are expecting to play every top-10 ranked team in the

state, including Detroit Catholic Central and Novi, which finished third and fourth in the state last year, respectively, and are both in Northville's regional. That doesn't change the team's goals this

year "Last year's fifth place finish in the state was the program's best-ever finsaid Stetson. "Our goal this year is to duplicate last year's finish and maybe even improve. We also have it as a goal to win the division, conference, association, and the regional, but these are all going to be tough goals since Novi is in all of them and CC is in region als as well."

The Northville Mustangs girls cross countakes to win. Last year. the squad went 5-0 in dual meets, won the

ing sixth at the state want to be better. The Mustangs, led 12th season at North ville, returns a ton of talent from last year coming back for her

'Stangs boast largest team ever

By Sam Eggleston

With nearly two decades of coaching experience, one might say that Northville boys cross country coach Chris Cronin has seen it all. Up until this year however, he had never seen the Northville Mustangs boys program with 50 runners on the roster — the largest ever for the program Northville's success has no doubt helped

breed interest in the program. Last year, the team went 5-0 in the Central Division to win the crown and went on





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Squad looks to gain experience, improve daily CC BOYS TENNIS By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

Heading into his 10th season as the head coach of the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks varsity tennis team, Joe Stafford can pretty much tell what his teams need with in a few days of practicing. This season. Stafford said his squad is in need of some experience. Of course, that experience will come, especial-

with the tough schedule the Shamrocks have ahead of them this season. While the inexperi

enced players are doing their best to learn the ins and outs of the fast-paced

varsity game, the Shamrocks will no doubt be looking to their returning players to set the pace. Returning at No. 1 singles this year is Michae Dube, a junior, who went

25-5 last year and made it to the state semifinals before bowing out. Also returning is Michael Turpiano, a senior captain who will be playing No.

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The Shamrocks will play on the road in the Grand Blanc Tournament at 8 a.m. Saturday before hosting Detroit Country Day at 4 p.m. Monday.

2 singles this year after winning the state championship in the third singles flight last year and at fourth singles in 2010. Also returning this year is Gabe Apaza, a sopho-

ing at No. 3 singles. Last year he played at the second doubles flight with Matt Hermiz and went undefeated until the state championship game. The duo finished with a 21-1 record. But the experience tapers off in a hurry after

more who will be play

that point for the Shamrocks, who went 11-1-2 last season, won the Catholic High School League championship and the regional title before taking third in the state finals.

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Hard-working harriers pushing to be the best

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

try team knows what it Central Division and the Kensington Conference and took the top spot in the regional before plac-

This year? Well, they by Nancy Smith in her with senior Erin Dunne final season as a Mustang. She'll be joined by returning stand-

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outs Taleen Shahrigian. Rachel Coleman. Nicole Mosteller, Erin Zimmer and Alison Robinson all in the junior class.

Other returning runners who are expected to contribute are seniors Katie Vandervoort, Claire Courtney, Alex Rodriguez, Halle Tyburski and Alex Dravbuck and junior Grace Doolittle. The Mustangs' only loss from last year's top-sev en was Gina McNamara, who graduated in the

spring. Northville also expects to have potential impact from newcomers Lexa Barrott, Emma Herrmann and

Hallie Harris — all freshmen. Smith said the team's

biggest challenge this year is staying focused and mentally strong throughout the entirety of the schedule which includes several big invitationals. "(We also have to worl

on) getting the whole team to challenge themselves during practice day in and day out." said Smith. "And learning how to race hard from the start and not sit back." Smith said she's hap-

py with how hard her team is working and the dedication they've been showing already this year. She said her team is full of girls who "motivate each other to do their best day in and day out."

"They also each have high expectations individually and for the team," said smith. "We are a very deep, talent ed team, so they will challenge each other. which will ultimately

make us better." Northville's goals this season include winning the division, the conference and the regional and to finish in the top three in the state finals Standing in the way of Northville's goals this vear will be tough teams from Novi, Churchill, Saline, Grosse Pointe South and Seaholm, as well as the top-ranked teams the Mustangs will face in their invitational tournaments this year.

Wildcats return all four starters

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Novi's girls cross coun-

try team hit the ground

running 4 p.m. Tues-

day at the Northville's

Mustang Invite on the

grounds of Cass Benton,

Plymouth Salem. Birming-

ham Seaholm will also test

the girls in non-league play

Although the starters

fairly young. Reid said

"inexperience and com-

petitive toughness" will

hurdles early in the sea-

be the team's toughest

son, but she maintains

the hopes of getting the

if each can reach their

strides at the right time

potential and hit their

core four to the state meet

are returning, they're still

which also serves as

Novi's home park.

By Chris Jackett

With the entire starting core returning for Novi's girls cross country team the Wildcats are hoping to improve on last sea son's fourth-place KLAA Kensington Conference and third-place Central Division finishes. Novi coach Marsha Reid, in her eighth season at the helm. said three-time state qualifier Jackie Mullins, a senior, would again lead the pack that consists of juniors Kari Grandstaff, Karissa Koomen and sophomore Hannah Lonergan. "All three have the

potential to compete at a level that will qualify them for the state meet, Reid said. In order for all four Wild-

cats to make it to the state meet, they'll have to get nast some quick competi tion from Northville and

Competitive KLAA doesn't discourage Wildcats

By Chris Jackett

Entering his 30th season at the helm, Novi boys cross country coach Rob ert Smith is going to have to use a core of upperclassmen and even more young Wildcats to take on the holes left by several key graduates last year. Finishing 3-2 in the KLAA Central Division last fall, Novi's frontrunner looks to be junior Brian Barnes (personal best of

16 minutes 50 seconds), followed by a core of senior Ben Jenkins (16:54), junio Cameron Richman (17:30), seniors Tim MacPherson

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Novi's boys cross coun try squad kicks off the season 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the South Island Invitational, hosted by Island Lake Recreation Area in Milford.

(17:38), Allen Potter (17:39), sophomore Casey Croad (17:50) and senior Josh Squires (18:00). Smith said the league

would be one of the tough est around again, with big meets against both Northville and South Lyon. With in the association. it may as well be a state meet.

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to win its second KLAA Conference Championshin in as many years. What's more is the Mus tangs qualified three harriers to race in the state finals at the end of the year.

'Our biggest challenge is staying hungry," said Cronin. "Winning the KLAA two but we have to bring our 'A' race each time out, or teams like Canto knock us off.'

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took 11th in the state as sophomores Jason Ferrante and Sean McCullough.

The Mustangs' line up thus far in the season appears to be Sims running in the top spot. followed by Ferrante, McCullough and Noles while sophomore Sam to be penciled in as the expected fifth runner for the team. Outside

are still wide open. "I want to see guvs really getting after it in practice and at meets to earn these spots," said Cronin. "If that happens our team will be solid." In order to achieve the team goals of winning the division and conference titles as well as qualifying as a team for the state finals. Cronin

sixth and seventh spots

said his team needs con sistent performances each time they go out. In order to have that, each runner must race to their potential. "That will be our num ber one focus in 2012,"

he said.



years in a row is great, ton, Novi, Stevenson and Plymouth will be ready Northville does return

a few weapons to its line-up, including junior Dan Sims, a junior who last season. Also returning is sophomore Nick Noles, who took 29th in the state in 2011, as well

Kremke has stepped up of that, said Cronin, the

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Moving? Make sure your possessions are protected by planning ahead

The average American makes 11.7 moves during a lifetime, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's about one in six people pulling up stakes each vear

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With so many on the move to new homes, new cities and new opportunities, it's important to protect household items while in transit or in storage before arrival at the new location, according to Charles Valinotti.

head of product and underwriting with insurer OBE. Your homeowner's insurance

policy will protect your personal possessions, whether they're located in your home or in a moving truck. However. Valinotti cautions that there may be a time limit attached to the coverage, such as a 30-day period, and your policy may only cover up to certain dollar limits on property being moved or stored.

"Ask your agent to explain the level of coverage, what exactly is covered and confirm that your items are insured if you have to store them." he savs Other points to keep in mind as

you hit the road: If you're using a professional moving company or shipper verify that they're insured and bonded to cover damage they may be responsible for. Valinotti says to keep in mind most movers limit their responsibility to basic damage amounts: "You may want to check into buying additional insurance to make sure you're adequately covered during your move."

· If you're packing and moving yourself with a rented truck, take a look at your auto insurance policy. Many policies will cover rental trucks, but only up to a certain weight. "Don't assume your policy covers you when you're behind the wheel of a 26-foot, 13,000-pound moving truck," he says.

 In a self-move, careful packing is critical, as well as keeping your property locked up and secured along the way.

 Note the condition of your items being relocated. Then if



you have a claim, the condition of your possessions will be docunented Know the value of high-dollar items that will be making the

move. "Make a complete list of

everything," Valinotti suggests.

"Take photos and, if necessary,

get appraisals of these items before the move." Valinotti says before a move is a good time to review your overall insurance coverage to make sure you're adequately covered and whether you need to increase your limits. "A good

look at insurance coverage every couple of years is something everyone should do," he says. "And you don't have to wait until, you're ready to pack up and relocate.

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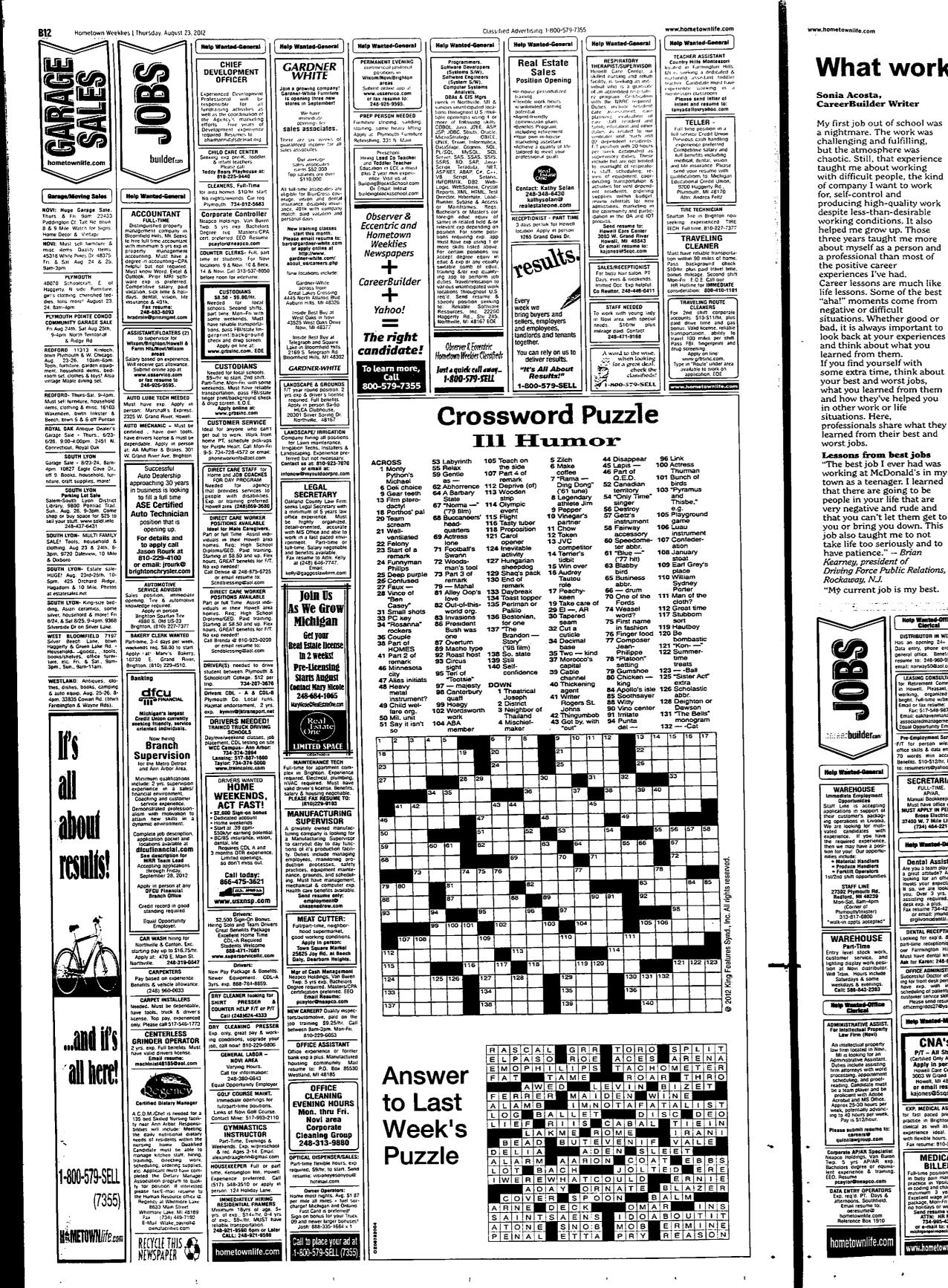
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What workers learned from their best and worst jobs

My first job out of school was a nightmare. The work was chaotic. Still, that experience with difficult people, the kind of company I want to work producing high-quality work despite less-than-desirable working conditions. It also three years taught me more about myself as a person and a professional than most of Career lessons are much like

"aha!" moments come from situations. Whether good or bad, it is always important to look back at your experiences

some extra time, think about what you learned from them and how they've helped you professionals share what they

learned from their best and Lessons from best jobs "The best job I ever had was

working at McDonald's in my town as a teenager. I learned that there are going to be people in your life that are very negative and rude and that you can't let them get to you or bring you down. This iob also taught me to not take life too seriously and to

"My current job is my best.

This experience has taught me that you can actually love work. I love coming into work every day and miss seeing co-workers when we have a few days off. It has also shown me that you can have a fun environment and still be extremely efficient." - Kelsey Meyer, vice president of Digital Talent Agents, Columbia, Mo.

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your best jobs ever. Recognition and a happy office are key." -- Ashli Norton, co-founder of Workitywork.com, Atlanta Lessons from worst jobs "One of my worst jobs was working a concession stand at a golf course. I originally was the drink-cart girl and decided to pick up some shifts. While preparing food was not the most exciting thing in the world to me, and I barely lasted a summer doing it, I learned a lot about myself. I learned patience, understanding and my ability to have a conversation with anyone at any age from any background. I also learned that people really just want someone who listens, gives objective advice and is honest." -- Jessica Cudlin, account assistant at RMD Advertising, Columbus, Ohio "My worst job was at a chip assembly line. My job was to pick out the burnt potato chips as they went down the assembly line. Every hour or so, a "Flintstones"-type whistle would blow and

everyone would take a smoke Greenleigh, manager of break. Lesson learned? Never content and social strategy at work a monotonous job. It'll suck out your brain." -- Julie Austin, CEO of Creative Innovation, Los Angeles "My worst job taught me the warning signs to look for when considering a new position. I worked as a receptionist at a small law firm, and it took me a few months to recognize how unprofessional the company culture was. Since it was a family-run business. favoritism was the driving force of many executive decisions. There was also no employee handbook, which I now realize is a major red flag." -- Mimi West, CEO of My Dream Teacher, Provo, Utah "My worst job was doing collections on business owners at the height of the recession. For all the sad conversations I had to get into, I learned something really valuable. People like to do business with people they like personally. They make emotional decisions more often than they make

calculated decisions." -- Ian

Bazaarvoice, Austin, Texas "I held my worst job position for two years, working for a small boutique chain doing sales and stock management. My employer suffered from bipolar disorder and frequently took out his angst on his employees. While I was employed there. I learned that in order to keep your job and make yourself valuable to your employer regardless of whether or not he is nice to you -- find something that makes you invaluable to your company Whether it be a skill or job you can undertake, make yourself an employee that they can't afford to do without."-- Rachel Margaritas, director of public relations at ViralFashion.com, New York

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