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For more than 35 years, the Novi Choralaires have been entertaining audiences with bi-annual concerts of music and song. The Choralaires are seeking to discover and recruit vocal musicians from the Novi area. You are invited to join them for their 7:30 p.m. rehearsal on Tuesday, Sept. 11 and audition with director Liz Wolber afterwards. Please visit www.novichoralaires.org for additional details and to let them know if you plan to attend.

Great Lakes ~ Great Tastes

Detroit and Michigan Public Television stations recently launched a new pilot program, Great Lakes ~ Great Tastes, which wanders the state telling the stories of its finest chefs, as well as boutique food and beverage producers. After rolling out the initial installment in July and August, the producers of Great Lakes ~ Great Tastes are presenting a delectable inaugural dinner at the Toasted Oak Grill and Market inside the Barquette Hotel in Novi from 5:30-11 p.m. Sept. 21. The dinner will feature four stars in the Michigan culinary universe: Toasted Oak Grill (Novi); Valentine Vodka (Ferndale); Evergreen Lane Creamery (Fennville); and Brownwood Farms (Traverse City). The event, labeled Michigan Flavors, is being held as a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that grants special wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$55 per person or \$100 per couple. A reserved table of 10 is \$450. All are available online at www.michiganflavors.com or can be purchased at the Toasted Oak Grill.

Novi seeks county funds for Eight Mile

Upgrades would begin next year



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 Improvements to non-motorized traffic may take place along Eight Mile from Napier to Taft - including this section near ITC Community Sports Park.

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

The city of Novi is looking to use some of the \$3 million in unused Tri-Party Program funds available to Oakland County communities for road improvement projects.

Communities interested in applying for some of the available funds were asked to submit a request identifying the project and amount of funding needed to the Road Commission of Oakland County by Sept. 5. Novi did so and is looking for help on a nearly \$5 million project.

"The County Board of Commissioners wants to make sure these dollars are used to improve our roads and do not languish in a bank account," Oakland County Board Chairman

Mike Gingell said. "I am very pleased that we are ensuring that these dollars will be put to good use as quickly as possible."

According to Victor Cardenas, Novi's assistant city manager, Novi would like to use some of these funds for a project on Eight Mile Road from Napier to Taft roads. This

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 Every time she passes by her family while riding the carousel, Lily Commings, 6, does a big Hollywood-style wave. With her is her aunt Barb Konstanko, rear.

State fair exceeds all expectations

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

"Exceeded expectations" is how Suburban

Collection Showplace President Blair Bowman described the first Great Lakes State Fair, which took place this past

weekend. "It was incredible," Bowman said of

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Verma one of only two Indians to represent state

Democrats' national convention in North Carolina this week

By Cal Stone
 Staff Writer

Novi resident Ramesh Verma was chosen as an elected District 11 precinct delegate to attend the National Democratic Convention, which wraps up today in Charlotte, N.C., with President Barack Obama accepting his party's nomination.

Verma is very active in the campaigns of Obama and Dr. Syed Taj for U.S. Congress and is serving his second two-year term as treasurer of the Michigan Democratic Party.

"I am honored and privileged to have been elected to represent in the large Michigan delegation to Democratic Convention," said Verma, who began his trip down south on Monday with his wife and about 500 fellow Michiganians. "This is the first time I got elected. I tried about 10 years ago. This time my district recommended me, and I'm so excited to go



Ramesh Verma

there."

He said he wanted to enjoy the experience instead of spending a lot of time on his laptop communicating updates via Facebook.

Verma is one of more than 200 delegates from Michigan, and is the only delegate from Novi chosen to attend. Once there, he said they would choose their representative to verbally cast their votes for Obama when asked by the speaker.

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Older Adult Services moves its main office

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

To adjust with the times and offer a better service to Novi seniors and older adults, the main office for Novi's Older Adult Services, part of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, has moved from Meadowbrook Commons to the Civic Center.



Novi's Older Adult Services office is located just off the main lobby in the Novi Civic Center.

This was done to make it more central, give it more space options and allow it to be fully integrated with city services, Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said.

According to Rachel Zagaroli, Older Adult Services manager, the move that started last week is now complete. She said after a decade at Meadowbrook Commons, it now made sense to move to the main municipal building at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

"This is an exciting, new challenge and a great opportunity for us to expand our programs ... but it is sad to leave the old office after nine years or so," Zagaroli said. "It's a great location with many residents there on a day-to-day basis, so it was very helpful and fun to

interact with them."

Zagaroli will still make weekly visits to the center at Meadowbrook Commons, but said the group just got out of it.

The new location offers a new dynamic, with other offices like Novi Youth Assistance and the city manager's down the hall or on the second floor. This not only makes it more centralized, but it's also more neutral so it appeals to all residents.

The new spot also has



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Novi has moved its offices for Older Adult Services into an office off the main lobby of the Novi Civic Center. From left are Sandra Fisher, Karen Kapchonic, and Older Adult Services Manager Rachel Zagaroli. Fisher is the offices Social Service Coordinator, and Kapchonic is Recreation Program administrator.

The senior center at Meadowbrook Commons will continue to do what it does best by offering hundreds of programs monthly, which include special events, fitness, dances and computer classes.

However, residents have begun to notice the

change. The staff has seen many peeking into and dropping by the new office to talk. This helps give it the same welcoming feeling felt at the senior center.

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Pastor seeks to help church grow in faith, service

By Julie Brown
 Staff Writer

Dan Huckins understands the tendency to blame God when things go wrong.

"I think that's pretty normal," said Huckins, 47, the new lead pastor at First Church of the Nazarene in Northville. Even devout worshippers get irritated with God, he says.

"I think it's to stay engaged with God," he said of the answer, not turning your back on God. "Rather than run from God, I think the best course is to run to."

Some of us tend to take credit for our successes and blame God for shortcomings.

"So many of those bad things are just a part of

life," often arising from our own and others' choices, he said. "He's not the cause of what's going on. Rather, he's the healer and redeemer of all those things."

Americans often expect affluence, Huckins has found, unlike Christians elsewhere. "They understand that life is not always easy. They're less likely to be blaming God."

Huckins and his family recently arrived from Lima, Ohio, where he served at Lima Community Church, a Nazarene congregation. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Illinois University, and only worked briefly in that field.

Graduate school took Huckins to Garrett-Evan-

gelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., for a master of divinity degree and Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., for a doctor of ministry degree. He was given his first small church in Illinois at age 21. This is his 27th year as a pastor.

"God called me to do it. There's no easier way to explain it, quite honestly," said Huckins, who felt an inner voice calling him to the ministry.

He was born and raised in the United Methodist Church, with his dad a United Methodist pastor. The Nazarene church came out of the United Methodist in the early 20th century, he said, and shares a similar historical background.

Attendance at the two

Sunday services at his Northville church adds up to a little over 500.

"My theme is outreach, particularly to those who do not have a church home," Huckins said.

The church has a strong focus on local and foreign missions, with the latter done through the denomination.

Huckins and wife Pam have three children ages 24, 22 and 13. Their oldest son is in North Carolina, the next oldest son in Ohio and their daughter at home with them.

The family's in the process of buying a home in Farmington Hills. Huckins preached his first sermon Aug. 19 on courage, acknowledging with a smile it takes some courage to preach "even after many years of doing it."

He appreciates the warm welcome. "It's been terrific," he said, citing a welcoming reception. Huckins works with three other staff pastors, two part-time pastors and support staff.

He'd like to grow the church beyond attendance in terms of fully devoted followers of Christ. His predecessor, Ron Blake, became a district superintendent with the church in Indiana.

In free time, Huckins enjoys being with his family. "I like to fish, I like to read." He likes sports, exercise, and motorcycles, although he doesn't own one.

The church's location near Eight Mile and Hag-



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Dan Huckins is the new pastor at Northville's First Church of the Nazarene at 21260 Haggerty Road.

gerty, with visibility from I-275, helps.

"It is a great location, I've got to say that," the pastor said.

"It's a challenging time for churches in our country. We hope to be part of the solution," Huckins said.

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Walsh professor brings color into the black and white world of business and law

By Cal Stone
 Staff Writer

Dan Hoops' recent trip to Switzerland was brief, but it didn't take the Walsh College assistant professor long to find out how differently Europeans and Americans view the controversial Heidelberg Project in Detroit.

Hoops, a graduate of Novi High School, teaches in the college's Taxation and Business Law Department, but he also provides legal and business consultation to metro-Detroit musicians, non-profit institutions and artists.

Through the latter, he got involved with the Heidelberg street art project, serving on the board for 11 years and is currently general counsel and on the advisory council.

"The trip gave me an opportunity to discuss the Heidelberg Project and its unique challenges to an attorney under American law," said Hoops. "Much of Europe sees it for what it stands for and appreciates it and are shocked when they discover that it is not embraced."



Dan Hoops, a Walsh College professor, joined Heidelberg Project creator and Detroit artist Tyree Guyton at his exhibition at the Bollag Project Space in Basel, Switzerland on Aug. 16.

Hoops joined Heidelberg Project creator and Detroit artist Tyree Guyton at his exhibition at the Bollag Project Space in Basel, Switzerland, on Aug. 16. Guyton has been working in Basel as part of a prestigious, one-year residency at the Laureenz House, University of Basel. His presentation featured new installations as well as his reflection on 25 years of the Heidelberg Project.

"We had an opportunity to visit with a group in Basel who are involved with an outdoor art project, similar to the Heidelberg Project, that involved refugees from Syria and other nations at war," said Hoops. "The purpose of this project was to call attention to the plight of these people, but also give them something to do until their status was determined by the Swiss government."

The Heidelberg Project outdoor community art environment was created by Guyton in 1986, beginning as an artistic response to neighborhood issues. Since its inception, the Heidelberg Project has been the subject of several legal and political disputes.

"Overall, I was most taken by the interest the Swiss and German busi-

ness and art communities had in Tyree's work, their knowledge of the Heidelberg Project and their sincere generosity," said Hoops. "It was wonderful and refreshing to be part of it."

Hoops was invited by the Laureenz House to join Guyton's presentation, discussing with University of Basel students as well as friends and partners of the Laureenz House several legal issues surrounding the Heidelberg Project, including:

- The Heidelberg Project vs. City of Detroit: discussion of the different legal challenges.
- Legal Artscape: discussion of how the Heidelberg Project touches and concerns so many different areas of American law.
- Protecting the Heidelberg Project: the legal techniques and strategies to maintain the Heidelberg Project, such as copyright, tax and corporate law.

Hoops' trip lasted only a few days, but now that he's back stateside, he's ready to share his trip with his students at Walsh.

"I look forward to bringing this real-world experience into my classroom; understanding and appreciating the arts is important for students entering the world of business," said Hoops. "It is not always just the numbers and results in the corporate environment; community and culture are important too."

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Artwork by Guyton.

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School days



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Village Oaks Elementary School teacher Meghan Ashkanani begins the academic year with some of her charges on Sept. 4 - the first day of classes in the Novi School District. Village Oaks' student count climbed by ten from last year to 472.



Village Oaks students Jerry Watson, left, and Matthew Whitcher work on art projects on Sept. 4 - their first day of classes.



Principal Sue Burnham monitors the lunchroom of Village Oaks on Sept. 4. Village Oaks has about 472 students this year, about ten more than last.

Novi schools organize curriculum to reach district goals

The Novi Community School District is excited to announce the launch of the Atlas Rubicon K-12 district curriculum mapping system. Novi is the first district in Oakland County to release this new organizational tool to the public. This system allows students, parents and educators to easily view the curriculum expectations of each grade level and subject in the core content areas. "We believe that this valuable tool will provide a consistent, clear understanding for all stakeholders of the teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms," said Steve Matthews, Novi superintendent. The maps in the Atlas system are the result of the collaborative effort of Novi's K-12 teaching staff, administrators and Oakland Schools, who spent over 8500 hours reaching a consensus on the curriculum and creating this two-dimensional graph of instruction and learning. The Novi Schools' curriculum in

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Visit the Atlas link on the Novi Schools website under Parents and Community: www.novi.k12.mi.us/parentscommunity/atlas/.

Atlas not only meets but often exceeds the state standards, according to Matthews. "Educators worked together in various groupings, beyond the scope of grade level and subject area, to make certain the content provides the foundation for ensuring that each student will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time and that all students will achieve at a high level, two of the four district goals," he said. Novi's Atlas curriculum maps provide a vital communication link between school and home to provide parents an overview of what is being taught in the classroom. "You will be able to visit a live of main topics, essential questions, content, and skills for each core subject at each grade level," said Matthews. "Utilizing Atlas Rubicon, parents and guardians will have an opportunity to reinforce at home the focus of learning that takes place at school." While it is difficult for a two-dimensional map or graph to capture the multi-dimensional teaching and learning that takes place each and every day, Atlas Rubicon will be continuously reviewed and adjusted to meet the needs of our learners. "We hope that you will utilize Atlas and provide us with feedback as we strive together to fulfill Novi School's vision of developing each student's potential with a world-class education," said Matthews.

Maintaining focus on learning after that 'new' feeling fades

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist

How long does a new feeling last? With a new car there is a distinctive smell and feel. I don't get a new car all that often but when I do I take care of the car. I try to keep it clean and neat. I park it so that the doors won't get nicked and scratched. New shoes look good. I like new shoes that look and fit well. I try to avoid the mud. I clean them regularly. That "new" feeling is fun and exciting. But once that "new" experience is over, what happens next? The new car smell fades. Usually because it is replaced by the smells of old french fries and sweaty gym socks. As we begin the new school year here in Novi, it's not the "new" feeling that is important to me. What is important is the excitement, the interest, and the focus that beginning the school year provides. As I think of the new school year, I want us to find ways to keep the excitement of the new school year going all year long.

Our new school year started in Novi on Sept. 4. How long can we remain interested and excited about the new school year? Our students and teachers experience many new things when the school year starts. Teachers see new faces come through the door. Learning to figure out how to relate to each student, discovering what skills and knowledge each student possesses are all part of the new school year. Students have similar experiences. Where do I catch the bus? How long will the ride be? Who is in my class? What is this teacher like? How hard will I have to work in this class? These questions, and many more like them, fill the minds of our students. But now, just three days into the school

year, some of the newness is beginning to wear off. Instead of eagerly waking up and getting out of bed, the alarm clock is not as inviting as it was on that first day of school. The bus ride seems boring. Just three days into the school year it can be hard to remember that this is the beginning of a new school year. It is almost impossible to maintain the enthusiasm that accompanies the start of the new school year. But that does not mean that our focus or our interest in school has to wane. What can we do to remain excited about school over the course of the school year?

Parents can establish a connection with the teacher and with the school. Read newsletters that are sent home. Email the teacher with questions or concerns. Email the teacher to let them know good things as well, like the enthusiasm a child has for a certain lesson or school experience. Parents can participate in events at the school, such as Back-to-School night or Curriculum Night. Teachers are constantly looking for new ways to create interest in lessons that they may have taught many times before. Teachers also look for connections with the world outside of school to drive home the importance of a particular lesson. Students can also create ways to maintain their interest and focus at school. At the elementary level we are helping students learn how to use data notebooks to set goals and track their progress. By setting goals and working to achieve them students will be able to see how what they are doing at school is helping them learn new things and develop their knowledge and skills. The new school year has started with promise here in Novi. Working together - teachers, parents, and students - we can maintain our interest and focus throughout the year. Steve Matthews is the superintendent 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.



Steve Matthews

Distance can separate Novi pianist, his Chicago-based teacher Skype allows instruction via web

By Ashley M. Kennett
Correspondent

Novi native Leonard Washington had only been playing piano for a year when he came across Chicago-based piano teacher Mark Miller's videos on YouTube. Looking to improve his piano skills, Washington knew Miller's expertise was exactly what he was looking for. "I was watching his videos, and there was a lot of logic to Mark's method," Washington said. Before taking his first lesson via Skype, Washington told Miller that he was a bass player who was interested in learning jazz piano. "Mark sent me a few pieces of music before he even met me and was able to walk me through it. His method was so good, I thought, 'Wow, this is what I've been looking for for a really long time.'"

Washington is just one of many students who have benefited from Miller's expertise. Miller currently teaches students in seven countries and in 10 states across the U.S. Miller teaches students with disabilities as well, including a stroke survivor in Barrington, Ill. who lost use of her left side and hand, a 14-year-old in Virginia who has cerebral palsy, and a student in England who is completely blind. "My ears are my eyes," Miller said of his ability

to easily accommodate his students, despite not being in the same room, state, or even country as them. Miller has taught distance piano for 10 years, receiving a bachelor's in music theory from the University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) and studying under two teachers he deems to be vitally influential to his own success - professional jazz pianists and teachers Alan Swain and Tony Carmona.

"What's cool about Mark is that he will always respond to your questions within 24 hours," Washington said of Miller's accessibility. Additionally, Miller allows his students to choose the music they want to learn. "If I give him a tune like 'Fly Me to the Moon,' he will give me a chord structure - he will completely redo a piece of music for you," Washington said. Miller sends his students PDFs of lead sheets, which are sheet music used by jazz pianists that have melodies written out with the chord symbols written above the notes.

Washington is an engineering manager by day and a musician by night, receiving an hour lesson every other week from Miller as well as playing bass in a jazz band called Dee Hibbert and Company, which performs standard jazz, smooth jazz, R-

B and funk, among other genres.

"I got tired of always looking for a piano player, so I decided to start learning to play piano. I've always wanted to be able to write and produce my own music," Washington said.

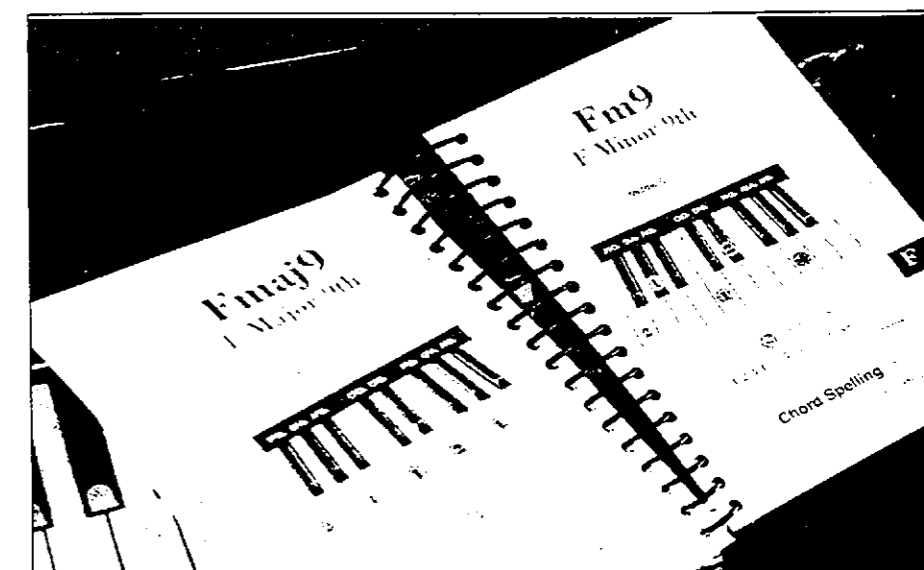
Washington's friend and former bandmate, Richard Wolfolk of Lansing, has been playing the piano since he was 5. Despite having played for over 50 years, Wolfolk still felt there was much more to learn, and after hearing great reviews from Washington about his lessons, Wolfolk decided to contact Miller. Not long after, Miller was able to show Wolfolk more advanced techniques.

"I used to chord with my right hand and play bass with my left, which is kind of backwards," Wolfolk said, "but Mark showed me how to chord with my left hand and play a melody with my right." Wolfolk said that while in music almost any rule can be broken, Miller has taught him to see things in a way he hadn't thought of before.

Both Washington and Wolfolk have the goal of learning to play solo from their lessons with Miller. Washington wants to begin to do solo gigs as a keyboardist, and while Wolfolk is currently able to play solo, he said that he'd often miss the chords before beginning



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Twice a month Novi resident Leonard Washington sets his computer up near his piano and receives a lesson via Skype from instructor Mark Miller in Chicago. Washington is an engineer with GM and plays in a jazz band.



Washington works with teacher Mark Miller on learning complicated chord structures for the piano.

his lessons with Miller. Wolfolk's band, 496west, just recent-

ly released their self-titled debut project, and Washington continues to

incorporate what he has learned into Dee Hibbert and Company.

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Congress gets \$174K salary, vested pension after five years and \$900K for staff

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

They're good perks, if you can get them. Members of the U.S. Congress earn a salary of \$174,000, are vested in a pension system after five years and are allowed to have as many as 18 employees with total salaries just less than \$1 million.

Actually, there are several perks in being elected to Congress, many far better than businesses dole out to their employees and executives, including the members' representational allowance, which supports congressional members in their official and representational duties, averaging \$1,446,009 in 2011, according to Congressional Benefits Service.

With an unemployment rate hovering at 9 percent in Michigan and economic difficulties strapping the country, Congress needs to learn to live within its means, according to Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association.

"These are the same people who can't produce a balanced budget, they spend more than comes in, and they can't reach a decision that isn't a decision that will get them elected," Bogaert said. "Why are we paying them so much and giving them a lifetime pension?"

"It's ridiculous. We pay them all the time not to do their job. It makes me sick to my stomach with what they are doing."

available to one of two political newcomers in the new 11th District, which includes the Huron Valley. On Nov. 6, voters in the new 11th District will elect either Republican Kerry Bentivolio or Democrat Ken Curson of Tallmadge to start Jan. 3.

In the old 11th District, voters will decide in a special primary election Sept. 5 between five Republican candidates (Bentivolio, Nancy Cassis of Novi and Ken Crider, Carolyn Kavanagh and Steve King, all of Livonia) or one Democrat (Ken Curson of Tallmadge) with the winners facing off in the Nov. 6 election. The winner in the old district will serve the remaining six or seven weeks of the unexpired term of Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned July 6.

For the sake of simplicity, this article focuses on what the congressional member in the new 11th District will receive in starting a new two-year term in January.

Salary

Congressional members currently earn \$174,000.

Members of Congress are on track to receive a pay raise in 2013, unless they vote against it when they return from August recess, according to Government Executive, a government's business news daily and website for federal managers and executives. Since the 11th District is without representation after McCotter's resignation, no one will

vote for or against the proposal on behalf of the district. Lawmakers are eligible for a maximum pay hike of 1.1 percent in 2013, or about \$1,900 for most lawmakers, based on a formula derived from the Employment Cost Index. Lawmakers may not see that extra \$1,900 because their annual pay adjustments cannot exceed the annual base pay adjustment of General Schedule employees. When Congress approved a two-year pay freeze for government workers beginning in January 2011, it effectively froze its own pay.

Unless both chambers pass either standalone legislation or through appropriations, it will be up to President Barack Obama to decide by Aug. 31 whether federal employees will receive a pay boost in 2013. Obama has recommended a 0.5-percent bump for government workers next year. So if feds receive a 0.5-percent bump and Congress doesn't specifically deny itself a raise, lawmakers also will receive a 0.5-percent raise in 2013.

There are also several congressional pay in both the U.S. House and Senate.

Pension

Congressional members who participated in the congressional pension system are vested after five years of service, according to the Congressional Research Service.

A full pension is available to members 62 years of age with five years of service; 50 years or older with 20 years of service;

or 25 years of service at any age. A reduced pension is available depending upon which of several age and service options is chosen. If members leave Congress before reaching retirement age, they may leave their contributions behind and receive a deferred pension later.

The current pension program, effective January 1987, is under the Federal Employees Retirement System, which covers members and other federal employees whose federal employment began in 1984 or later. This replaced the older Civil Service Retirement System for most members of Congress and federal employees.

Congressional members have four options: CSRS and Social Security; the CSRS Offset plan, which includes both CSRS and Social Security, but with CSRS contributions and benefits reduced by Social Security contributions and benefits; FERS and Social Security; or Social Security alone.

Congressional pensions are financed through a combination of employee and employer contributions, according to the Congressional Research Service. All members pay Social Security payroll taxes equal to 6.2 percent of the Social Security taxable wage base (\$97,500 in 2007). Members covered by FERS also pay 1.3 percent of full salary to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

The pension amount is determined by a formula based on years served and average pay for the top three years in terms

of payment. For example, a member of Congress who worked for 22 years and had a top three-year average salary of \$153,900 would be eligible for a pension payment of \$84,645 per year.

As of Oct. 1, 2010, 443 retired members of Congress were receiving federal pensions based fully or in part on their congressional service. Of this number, 262 had retired under CSRS and were receiving an average annual pension of \$69,420. A total of 181 members had retired with service under FERS and were receiving an average annual pension of \$38,460 in 2010.

Allowances and personnel

The members' representational allowance supports congressional members in their official and representational duties. The MRA is calculated based on three components, including personal, official office expenses and official (franked) mail. The 2011 allowances range from \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million, with an average MRA of \$1,446,009.

The MRA's personnel allowance, which totaled \$944,671 for each member in 2010, is available to employ staff in a congressional member's Washington, D.C., and district offices. Each member may employ no more than 18 permanent employees.

The MRA also funds ordinary and necessary business expenses incurred in official and representational duties to the district. A base allowance of \$256,574 was

authorized for each member in 2010, but the total varies for each member. The official office expenses allowance may be used for travel, office equipment lease, district office rental, stationery (paper, envelopes and other supplies), telecommunications, printing, postage, computer services and other expenses.

The MRA is not to be used to defray any personal, political or campaign-related expenses. A member also may not use campaign funds to pay for expenses related to his or her official and representational duties; may not use committee funds to pay for official representational expenses; may not use an official office account to support official and representational duties; accept from a private source any in-kind assistance with a monetary value for an official activity; and may not use personal funds to pay for franked mail.

Travel

Each member-elect and one designated staff person who attend an organizational caucus or conference are to be paid for one round-trip each between their places of residence in the district and Washington, D.C., for the purpose of attending the caucus or conference. Each incumbent member re-elected to the ensuing Congress and one designated staff person who attend an organizational caucus or conference also receive this allowance.

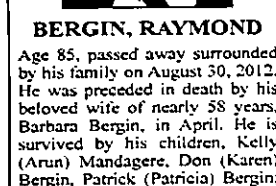
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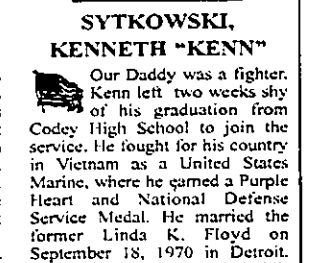
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RALEIGH, DAVID M.
Age 65, passed away Aug. 28, 2012. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Phillips Funeral Home. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



BERGIN, RAYMOND
Age 85, passed away surrounded by his family on August 30, 2012. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of nearly 58 years, Barbara Bergin, in April. He is survived by his children, Kelly (Arum) Mandagere, Don (Karen) Bergin, Patrick (Patricia) Bergin, grandchildren, Kevin, Angie, Jill, Scott, and Matthew as well as many extended family and friends. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, September 1st at St. Mary Catholic Church, Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. Burial at St. John Catholic Cemetery, Howell, MI. For further information please phone 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



SYTKOWSKI, KENNETH "KENN"
Our Daddy was a fighter. Kenny left two weeks shy of his graduation from Coney High School to join the service. He fought for his country in Vietnam as a United States Marine, where he earned a Purple Heart and National Defense Service Medal. He married the former Linda K. Floyd on September 18, 1970 in Detroit. He lived and raised their 5 children in South Lyon where he fought fires for the Lyon Township Fire Department for over 10 years. Kenny retired from Ford Motor Company after 22 years of dedicated service and fulfilled his lifelong dream of moving north where he built his dream home in 1990. He fought through over a dozen surgeries and several heart attacks throughout his life, always keeping track of his sitch count. His favorite fight was on the lake with a fish on the end of his line. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting, and raising chickens. He fought until the very end when he passed away Tuesday, August 28, 2012 in the comfort of his home in South Lyon, Michigan. Kenny is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Linda; his loving children, daughter Jennifer (Sytkowski) and Edward Folts of Jackson, son Joseph and Amy Sytkowski of Vail, AZ, and daughter Jessica (Sytkowski) and Steven Vime of Stockbridge; and his cherished grandchildren, Austin Vime, Avery Sytkowski, and Baby Folts, due in November. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Irene (DeWitt) Sytkowski. Kenny was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will be deeply missed by the many people whose lives he touched. You no longer have to fight Daddy. Rest in peace. Services for Kenny will be held at a later date. Condolences may be left online at www.waltonfunerals.com. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Congress can choose health insurance from 300+ plans

With all the debate and discussion about the Affordable Health Care Act during the presidential and congressional campaigns this year, the public is probably curious about the health insurance received by members of Congress.

It turns out they have a lot of options from which to choose. House and Senate members are

allowed to purchase private health insurance offered through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, which covers more than 8 million other federal employees, retirees and their families, according to factcheck.org, a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. According to the Congressional Research

Service, the FEHBP offers about 300 private health care plans, including five government-wide, fee-for-service plans and many regional health maintenance organization (HMO) plans, plus high-deductible, tax-advantaged plans. Plans cover hospital, surgical and physician services, and mental health services, pre-

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NOVI NEWS BRIEFS

Attorneys, advocates may earn CLE credits at 3rd Annual Veterans' Summit

Attorneys and advocates may earn required continuing education credits at the Canton Community Foundation's 3rd Annual Veterans' Summit Sept. 12.

Since its first summit in 2010, the Canton foundation has provided continuing education for more than 110 attorneys and advocates.

The training is part of the annual two-day Veterans' Summit. The first day, Sept. 12, is devoted to continuing education training and the second day, Sept. 13, is entirely for veterans and their families to learn about potential VA benefits.

Events on both days will be at the

Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Registration is required at www.cantonfoundation.org or by calling the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200

Pet Expo launches new charitable fundraising program

The Ninth Annual Pet Expo Sept. 21-23 at the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi) will be produced for the first time by nationally recognized event producer Steve Cantin and his team at All American Pet Expos.

"The first priority with any new Pet Expo we launch is to embrace and empower the animal shelter and rescue community -- and seek out avenues to help them raise funds for all their worthy efforts," said Cantin. "For our first Novi Pet Expo, we have developed an innovative new program that allows non-profits to not only raise much needed funds for their charities, but also incorporates exhibit space at the event, so that they can maximize their education and adoption efforts. In addition, every ticket sold through non-profit partners will be entered into an event sweepstakes that will award some terrific prizes. As always our main objective is to make certain that everyone involved benefits--especially the pets!"

Details, rules and prize info are available at www.novipetexpo.com.

Novi News online

Have you checked out our website? It's chock full of local news from the Novi community and is updated often. There are several cool features at hometownlife.com that allow you browse through the latest news and features from your neighboring communities, too. So, bookmark www.hometownlife.com to be sure you're always in-the-know in your hometown. You can also find us on Facebook by searching "Hometownlife."

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VERMA

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their delegation. The convention will have nearly 6,000 delegates, compared to 4,419 in 2008.

Verma is one of only two Indians attending from Michigan (the other being Jay Kommeredi from Livingston County). As stated on the website www.demconvention.com: "While each state Democratic Party's delegate selection process is unique, the party has a long history of sending delegates to the convention that represent every part of America. Under party rules, each state party must proactively reach out to diverse groups to encourage participation in the delegate selection process."

Verma was born in Burma and was brought up in India. After his graduation in civil engi-

neering, he joined the Indian Army as a commissioned officer. He worked with diverse group of people and learned their languages, customs, and religions. He left as a captain in the Corps of Engineers and came to the U.S. in 1972.

He worked for University of Michigan for over 24 years. Fourteen recommendations in his 1989 report — "Multicultural Environment in the University of Michigan Hospitals" — were accepted and implemented by the hospitals' executive director's council. He co-founded the University of Michigan Medical Center diversity council and in 1991 became the chairman of the diversity training and communication task team. He went through the training to become a certified diversity trainer. He taught managing diversity to the hospitals

NOVI'S DEMS

Novi voters selected the following Democrat delegates during the August primary election, and they'll be attending the state convention in Lansing this weekend. The numbers indicate which precinct represented.

- 1: Fred A. Ciampa, Marilyn L. Ciampa, Robert Ellison
2: Colleen Crossey, Ratna Rao
3: Cynthia Churches
6: Kathleen Maureen Mutch, Walter Sobczak
7: Sharon O'Leary
9: Alicia V. Coppola
10: Ethel Schwartz
11: Catherine Lang
12: Linda A. Roberts
15: Michael James, Mary Jane Duelyn, Ramesh Verma
16: Marilyn A. Krok
17: Jasper Catanzaro, Kathi A. Kuehnel, Gwen Markham
18: Karen B. Zyczynski
21: Carmela Rose Langley

No delegates were selected for precincts 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, 19 or 20.

supervisors and managers. He also chaired and directed two large multicultural programs at the University of Michigan Medical Cen-

ter. His efforts led to the institution of the Ramesh Verma Diversity Award for outstanding commitment to hon-

oring the strengths and differences amongst the community. He was the first recipient of this award. Verma has written and spoken on

cultural diversity and principles of total quality. He was given an Excellence Award by the India League of America-Michigan and the Distinguished Service Award by the Festival of India, Detroit for outstanding services to the community. The Michigan Bangladesh community honored him with two awards.

Verma will have little time to rest when he returns from North Carolina. Right after the national convention wraps up, Michigan's Democrats will hold their state convention at the Lansing Center this weekend.

"We'll be endorsing Supreme Court judges, regents for universities and some other judges, too," said Verma, who will be joined by 21 other delegates from Novi (see related story).

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Larceny from autos

Two larcenies from automobiles were reported to the Novi Police on Aug. 20. The first occurred at 39555 Orchard Hill Place as two black males were reportedly spotted breaking a window of a vehicle and pulling a piece of luggage from it. They were reportedly observed leaving the scene after a pedestrian came walking by.

They allegedly left in a tan Dodge Intrepid and blue Dodge Stratus after trying to get into another vehicle. The car owner with the luggage stolen said it contained clothing, jewelry and a purse.

The second incident happened at the Twelve Oaks Mall parking lot near Macy's. The victim in this case stated he left his Jeep Wrangler parked in the lot without the hard top on and left two bags inside it that

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were reported stolen.

Drunken driving

A driver going well over 100 mph in a 55 speed zone was arrested a third time for OWI. The female driver was stopped on westbound 13 Mile Road after speeding along M-5. She told police that she didn't have her license on her and had a glass of wine. Police reported smelling intoxicants on her.

When asked why she was driving so fast, she said she was driving her grandmother around in her new car and didn't realize how fast she was going. The preliminary breathalyzer test registered a .158 percent blood-alcohol content. She was arraigned on her third offense.

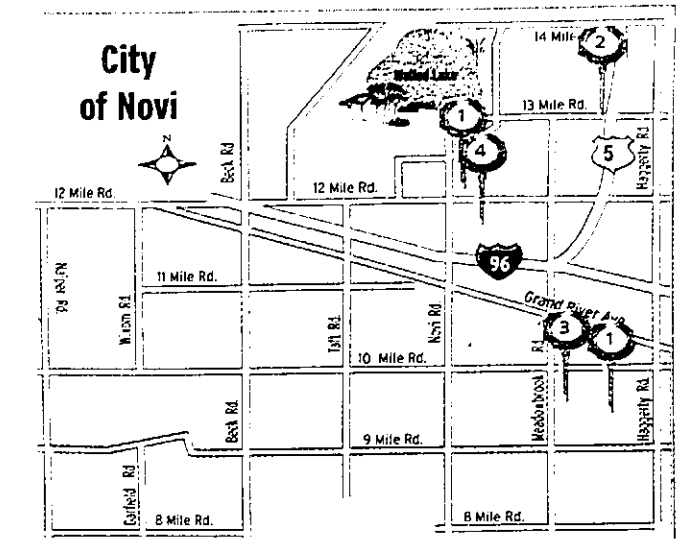
Marijuana Possession

A 19-year-old man was cited for marijuana possession after Novi Police responded to a report of suspicious vehicle in the Oak Tree and Cranbrook area.

On Aug. 20, police received a call of a vehicle parked on the street that was unknown to the caller. The 19-year-old told police he was waiting for a friend, but not in front of their home. He complied with a search and police found a baggie in his pocket with 8.5 grams of marijuana in it.

Retail Theft

A 20-year-old female was apprehended by Kohl's store security and later charged by Novi police with retail theft after trying to make off with some clothing. On Aug. 20, the police responded to the store at West Oaks Drive on the report the suspect was observed wear-



ing a backpack and going into a dressing room with several items. Upon exiting the room the suspect was seen with some of the items, but several were missing.

She was later stopped and the items were found inside her backpack.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman.

UPDATES FROM YOUR CITY

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 Wixom 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. Concessions 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 supervisor, at (248)735-5646 or gmmorris@cityofnovi.org.

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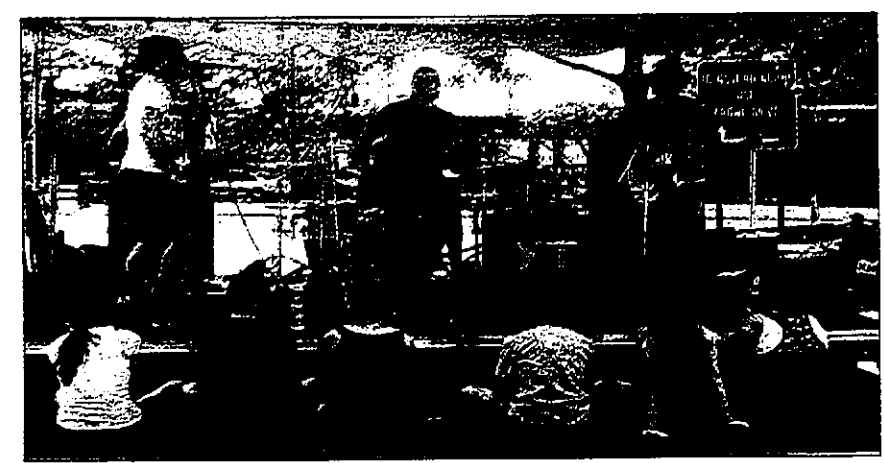
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Rockin' Novi

Novi's own Yours Truly was one of three bands performing at the Novi Town Center's "Back to School Jam" event, which also featured a bungee trampoline, obstacle courses and an appearance by Paws, the Detroit Tigers mascot. The shopping complex has been holding events in celebration of a major redevelopment that includes the new Walmart store.

8 MILE

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project would have the road resurfaced and repaired, as well as non-motorized improvements made to it like sidewalks and a crossing near ITC Park entrance. However, it wouldn't start until next year.

The RCOC, in conjunction with the county commission, put out a one-time call to county communities seeking road improvement projects that could be constructed this year or next that would be able to take advantage of \$2.9 million in unused Tri-Party Program funds.

According to the RCOC, the annual Tri-Party Program involves one-third funding from

Oakland County general government, one-third from the RCOC and one-third from the community. Projects are selected by the communities on RCOC roads with the approval of the road commission.

Each community is entitled to a share of the annual Tri-Party funding based on several factors. For cities and villages, these factors include miles of county roads and the number of accidents on those roads. For townships, a third factor, population, is added.

In recent years, the program has had an annual budget of \$3 million, based on the county commission's willingness to contribute \$1 million, the RCOC said. However, due to the poor economy, over

the last several years, some communities have not been able to utilize their share of the funds because they could not provide the local share, resulting in the one-time availability of the \$2.9 million in unused funds.

Cardenas said the Eight Mile plan is a big and important project because it would benefit not only Novi, but also bordering Northville. The total cost would be \$4.6 million. Another planned improvement would have four-foot paved shoulders put in.

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said Novi should know within the next several weeks if it will be granted funding help after its application is reviewed.

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Thriller in Northville

Local actor takes to stage in 'Deathtrap' at Tipping Point

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

You might just say Jim Porterfield, 56, of Northville Township is a Renaissance man. The veteran professional actor will appear as Sidney Bruhl, in the lead in "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin, opening the 2012-13 season at Tipping Point Theatre of Northville.

"I've been a professional actor since 1985," said Porterfield, a 1974 Northville High graduate who earned a B.A. from the College of Social Science at Michigan State University in 1978. "I've done lots of plays in the area."

He's resident artist at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, and has done more than 20 plays there.

He's appeared on stage at Meadowbrook Theatre as well as with the Jewish Ensemble Theatre and Performance Network.

"It's my first time at the Tipping Point," Porterfield said of "Deathtrap." "I'm really enjoying it. It makes for a nice evening of entertainment," with Northville's restaurants.

In the play, Sidney Bruhl, a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, is struggling to overcome a dry spell, which resulted in a string of failures and a shortage of funds.

A possible break occurs when he receives a manuscript from a student in the seminar he conducted at a nearby college — a thriller Sidney recognizes as a potential Broadway hit. Sidney offers collaboration to the student, an idea the younger man accepts.

In 1978, "Deathtrap" received a Tony Award nomination for Best Play and is one of the longest running comedy thrillers on Broadway. "It's a very interesting role," said Porterfield, who likes the humorous, interesting character mixed with a dark side. "It was a big

hit in New York in the '70s. It's really well-written."

Porterfield also appeared in "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at the Gem Theatre of Detroit, playing the narrator/ main character in the longest running non-musical in Detroit history. Porterfield, who last year performed his 1,000th show at the Purple Rose, has performed over 600 shows at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.

Also an arborist Porterfield also works as an arborist, or tree expert. Many professional Detroit area actors teach or have other part-time jobs, he said.

"People around town know me for that, too," he said of his tree work. His mom, Frances Caughey, lives in Northville. Jim Porterfield's favorite role in high

school was Horace Vandergelder in "Hello, Dolly." He was also an athlete, including Athlete of the Year.

"I think I still have the record in the shot put," he said.

"Deathtrap" runs from Sept. 6 through Oct. 7. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m. The theater website is www.tippingpointtheatre.com and the theater is at 361 E. Cady St. in downtown Northville.

The production is supported, in part, by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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DEATHTRAP

• **When:** Sept. 6 through Oct. 7. Shows start at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m.
• **Where:** Tipping Point Theatre of Northville, 361 E. Cady Street
• **Tickets:** \$32 for 8 p.m. shows on Fridays and Saturdays; \$29 Thursday (8 p.m.); \$29 for Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinee shows. Seniors (62 years and older) receive \$2 discount.
• **Contact:** Please see www.tbwa-novi.org for registration and payment information.



Jim Porterfield of Northville Township is the lead in the Tipping Point Theatre's upcoming production of Ira Levin's "Deathtrap."

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Novi events

BRAIN NEUROBICS

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sept. 6
Location: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road

Details: Give your brain a work-out at the kick-off event for the free Brain Fun & Fitness program. Hosted by Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology, featuring activities that challenge brains in new ways or on many levels, like playing an instrument, to stimulate our brains to produce more neurons and strengthen the connections between neurons. Neurobics can help to pull your brain out of its rut.

Contact: Pre-registration is required for this event. Please call Older Adult Services at (248) 347-0414.

A KEY INGREDIENT TO UNPARALLELED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS
Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi

Details: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association presents Rachelle Smith, principal and founder of Positive Creative Infusion Consulting, LLC of Novi. A memorable motivational speaker, Rachelle began her career at age 12, selling candy in junior high school in Biloxi, Mississippi. When the family moved to Seoul, South Korea the next year, Rachelle worked as a grocery sacker at the Yongsan Army Base Commissary, in a "tips only" position, pitching potential customers in English or Korean to choose her lane.

Contact: Please see www.tbwa-novi.org for registration and payment information.

JOURNEY OF SELF DISCOVERY: MEDITATION SERIES
Location: Schoolcraft College

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 top-

ics and includes interactive lecture and present moment meditation. Everyone is welcome. Lectures can be taken individually or as a series.

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 MacNis Team, Keller Williams Agents.

Contact: Sheila Roma at (248) 760-6785 or Debbi McLaughlin at (248) 561-0077 to reserve a spot by Friday, Sept. 21.

17TH ANNUAL NORTHVILLE-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 University Women Northville- Novi Branch. Funds generated by the organization are used to promote equity, education and development of opportunities for all women in local, national and international communities. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 in Northville at Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street; Gardenviews, 117 E. Main Street; Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main Street; Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main Street; and in Novi at Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile Road; and Calico Corners, 25875 Novi Road. Additional information may be found at 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

Details: Featuring many handmade items from people with disabilities. Any one 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.MichiganArts-CraftsShow.com; or call (248) 396-0396

BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS
Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and

working Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKinggroup.com), or SING for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER
Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 347-0414; theglin@cityofnovi.org

Business
NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAK-FAST
Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)

Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road
Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Net-



AAUW Home Tour

American Association of University Women Northville- Novi Branch announced the 17th annual AAUW Northville Home Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. The featured Northville homes in the city and township are widely different in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in a community with a Victorian village at its heart. Five homes will be on the tour. Hostesses in each home will note architectural features and special furnishings. The tour is the signature fund-raising event of AAUW Northville- Novi Branch. Funds generated by the organization are used to promote equity, education and development of opportunities for all women in local, national and international communities. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 in Northville at Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main Street; Gardenviews, 117 E. Main Street; Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main Street; Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main Street; and in Novi at Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile Road; and Calico Corners, 25875 Novi Road. Additional information may be found at www.aauwnn.org

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

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

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

Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive

training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

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NOVI ROTARY CLUB
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

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

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

NOVI LIONS CLUB
Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays

Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome; dinner is from the menu. Details: Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. Our purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Benfickton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships. Serving locally, in Michigan and worldwide.

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OUR VIEWS

Back to school

Now the time for parents to create good habits, too

It's been a great summer for kids in Novi - lots of special events and just lazing around to fill each day. But, alas, those days are over and it's back to school time.

Students in Novi Community School District returned to the routine of getting up early, doing homework and learning new things with Tuesday's start of school. For students, it means starting out the school year right. From elementary to high school, getting the grade means doing the work. Students need to go to school everyday and complete everything they're assigned. And parents can help students develop good homework and study habits. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that parents:

- Create an environment that is conducive to doing homework. Youngsters need a permanent work space in their bedroom or another part of the home that is quiet, without distractions, and promotes study. Schedule ample time for homework.
- Establish a household rule that the TV set stays off during homework time.
- Supervise computer and Internet use.
- Be available to answer questions and offer assistance, but parents should never do their child's homework.

Local motorists also need to realize summer is over, and kids will be out on local streets waiting for buses that will take them to and from school. Please take heed, and drive carefully where children congregate, and especially around bus stops. You never know when a child may pop out from behind a car without looking. That is a tragedy nobody wants to be part of. And if you have a teen driver in the family, make sure to have a talk with them about driving safe around bus stops.

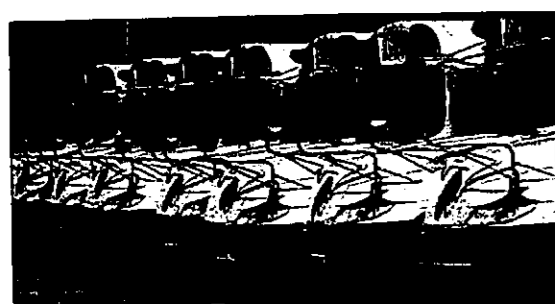
Parents who drive their children to school should avoid parking on the opposite side of the street from the school. They should never call their children to their car. Instead meet them on the school side of the road and walk them to the car.

Don't block school buses or use bus cut outs or other areas designed for buses only and never stop or park in a crosswalk or bus cut out. Students and other pedestrians rely on the crosswalk and need the visibility that the posted no parking buffer provides to cross the street safely.

And, most importantly, slow down. Feel free to drive even slower than the posted school zone speed limit, especially when conditions warrant it, such as heavy rain, snow, fog, icy roads, darkness or heavy traffic conditions.

We also urge parents to set an optimistic tone for the school year. As a parent, you have a lot of influence on your child's attitude toward school. Show your child through your actions that learning is fun and a part of everyday life. Teach your child to value effort and hard work. Your child needs to understand, too, that failure is something we all experience. What matters is how we learn from it and move forward.

But, that's just the beginning - support throughout the school year is necessary. Partnering with your child and with his or her teacher in the education process is important in leading kids down a productive and enjoyable educational experience.



Extra caution is needed around school buses.

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"A water park!"
Devin Costlow, 3,
with his grandmother
Diana Costlow
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"Chi-Chi's ... they had really good Mexican food."
Francis Bowen
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"It would be nice to bring back the Ford Wixom plant."
Mike Madison
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"A dog obedience and agility course. My black lab would love it."
Robin Hartzog
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LETTERS

Ryan as president

When Paul Ryan claims that it's Romney's beliefs about abortion that truly matter, not his, he must be unaware or is deliberately minimizing the most important, indisputable role of vice president: No. 1 replacement!

Only fools would believe that Truman was first choice upon the demise of FDR, or LBJ was a satisfactory replacement in the estimation of JFK's supporters. Can anyone imagine an Agnew presidency? (Luckily, Gerry Ford — an honest, reasonable man — replaced the disgraced Nixon.) President Quayle? President Palin?

Most Americans have faith in our political system and believe that any vice president who ascends to the presidency will ethically follow his conscience and continue on the path of his predecessor. Paul Ryan's conscience, which he has implied is the "right" conscience, would lead us where? That should scare hell out of a huge percentage of our population.

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

GOP playing word games

The Republican Party is adept at manipulating and co-opting the English language. It claims Democrats' ideas as its own ("Family Values"). Republicans accuse Democrats of "waging a war on women" when they are the ones who want to prevent women from controlling their health issues.

But Republicans do not recognize or understand figurative language, specifically metaphors. In this figure of speech a word or phrase denoting one kind of object or idea is used in place of another to suggest a likeness or analogy between them.

In a July speech in Virginia the president said entrepreneurial success is a team effort — that if people were successful in starting a business someone gave them help. He was giving credit to the importance of infrastructure and manufacturing. He was praising "this unbelievable American system that allowed you to thrive". The system includes individuals as well as forms of government.

Now one of Romney's main slogans is "We Built It" to counter Obama's "you didn't build that" to indict the president's economic policy. We Built It was the theme of the first night of the Republican National Convention. Of course, Obama knows Americans built their own businesses with ...

One recalls Adlai Stevenson's words: "If Republicans stop telling lies about Democrats, Democrats will stop telling the truth about Republicans."

Hannah Provenza Donigan
Commerce

Labor Day's significance

In this age of information, it is ironic that such a historic national holiday as Labor Day has been reduced in meaning to nothing more than a day off from work, the end of summer or the beginning of the NFL season.

This holiday, like many others, has a history etched in blood. In a Cliff Notes version of history, Labor Day was declared by

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Congress a national holiday in 1894. This was in no small part, a reaction to the 1877 Railroad Strikes, the Haymarket Affair and the Pullman Strike, to name only a few major incidents.

Men, women and children died, at the hands of the government, as a consequence of our nation's spoken of period of our nation's history. This new labor movement of the day was organized by left and right wing extremists who worked together to fight for the good of the common man.

Extremism is born of desperation. I once read, or heard it said, that the political discussions at the local hardware store are far more intelligent than those in the halls of Congress. Having taken part in those discussions at the now-closed local hardware, and bearing witness to our nation's current Demopublican quagmire, I must concur. I am forced to wonder, how soon, and in what form, will desperation rear its bloody presence?

As a conservative, I believe in the free market and capitalism. As a person still capable of independent thought, I understand that neither can survive the test of time without organized labor.

James A. Paulk
Novi

Get it right, Romney-Ryan

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his vice presidential pick, Paul Ryan, are asking the American electorate to put their trust in the Romney-Ryan ticket. How can the American people trust these politicians when over the course of time they have shown a reckless disregard for the facts?

Romney and Ryan display their dishonesty when they assert that President Obama poses a threat to Medicare. In fact, President Obama has made no cuts to Medicare benefits. Instead through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), reimbursements to insurance providers have been dramatically reduced, increasing the fiscal solvency of Medicare by eight years. The \$700 billion in savings

is filtered back into the health care system enabling senior citizens to receive preventive care without co-pays.

Under the Romney-Ryan plan, Medicare would become a voucher system where the typical 65-year-old would see their annual out-of-pocket costs more than doubling, increasing by \$6,350.00. Ryan has stated several times that Obama is responsible for a General Motors plant in Wisconsin shutting down. This plant closed before Obama became president.

Romney claims that under his tax plan this country's wealthiest citizens would "continue to pay the largest share of the tax burden." In reality, under Romney's plan an individual in the wealthiest 1-percent category of Americans would receive a \$60,000 tax cut, while an individual in the wealthiest 0.1 percent would receive a \$264,000.00 tax cut. Romney's plan raises taxes on everyone earning less than \$200,000. Middle class families will experience tax increases of \$2,000 per year.

Romney and Ryan plan to slash Medicaid by one-third, deprive 30 million Americans of their health care coverage and cut Pell Grants for one million students in order to reward the mega-wealthy with additional tax breaks. This policy appears to be Robin Hood in reverse.

Romney further exhibits his disregard for the facts when he attempts to take credit for the plan that saved the auto industry. However, it was Obama, a true visionary, who demonstrated strong leadership by saving the auto industry, while Romney showed a lack of vision and leadership in advocating a policy which has as its basic premise — "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt."

Jill Farber-Stramson
West Bloomfield

Make McCotter pay

Who should pay for the MI-11 Special Election? Certainly not the taxpayers of the State of Michigan, as County Commissioner Kathy Crawford and Oakland County Clerk Bill Bullard have proposed.

When Congressman Thaddeus McCotter and his staff submitted illegal nominating petitions, McCotter was forced to resign in disgrace. His staffers are under indictment for election fraud. The special primary election will cost \$650,000, and I think Thaddeus McCotter should pay for it. It is entirely his fault. The law, however, requires the local governments of the 11th Congressional District to bear the cost.

If the Republicans had unified behind one candidate, as the Democrats have done, there would be no primary election, and no expense. Instead, there are five Republicans in the race for a six-week term.

This election is wasteful, confusing and creates a burden on the local governments of the 11th District. However, the voters of this district put McCotter into office, and we should suffer the consequences. We should not expect the rest of Michigan's taxpayers to clean up our mess.

Gwen Markham
Novi

Milestones

Daunter-Jacobs & Hare

Leslie Ann Daunter-Jacobs, of Lincoln Park, married Richard Jon Hare, of Wixom, on Aug. 15, 2012.

Daunter-Jacobs is the daughter of Tom Daunter, of Lincoln Park, and Diane Daunter, of O'Fallon, Mo. She earned her bachelor's of business education at Eastern Michigan University and a master's in health education at Wayne State University. She teaches at Lincoln Park High School. Hare is the son of Rick and Linda Hare, of South Lyon. He is a South Lyon High School and Northern Michigan University graduate. He works as a senior engineer for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

The couple wed at Stone Angel Chapel in Davison with Rev. Jeff Bowers presiding. Shannon Renaud of Southgate was the maid of honor and bridesmaids Molly Helms of Redford and Megan and McKenzie Hare, of Wixom, along with junior bridesmaids Emily Jacobs, of Lincoln Park, and Julia Hare, of Wixom.

Zachary Hare, of South Lyon, was the best man with groomsmen Joe Katich, of Chesterfield, and Nathan Jacobs, of Lincoln Park. The family now makes its home in Lincoln Park.



Richard Jon Hare and Leslie Ann Daunter-Jacobs



Dean Garrity and Stacey Jarocha

Jarocha & Garrity

William and Carol Jarocha, of South Lyon, announce the engagement of Stacey Jarocha to Dean Garrity, son of Tom and Gail Garrity, of Livonia.

Jarocha is a graduate of Michigan State University and works as a mathematics teacher at South Lyon East High School. Garrity is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and employed as a special education teacher at South Lyon East High School.

A July 6, 2013, wedding is planned in Petoskey.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Novi's Meloche earns service award

Roberta Meloche of Novi was recognized as the Hotels category winner at the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau's (DMCVB) Recognition of Service Excellence (ROSE) Awards on Aug. 23 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center.

The ROSE Awards is an annual event hosted by the DMCVB to commend front-line hospitality workers throughout the region who deliver outstanding customer service in their industries.

As group room specialist at the Dearborn Inn - A Marriott Hotel, Meloche has been a loyal and dedicated associate since Sept. 1990. She is known for her detailed knowledge of the hotel

and its operations. It has been said that there is nothing about the hotel that Meloche does not know—inside or out.

"Roberta Meloche is an outstanding individual," said one of her peers. "She is kind, caring and extremely competent."

Meloche is very involved in charity work for Children's Miracle Network and the Sweet Dreams project, an organization that trains its members about the necessary elements for running a small business, such as product design, packaging, material and production inventory, bookkeeping, marketing and sales, and encourages the entrepreneurial success of young women.

Meloche received a VIP lunch with DMCVB President & CEO Larry Alex-



Roberta Meloche

ander, dinner for two, a crystal award, one dozen red roses and Detroit Tigers tickets.

This year's ROSE Award sponsors were Cavalier Pictures, the Detroit Tigers, Delta Air Lines and People's Transit.



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A honey bee zeros in on some Russian sage blossoms at Novi's Tollgate Farm on Aug. 30. The farm will be hosting its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 15 - where there will be lots of fun free stuff to do like hay rides, apple cider pressings, and tours of the farm's gardens.

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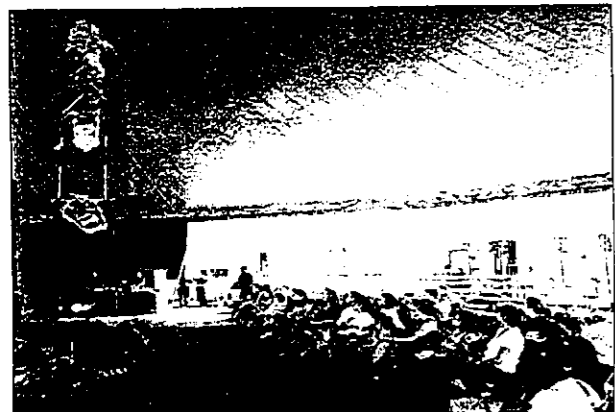
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Christine and Willis Plant trim their Romney sheep on Aug. 31 at the Great Lakes State Fair at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. A trim doesn't cut as much wool as a sheering - and is done to mostly keep the animals cool in warm weather. The Romney sheep, although sharing the same last name as a certain well-known Michigan native, are actually native to Kent, England and are recognized as a prized "long wool" species.

Welcome back!



Reed Garbarz, 15, tries his hand, or hands - at cow milking at a Michigan Dairy Assoc. sponsored booth at the Aug. 31 Great Lakes State Fair in Novi. Participants got their chance to try "milking" a fake udder with its freight of water - not milk.



Visitors to the Great Lakes State Fair Shriners Circus got to see some high-wire acrobatics including these two ladies on swings underneath and roaring motorcycle.



The Great Lakes State Fair at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace featured an indoor farm animal exhibit, lots of Michigan produced goods, an outdoor Shrine circus tent and this colorful midway with lots of rides and food booths.



A pig being exhibited at the Great Lakes State Fair examines a photographer's camera.

FAIR

Continued from page A1

the event. "The question of whether or not we would get support was answered with a resounding 'yes.' The state fair has found a home in Novi."

Held in Detroit for more than 150 years, the Michigan State Fair ended in 2009 because of financial challenges. However, it came back to life at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue in a scene that included a circus, a midway, an entertainment stage and livestock exhibition areas that were set up on the complex's more than 80 acres.

Bowman was happy to hear positive reviews of his facilities. One agricultural exhibitor said it was the cleanest, nicest open barn they had seen, Bowman said.

However, there were some internal bumps in the road. The main challenge was accommodating the number of people that showed up and moving them into the venue in a timely manner. Event organizers planned for large numbers, but didn't quite expect the big turnout.

Bowman said originally the event planners thought "if we reached 50,000, this would be a good effort" for attendance.

"The final attendance counts have not come in yet, but it was clear after Saturday that the numbers would be easily met or exceeded," he said.



Michael and Kimbery Rosen of Taylor check out some of the residents of the pig pens at the Aug. 31 Great Lakes State Fair in Novi.

He said there were no traffic or parking problems, and in general things went smoothly. Because of this success, event planners expect next year to be even better and bigger. With only four months to prepare for this year's fair, Bowman said an extra eight months will help greatly with the preparation.

"The planning will wait until after the post-event meeting, which organizers and participants will do soon to give input on how to make the event better."

As of Tuesday morning though, Bowman said the main lesson learned was, "Take a chance and try something new - and if you put your best effort out there, then success should come."

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Devin Box, 6, center, and other kids leap up for a basketball while at the Aug. 31 Great Lakes State Fair. The basketball was being launched by a high school robotics team from Orchard Lake.



A tiger trainer gets a friendly lick from one of his charges during the Aug. 31 5 p.m. show of the Shriners' Circus at the Great Lakes State Fair.

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The fair included many animals.



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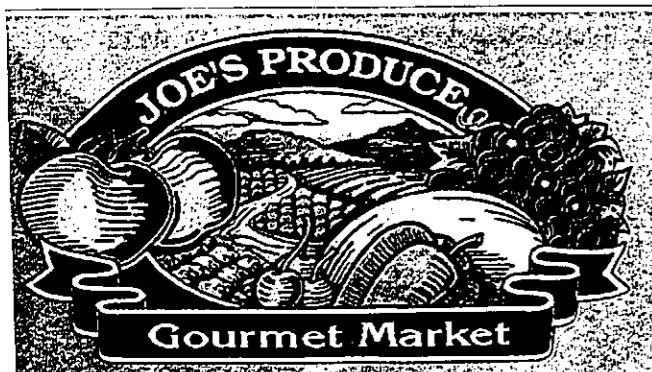
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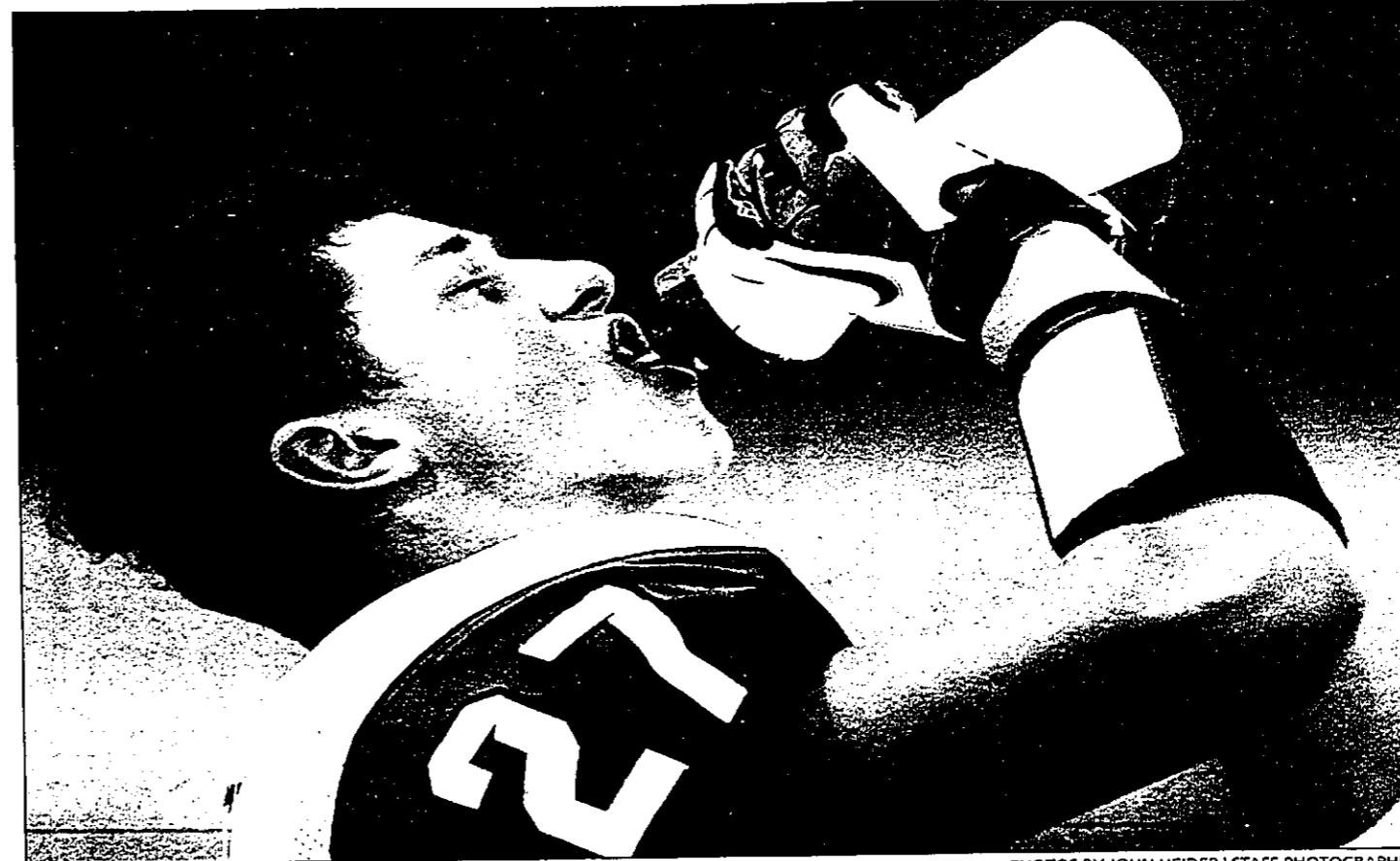
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SPORTS



Keaton Figurski takes a swig of water before play resumes after halftime of Novi's Aug. 30 game at Lakeland.

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Turnovers allow Eagles to fly past Wildcats

Wildcats drop 34-12 decision at Lakeland

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

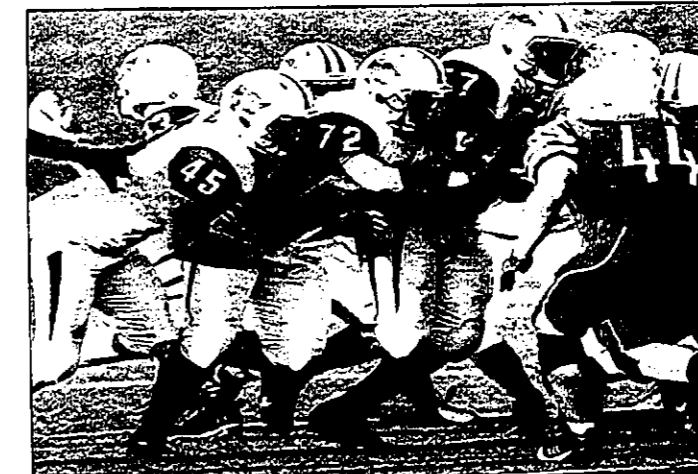
Turnovers can make or break a close game and that's exactly what happened when Lakeland hosted Novi Aug. 30 in White Lake.

Four lost fumbles by Novi (0-2) led to two touchdowns for Lakeland (2-0) and the others broke up two of the Wildcats' five drives that made it into Eagle territory, allowing Lakeland to cruise to a 34-12

Please see EAGLES, B3

ON TAP

Novi's football team (0-2) visits Plymouth Salem's (2-0) west field 6:30 p.m. Friday before the Wildcats host South Lyon East (1-1) 7 p.m. Sept. 14. Salem has put up more than 40 points against both Ann Arbor Huron and Walled Lake Northern so far this season, while East beat Waterford Kettering 25-22 before losing 45-0 at Walled Lake Western last week.



The Wildcats' right side of their offensive line moves in tandem against Lakeland. Players include Art Teran (72) and Kameron Mitchell at right.

Catholic Central bows to Toledo Whitmer

Shamrocks score first, but can't hold off Panthers

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

In football, it's always nice to see the scoreboard light up in your favor with the first points of a game. It's not so nice, however, when the rest of the scores from that point forward are for your opponent.

That was the scenario for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks last week when they took a bus trip to Toledo to take on the Whitmer Panthers. The Shamrocks scored first, but the Panthers scored the final points in a 19-7 game that finds the Shamrocks with their first loss of the season.

"I think Whitmer played a very good game," said Tom Mach, the Shamrocks' coach. "They outplayed us, and they deserved to win. We have to get tougher."

Catholic Central went up 7-0, in the first quarter with just around a minute left when Wyatt Shallman pounded through the line and into the end zone from three yards out to cap an eight-play, 65-yard march.

It was a lead the Shamrocks held until the final minutes of the first half when Whitmer put together their first scoring drive. They went nine plays

Please see CC, B3

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team will be back on the field when they host Cincinnati Moeller at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Novi knocks off defending champs, loses to Brighton

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Canton has been the Wildcats' kryptonite for the past few boys soccer seasons, knocking Novi out of the state playoffs the past two years and handing the 'Cats three of their four losses last season en route to winning the Division I title themselves.

But, despite losing 10 of 11 starters in the offseason, Novi (3-1-1) defeated the fully stocked Chiefs (4-1-2) in a physical 2-0 contest Aug. 27.

"I bet you the last 10 times we've played them it's been one-goal games and the last five or six, they've gotten the better of us

ON TAP

Novi's boys soccer team (3-1-1) was scheduled to start KLAACentral Division play begins two nights ago against South Lyon East (2-0-1) before visiting No. 13 Northville (4-2-1) at 7 p.m. tonight. The 'Cats then visit No. 8 Plymouth Salem (3-1-2) 7 p.m. Tuesday and Livonia Stevenson (1-0-1) 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14.

at the end of these games," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "So it's good to beat them, especially where it's I have one return."

Please see SOCCER, B4

Novi tennis dominating competition at invites

'Cats to take on overall top team of Country Day

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Three invitational meets into the season and Novi's boys tennis team has three titles and an individual flight record of 74-1 heading into dual action.

Ranked No. 4 in Division

I, the Wildcats cruised through the competition at both four-team invites hosted Aug. 27 by East Grand Rapids and Aug. 30 by Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Overall we played extremely well," Novi

Please see TENNIS, B4

ON TAP

Novi's boys tennis squad, ranked No. 4 in Division I, was set to battle at Division III No. 1 Detroit Country Day today before a 4 p.m. Tuesday home opener against Plymouth Salem.

"Thursday will be a test. They're loaded," Novi coach Jim Hanson said of Country Day, noting they "may be the best team in the state, regardless of class. They'll be a solid team from top to bottom. Win or lose, it's going to make us better."

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Novi golfers split opening dual matches

Four 'Cats score career lows in meets

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The Wildcats' girls golf team got their dual contests started within the KLAAs Central Division last week and split their results.

Novi (1-1) started division play at baseline rival Northville (1-0) Aug. 28, losing 165-177 as junior Lauren Cojei was Novi's match medalist with a score of 38, tying Northville's top scorer. Cojei was followed by senior teammate Anna Greulich with 44, sopho-

ON TAP

After splitting the first week, Novi's girls golfers (1-1) were set to host Plymouth Salem two days ago and South Lyon East 3 p.m. today at Cattaits Golf Club in South

more Katelyn Henry with 47 and sophomore Madison Kroetsch with 48. Things improved a little bit two days later at Livonia Stevenson (1-1) on Aug. 30, as the 'Cats came away with a 175-185 victory.

Lyon. The girls then head to South Lyon's course 3 p.m. Tuesday before hosting rival Northville Sept. 13 in the first match of the second leg of the KLAAs Central Division season.

Senior Ally Krick was Novi's match medalist with a nine-hole career low of 42. She was followed closely by Greulich, who also had a nine-hole career low of 43. Henry's 44 and Cojei's 46 were the other two scores

counted toward the Wildcats' team score of the six student-athletes competing. Also in the running were Kroetsch with 47 and Sabrina Legace with 52. Although the varsity squad lost the first rivalry contest of the season, Novi's junior varsity squad got the best of Northville JV 106-208 on Aug. 28. Legace had a nine-hole season low of 44, followed by sophomore Claire Kalina's nine-hole season low of 49, senior Ashley Penzato's 51 and sophomore Avery Ragatzki's 52.

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Novi Wildcat golfer Madison Kroetsch tees off at Tanglewood on Aug. 28 during a match against Northville.



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Team Total wraps up lacrosse season

"Congratulations, your outstanding finish in our tournament has qualified Team Total for the National Championships."

That was the letter Dwayne Hicks, director of Team Total Lacrosse, received after his high school varsity select team placed first and second in two major east coast lacrosse tournaments.

"I'm very proud of them," Hicks said. "I think it's great that one of the best high school travel teams in the country is located here in Detroit." Team Total, a select team of some of the best players from around the metro Detroit area, play throughout the summer in a variety of high level tournaments and showcase events. Only the best teams qualify for the national championship.

In July, Team Total traveled to Baltimore, the hotbed of lacrosse, to participate in the Summer Sizzle, a premier lacrosse tournament. After winning four games against top level competition, Total lost to the tournament champions, 3-1, in their final game. Outstanding performances were turned in by Jack Van Acker (Catholic Central), Grant Widger (South Lyon), Marc Longe (Catholic Central), Tommy McMaster (Novi), Ian Irwin (South Lyon), Drew Scherzer (Catholic Central), and Raymond Tague (South Lyon). "These teams have some of the best players in the country," said Chris Cooper,

the team's head coach, who felt the team played well. "Many of them will be playing at the highest level. I think we proved to a lot of people that our team has the athletes and the talent to play with anyone. They did a great job."

One week later, Team Total was again on the east coast playing in the nationally renowned Patriot Games, held north of Philadelphia. This tournament draws some of the best travel teams in the country because of its location and depth of talent.

Again, after several outstanding wins, Team Total would make it to the finals playing against the heavily favored South Lyon team. Smith-town (Long Island, New York), ranked as one of the top high school teams in the country, featured some of the best underclassmen players in the nation. With many college coaches, parents, and with interested fans watching, Team Total prevailed 9-8 in a very exciting game. Van Acker and Longe, along with John Cooke (Northville), Corey Haas (South Lyon), Austin Herbert (Huron Valley), Tyler Pokrzyky (Farmington), Zach Stanley (South Lyon), Collin Cummings (Catholic Central), Matt Molchan (Salem) and Matt Wilson (Seaholm/Birmingham) lead the team throughout the weekend and helped secure the impressive championship. "We really played up to

our potential," said Cooper. "The boys had to dig deep at times but that's what it takes to win a championship like this; especially when you're playing against teams of this caliber."

The next week was the final week of the summer season and Team Total traveled to Traverse City to participate in the Cherry Bomb Lacrosse Festival. After three days of games, Team Total played in the finals against another Michigan team, Cash Cows (Clarkston). In a very close, exciting game, Total took the lead in the second half when Jake Fuller (Northville) scored on a perfectly placed shot from ten yards out. Total would further extend their lead with another goal by Van Acker and win 9-7, clinching their second tournament championship of the season. Outstanding players included Brett Braun (South Lyon), Connor Murray (Catholic Central), Matthew Beazley (South Lyon), Max Kwiatkiewicz (Catholic Central), Zach Rogers (Los Angeles, CA), Austin Reinke (Catholic Central) and Conner Holton (Catholic Central).

"Great win for this team," said Cooper. "I'm really happy for them. This summer, they've competed and beaten some of the best teams in the country. They were a great group of boys to coach."

Many Team Total players will now join fall and winter leagues at Total Sports in Wixom in preparation for their spring 2013 season. Players at all levels are invited to attend and play. For more information, call Total Sports at (248) 669-9817 or visit totaltotalsports.com.

D2 newcomer Novi ties Pioneer

Mosso, Koomen spectacular in debuts

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The opening week of games during their first season as a Division 2 field hockey program was a success for Novi's squad.

After winning Division 3, graduating a few key four-year varsity student-athletes and experiencing some coaching changes, the Wildcats (2-0-1, 2-0-0 D2) didn't show much concern as they plowed through a doubleheader at East Grand Rapids and tied Division 1 state champion powerhouse Ann Arbor Pioneer on their home turf.

The trip to Ann Arbor was traditionally a beating for many field hockey teams across the state and things seemed headed in the same direction Aug. 28 when Pioneer's Shelby Supica scooted up the field for an unassisted goal in the first minute.

"Going into the game, Novi was thought to have no chance against Ann Arbor Pioneer, who are a state champion," said Coach Paul. "However, the Novi girls fought back and played a game that was the best in all of (Novi) field hockey history."

The goal would be the end of Pioneer's scoring and Novi's Megan Paul set Lizzie Malear up for a goal of a penalty corner to tie the game 1-1 and freshman goalkeeper Katrina Koomen blanked the Pioneers for the rest of the contest. "It was a game that everyone watching will never forget, a new Division 2 team tying one of the best Division 1 teams," Notarantonio said. "The freshman goal from Novi, Katrina Koomen, was the player of the game; because without her



A Novi student-athlete, left, battles for the ball during an Aug. 25 victory at East Grand Rapids.

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After a successful first week of action, Novi's field hockey team was scheduled to visit Saine yesterday and visits Detroit Country Day 3 p.m. tomorrow before taking some time off until Academy of the Sacred Heart comes to town 3 p.m. Sept. 14.

countless incredible saves, Pioneer would have conquered the game."

Koomen was also stellar in the Wildcats' two victories Aug. 25 in Grand Rapids, recording 13 saves through three halves of action. Lola Teran also notched five saves, playing half of the first game against East Grand Rapids.

The 'Cats got things started in the first victory by outrunning the Pioneers to score two quick goals. Lauren Zampias dribbled into the left side of the circle before slamming a slapshot into the back of the goal cage and then Argentinean foreign exchange student Sofi Mossos made her presence felt with a slapshot from the top of the circle for a goal in her debut.

"Novi dominated the beginning of the game, and came out with more speed and intensity, which led the girls to two early goals; a great start to the season," Notarantonio said. Mossos set Lauren

Mosso looked to keep her impressive debut in the U.S. going, using her speed to score two quick goals to give Novi a 2-1 lead. Like the first game, Malear ripped a low shot toward the Pioneers' net for Brown to deflect into the top left corner for a 3-1 halftime lead.

The pairing of Mossos and Malear continued to dominate offensively in the second half, as Mossos dribbled around several defenders before knocking home another goal for her first hat trick of her U.S. field hockey career. Malear capped the scoring with a putback that rebounded off the goalkeeper, who had saved an initial shot from another Wildcat.

The 'Cats earned three penalty corner hits as Koomen recorded eight saves.

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victory in a game that was statistically close on the field.

"They came out hard," Lakeland coach John Maltese said of his defense. "(Novi) came out in a different offense that we hadn't seen before. We did a good job adjusting and creating turnovers and making big plays."

Although Novi had three more total yards of offense on the night at 339, the Eagles scored first when senior Anthony Waite (52 yards, 13 attempts, two touchdowns) ran nine yards into the left corner of the end zone for a touchdown five minutes into the game.

The point after missed the mark wide, but the Eagles got the point back following a 38-yard touchdown pass from junior Ross Heiman (3-for-5, 83 yards, one touchdown) to junior Dalton Christie 13 seconds into the second quarter. Waite added a two-point conversion that gave Lakeland a 14-0 lead that held through halftime.

"We play great together," Waite said of Christie. "It's the first year he played, so I've just encouraged him to do the best he can because he was coming into the season kind of shaky about excitement and stuff."

"It feels really, really great because we've never had this before. We've never won the first game."

Things quickly got out of hand in the second half following a Novi fumble at their own 46-yard line on the fifth play of the half. Christie (67 yards, six attempts, two touchdowns) escaped a tackle and carried the ball 46 yards up the right sideline for a Lakeland touchdown on the very next play. Senior Brendan Trembath nailed the extra point for a 21-0 lead.

The Wildcats' next drive had a similar outcome, as Novi fumbled and Lakeland recovered at Novi's 28-yard line. Two plays and 22 seconds later, Christie ran in a 10-yard touchdown into the left side of the end zone. Senior Jordan Bridgewater was stopped on the left side during a two-point conversion attempt, but Lakeland still led 27-0.

"I thought we could've been in the game to win it, but turnovers and those things hurt us," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "Our kids adjusted to our scheme this week and we had four days of putting this new scheme in. I thought we played fairly well, but we had four turnovers. You've got to do a little bit of a better job out on defense. I think our kids played hard and didn't quit. We've just got to keep plugging away and be scrappy."

In a game dominated by running backs, Lakeland had five players run multiple attempts, each netting 38 yards or more. Christie and Waite led the pack.

"They're starting to develop a little bit of an inside outside thing that I'm liking to see," Maltese said.

For Novi, junior Jeffrey Baker led the running core with 121 yards on 19 attempts, including one of putting the game in a tie. Senior Lucas Buck added 43 yards on 11 attempts as the Wildcats broke in a new offense after a subpar first week.

"Overall I was pretty happy with this offense," Pennycuff said. "I think Lucas Buck ran extremely hard, extremely hard as a kid we just have to get on the field and keep him on the field if we can."

Junior Issac Burgess took over Novi's quarterback duties from first week senior starter Ryan Caputo. Burgess went 5-for-6 for 112 yards, including an 8-yard fourth-quarter touchdown pass to sophomore Matt Sabo to cut the deficit to 27-6.

A failed onside kick by Novi senior Justin Danks went out of bounds 17 yards downfield and gave Lakeland the ball at midfield. Danks struggled on the day, also missing both a 23-yard field goal and then both of his point-after touchdown attempts were blocked.

"We told Danks today to just keep working," Pennycuff said. "You're a good kicker, just keep working. Sometimes you have an off night, we all do, no matter what profession you're in. That's how you respond to it; just

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Pair of freshmen help keep Novi's seniors afloat

Buha sisters make state cut early, others make county cut

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Despite a solid start to the season, a lack of depth kept Novi's girls swim and dive team from claiming a victory in their first dual meet.

The Wildcats visited Grosse Pointe South Aug. 30, losing their opening contest 105-81.

"We lost 105 to 81 but our girls swam awesome," Novi coach Annette VanderMey said. "Grosse Pointe's depth was just too much to handle. We had someone racing for the top spot in each event but had to give up too many 3rd and 4th along the way to GPS."

The Blue Devils got the best of Novi in all three relay events. In the 200 medley relay, the Novi team of sophomore Malory Buha, freshman Lauren Kim, senior Kelsey Shurmur and senior Janice Burnett finished third in 1:56.88 behind two South squads, who finished close together with the best taking first in 1:55.02.

In the 200 free relay, Novi's team of senior Maranda Buha, Burnett, senior Kara Berg fared a little better, taking second in 1:43.66 behind South's winning time of 1:41.79.

The 400 free relay squad of Berg, freshman Alexandra Cortez and both Buha sisters took second in 3:51.88, behind South's 3:47.19 time.

The Novi relay team members were also responsible for the team's remaining swim-based points, but got a boost from seniors Rachel Aepelbacher and Jillian Odum as a one-two punch in the 1-meter dive. Aepelbacher won with 223 points and Odum had 206.2 points.

Malory Buha had the most individual success on the day, winning both the 200 individual medley (2:13.96) and 100 backstroke (58.43) each in state-qualifying times. She also had team-

mates place third in those two events, with Kim landing third in the 200 IM (2:24.22) and senior Dana Morgan finishing third in the 100 back (1:06.09). Kim also won the 100 breast in 1:11.66, while Cortez won the 500 free in 5:37.39, as both freshmen had impressive varsity debuts.

"The Wildcats' other first-place finish came from Maranda Buha in the 50 free (state-qualifying 25.10). She also took second in the 100 fly in 1:00.63, close behind South's winning time of 59.14 seconds.

With both Buha sisters already qualifying for November's Division I state meet, several other Wildcats qualified for the Oakland County Championships and are on their way to state qualification later this season.

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and 78 yards before Christopher Bohn landed in a four-yard pass to score with just 27 seconds left in the second quarter. The Shamrocks stuffed the extra point and went into halftime with a 7-6 advantage.

The Panthers used that score to build momentum in the second

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ing starter coming back and they have a boatload of kids coming back, so it wasn't really the kind of game you'd think we'd pull out the close game.

The game started off with the Chiefs pressuring the less experienced Wildcat squad and tallying five shots in the first 10 minutes, but it was Novi junior Nick Oakley who put the first goal on the scoreboard 11 minutes into the game when sophomore Ryan Kobakof played a through ball up the middle from the center circle and Oakley brought it in toward the right side of the goal before chipping Canton senior netminder Ian Wingate (one save).

"We've worked a lot about getting one of our central midfielders involved in the offense, so it was real good to see a central midfielder score a goal for us," O'Leary said. "So far it's been a lot of forwards for us and there's a big gap there, so it's good to see him coming through that gap."

Just more than six minutes later, junior Stevie Caruso sped into the left corner and carried the ball in along Canton's touchline before chipping it central Wingate tipped it away from the goal line, but Novi junior Don Nakashima used his speed and height to beat those around him to the ball for a header to the back side of the goal, giving the Wildcats a 2-0 lead on two shots.

"Don does a good job. He'll take on multiple people. He does a good job of going north and saying 'I'm going.' He does it with and without the ball," O'Leary said. "A lot of times he'll do it with the ball, with the ball, with the ball and then someone else will have it and you'll lose track of him and he'll be coming

just as hard down the middle and that's kind of how that goal happened. He did a good job of staying aggressive towards the goal without the ball."

With a two-goal deficit, the Chiefs got fired up, going even harder to the ball and creating a few quality chances that Novi senior netminder Andy Netter (10 saves) turned aside. Wingate ended up leaving the game at halftime after a collision with Nakashima while diving to break up a breakaway opportunity with 15 minutes left in the first half, but junior Brandon Pickert held down the goal in the second half as the Wildcats failed to register a shot on net despite earning their only corner kick of the game.

Canton finished with a 10-3 shot advantage and 2-1 corner kick advantage.

The Chiefs had several opportunities, drawing iron off shots from both senior captains Bobby Budlong and Daniel Ovesea. Budlong actually put the ball in the back of the net on a free kick from 45 yards away with 19 minutes left in the first half, but it was called back because Canton senior Connor Shennan had jumped up in front of Netter and fouled him in midair as he tried to punch Budlong's chip shot away.

On a high from handing Canton their first loss since winning the Division I title last fall, the Wildcats dropped a 4-1 game to Brighton (1-0-2) on Aug. 29.

The Bulldogs are ranked No. 6 in the first set of Division I rankings released Sept. 3. Plymouth Salem (3-1-2) is No. 8, Canton is No. 9, Northville (4-2-1) is No. 13 and Novi is unranked spending last season in the top five. East Kentwood is currently No. 1.

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TENNIS

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coach Jim Hanson said. "I thought we played well as a team from top to bottom at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite."

Novi captured 23 points in Grand Rapids and 24 points in Ann Arbor at a mammoth 24 points. In Grand Rapids, Div. II No. 2 Bloomfield Hills Andover was runner-up with 10, followed by unranked Grandville with eight and Div. III No. 3 East Grand Rapids with seven. In Ann Arbor, Div. II No. 8 Battle Creek Lakeview was runner-up with nine, followed by Div. I No. 6 Pioneer's eight and Div. I No. 10 Troy Athens' five, but the latter two had one match remaining.

"The way we have our tournaments scheduled, they get tougher with each successive one," Hanson said. "Those are good teams. Pioneer tournaments, but the latter two had one match remaining."

"The usual one doubles tandem of junior Andrew Ying and senior Jason Carless improved to 6-0 with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Grandville; 6-0, 7-5 win over East Grand Rapids and 5-7, 6-0, 10-5 win over Andover; but Carless didn't compete at the Pioneer Invite. Instead senior Achuta Doddipatta filled in from five doubles and helped Ying defeat Pioneer 6-3, 6-0; Lakeview 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 and Athens 6-1, 6-4.

"Tim Wang played extremely well in both tournaments. He beat a really good player from Grandville in the Pioneer tournament," Hanson said. "Tim had to work, but he's playing well for us."

At two singles, sophomore Andre Liu (8-1) experienced the Wildcats' first loss of the season in a 6-3, 6-3 decision against Andover,

but Liu handling defeated the rest of his opposition. He beat Grandville's sub 6-0, 6-0; East Grand Rapids 6-1, 6-3; Athens 6-0, 6-1; Pioneer 6-1, 6-1 and Lakeview 6-4, 6-3.

"At two singles, Andre Liu had a tough match against an Andover kid and came out on the short end, but it wasn't due to lack of effort," Hanson said. "He played much better at the Pioneer tournament and was more aggressive."

Freshman Koushik Kondapi (9-0) stayed undefeated at three singles, plowing through Grandville 6-4, 6-1; East Grand Rapids 6-1, 6-1; Andover 6-0, 6-2; Lakeview 6-0, 6-0; Athens 6-1, 6-1 and Pioneer 6-0, 6-2.

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"At the Pioneer Invite, one doubles Jason Carless was not there, so we subbed in Achuta Doddipatta and he did a nice job. They had a nice match at Battle Creek Lakeview," Hanson said. "One doubles was tested against Bloomfield Hills Andover in that tournament. They got in a hole and

couldn't come back in the first set in that one."

The two, three and four doubles teams each remained in tact, updating their records to 9-0 on the season.

Senior Nishant Kakar and junior Michael Chang won the two doubles flights, defeating Grandville 6-0, 6-0; East Grand Rapids 6-1, 6-1; Andover 6-2, 6-0; Lakeview 6-2, 6-2; Athens 6-1, 6-1 and Pioneer 6-0, 6-0.

At three doubles, senior Jon Thompson and freshman Max Anderson beat Grandville 6-2, 6-1; East Grand Rapids 6-2, 6-1; Pioneer 6-2, 6-1; Athens 6-2, 7-5; Pioneer 6-3, 6-0 and Lakeview 6-1, 6-0.

Capping the successful week were Juniors Shank Chitta and Kevin Xu at four doubles. The defeated Grandville 6-1, 6-0; East Grand Rapids 6-0, 6-1; Andover 6-0, 6-1; Pioneer 6-0, 6-4; Lakeview 6-0, 6-4 and Athens 6-0, 6-0.

"We get in trouble when we try to make too good a shot when it's not necessary. We double (fault) way too much," Hanson said. "It's high school tennis, it's the team that makes the fewest mistakes, the fewest serve errors that wins."

"As long as we don't get the cart ahead of the horse, we have a very solid team from top to bottom. The kids are working hard in practice. The key is to work hard and not try to do too much. Hopefully that's a good sign to come. We've been fortunate to win some sets and close matches."

Chris Jactett is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.

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BUSINESS

Samsung Galaxy S3 rivals the iPhone

By Jon Gunnells

Samsung's hybrid smartphone tablet the Galaxy S3 has a mixture of multimedia features that make it a fun alternative to the king of phones - Apple's iPhone.

I had the pleasure of testing Samsung's smartphone this summer courtesy of Verizon Wireless.

The Galaxy S3 features a front camera and an 8 megapixel back camera - a must in this age of Instagramming and Facebooking.

Additionally, the phone is enabled for quick sharing across social networks and other devices. With Samsung's AllShare feature, users can quickly send their photos and videos to tablets, PCs and computers.

The device's large screen may however, be the best feature. The screen clarity is on par with that of the iPhone or other top of the line Android devices - but at 4.8 inches it is also noticeably larger.

While the Galaxy S3 doesn't have the largest screen on the market (that distinction belongs to the Galaxy Note at 5.3 inches) it is plenty big for a cell phone.

while it is big, it certainly won't weigh you down. The phone only has a thickness of 8.6 millimeters.

Properly placed navigation buttons allow for one-hand usage and added convenience.

The only drawback to the phone setup and user experience is the location of the charging port. Its awkward positioning may make it difficult to place into a dock - so if you are someone who likes plugging in to a stereo system while charging, you may want to test it out first.

You may also be surprised to know the device is not available in black. Samsung offers only two color options for this model and they are blue and white.

The device runs on the new Android Ice Cream Sandwich 4.0 operating system and has a 1.4 GHz processor. These last two specifications may mean nothing to you - but rest assured they are the best on the market.

The Samsung Galaxy S3 is available from Verizon and other cell phone providers and retail outlets for around \$199 with a two year cell phone agreement.

For more information about the S3 visit Samsung.com.

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Steve Allen, co-owner of Steve and Rocky's on Grand River in Novi, checks out some of the metal and wood sculptures and wall art added to the restaurant during a recent renovation.

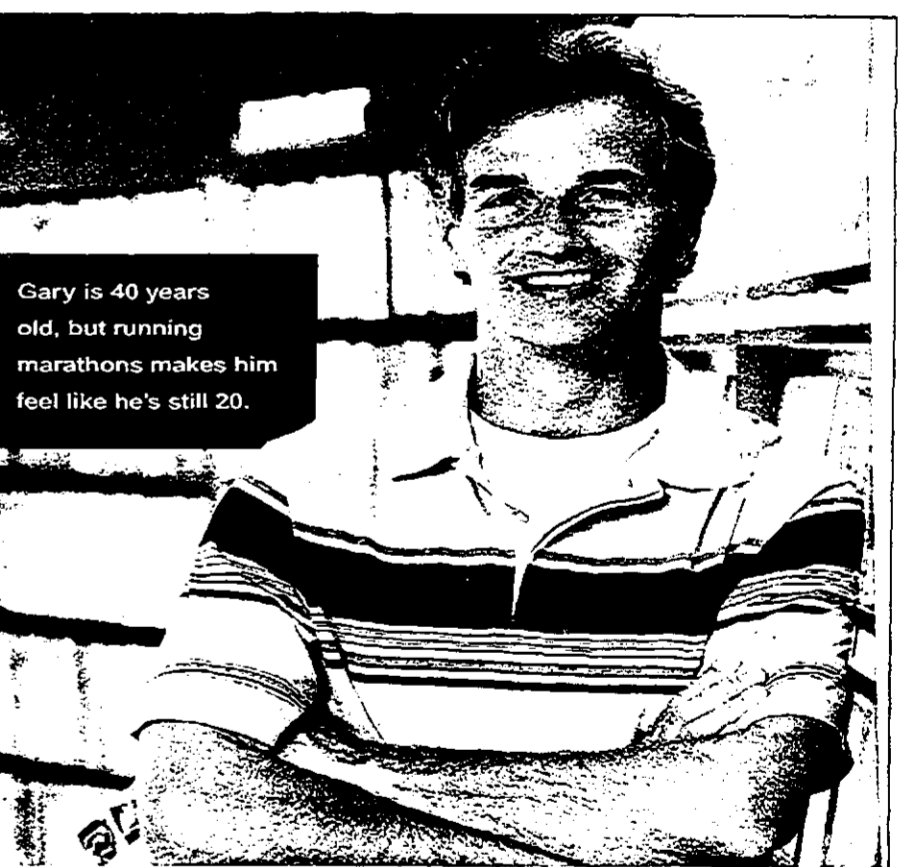
Steve & Rocky's restaurant completes remodel with work by Michigan artists

Eight weeks and a quarter of a million dollars later, Steve & Rocky's boasts a new look to ensure that the restaurant's decor remains as fresh and appealing as the food coming out of the kitchen.

The design and remodel was the work of Novi-based Interior Development Group. In addition to the new ceiling, side-stands, carpet, upholstery, linens, shades, fresh paint, light fixtures, chairs and new entryway, are original works of art by Michigan-based artists.

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Gary is 40 years old, but running marathons makes him feel like he's still 20.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

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