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## Winterizing Your Garden seminar

The Northville & Novi Garden Club will meet Monday, Oct. 8 at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. in Northville. Speaker Lisa Steinkopf will discuss the topic "Winterizing Your Garden." Social begins at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

## Make A Difference Day

For more than 20 years, USA WEEKEND Magazine and Points of Light have joined together to sponsor Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of community service and a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Millions of volunteers from around the world will unite in a common mission to improve the lives of others on Make A Difference Day, Saturday, Oct. 27. Thousands of projects are planned each year involving corporations, communities, nonprofit organizations, entire states and individuals. The stories told around Make A Difference Day show that anyone - regardless of age, location or resources - can accomplish amazing things when they take on the problems they see in their community. Newman's Own supports the day by awarding \$10,000 to the charities of each of 10 National Honorees and three City Awardees. The Novi News wants to know what you're planning to do on Make A Difference Day. Email your project information to [cstone@hometownlife.com](mailto:cstone@hometownlife.com).

# Still missing, no clues

## Search continues for Patrick Keough

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer  
A missing person search continued last Sunday for 39-year-old Patrick Keough as the Novi Police Department and 41 citizen volunteers

looked for any clues in the areas near Keough's work place on Cabot Drive. Novi's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and police officers searched the area between 12 Mile and

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

Patrick Keough is described as a white man with a medium build, 5-foot-10 and 220 pounds with green eyes and graying black hair. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact the Novi police at (248) 348-7100.



Keough

office at Farmers Insurance. Conquest said the department has kept an eye on everything that may lead them to Keough's whereabouts - from his financial accounts to giving border

14 Mile roads, and from M-5 to Halsted Road, said Novi Police Detective Sgt. Matt Conquest. But no results or clues turned up in the search. "This is an ongoing case and we are hoping to find him and bring closure to his family," Conquest said of the missing person case that dates back to June 14 when Keough went missing from his

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# Brookfarm Park project should be done by winter

## Pathway connector a high priority

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

It will cost \$246,000, but the makeover work under way at Novi's Brookfarm Park should include stabilized stream banks and a new pathway by the time winter comes.

The park is located at Willowbrook Drive near Village Oaks Elementary School, and there are several components to the project, according to Jason Mangum, Novi's Parks, Recreational and Cultural Services director.

The improvements being made in and adjacent to Brookfarm include stream bank stabilization at multiple locations along Ingersol Creek, additional stabilization at the confluence of Ingersol and Bishop creeks, along with a pathway placed along the creek and neighborhood connector to the Village Oaks school.

"The plan is to widen the stream to prevent fur-

ther bank erosion," Mangum said. "There will be some trees removed, but these will be replaced. The added benefit to this project will be the path along the stream and connector to the school. It should be done in the next month or so and will revitalize this park."

Mangum said the pathway connector is a high priority in Novi's Non-Motorized Plan.

This path segment will extend from the south end of Ripple Creek Road to the existing foot bridge over Ingersol Creek and connect to the existing path on school property. It will be an eight-foot wide path located along the western edge of the maintained portion of the park, and will provide a valuable pedestrian connection between the school and residential neighborhoods to the north. The estimated construction cost for the connector is \$38,700 and the path within the park is \$24,000.



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Brookfarm Park neighbors Carolyn and Tom Freebury walk in the shaded recreational property that borders their Village Oaks subdivision home. The City of Novi is installing a walking path at the park, removing some trees and stabilizing the creek that runs through Brookfarm.

The stream bank stabilization project has contractors removing some of the bank's soil to create a benched stream bank as a measure to better sta-

bilize the eroded stream bank, according to Brian Coburn, Novi's engineering manager.

This method of stream bank stabilization results

in a large quantity of excess soil, so Coburn said the excess soil will be placed within the park

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# Trio vies for two Novi school board seats

**By Cal Stone**  
Staff Writer

Only two seats are open, but the ballot will show three names running for Novi's Board of Education - Tracey Cadwell, Brad Leidal and incumbent Dennis O'Connor.

Voters will decide the six-year terms in the Nov. 6 general election, and the terms will start in January.

Cadwell is a graduate of Michigan State University with a B.A. in business administration and is currently pursuing a master's in school counseling from Siena Heights University.

She has lived in Novi for seven years and has two sons. Her com-

munity involvement includes Glen Haven Condominium Association Board member, member of PAASN (Parents of African American Students in Novi), and member of the American School Counselor Association.

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

Cadwell said she's running for the board because she's a parent and educator who is concerned about our students and school district.

"I also desire to work with a school board that focuses on ensur-

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See the three candidates answers to the Novi News questionnaire inside this edition, and read our endorsements in next week's issue.

ing an exceptional curriculum program for all students within the district that will positively impact the success of students in their postsecondary educational career."

Cadwell has been in the educational profession for 12 years and serves on two charter school boards as a recording secretary.

"I believe that I am knowledgeable about the educational process and the role of a school district's

Board of Education, and would be a valuable asset to this district."

## Brad Leidal

Leidal and his wife of 13 years moved to Novi seven years ago because of the quality of the education system available to their two young sons.

He says he's passionate about

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Arts & Culture



...PHOTOGRAPHER Heloise Shaheen, left, get some guidance from Virginia Porter in using a RAM long-arm quilting machine during the Sept. 28 American Sewing Show at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The three-day show, ending on the 30th, features all sorts of machines and materials for sewers, quilts, and embroiderers.



Linda Schluchter works on a "make and take" quilt project at the Sept. 28 American Sewing Show in Novi. Many vendors there had goods that visitors could purchase, create and then take with them that day.

MISSING

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checkpoints a heads up. Conquest said the case remains open and there is no known criminal activity connected. It remains a mystery as to how he went missing. Keough reportedly left his personal belongings on his office desk, including his cell phone, wallet and paperwork. He had been driven to work that day and there is no indication that he was picked up by anyone, Conquest said. However, that a note was left behind that raised concerns about Keough's well-being. "We remain optimistic and have maintained contact with the family throughout," he said. Keough, a resident of Howell, has a wife and four children. Conquest said the family is at a loss on where he is and what happened. "It's their hope he is found soon," Conquest said. Conquest said another search will take place in the same areas once the leaves fall and it's easier to see by helicopter into the trees. "Our goal is to find him alive, but we must look at all possibilities as this continues," Conquest said. Inuhman@hometownlife.com (248) 437-2011, Ext. 255

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ensuring the students of Novi receive the best possible education, as well as exceed the Board of Education's current goal that each student will achieve one year's growth in one year's time. "The district is going through unprecedented times, financially, despite these challenges, we still have to meet our stakeholder's expectations by providing a quality education for our students, while maintaining our community's high property values," said Leidal. Leidal feels his background as a business owner gives him the experience to work through this financial crisis. "He earned a B.A. in political science from the University of Michigan-Deerborn and a master's in management from Walsh College. He's co-owner of a commercial masonry construction company based in southeastern Michigan. Leidal's community involvement includes coaching in the Novi Youth Baseball League, Novi Parks and Recreation and the Northville Baseball/Soccer Association. "I'm a fiscal conservative who wants to make certain that our tax dollars are allocated into the classroom." O'Connor said Novi has great schools but limited resources, and the district needs to "constantly evaluate programs to make sure they are providing maximum student achievement and results for all Novi students."

Nevrus Nazarko appointed as Novi's finance director/treasurer



Nazarko

The City of Novi announced the appointment of Nevrus Nazarko, CPA, as finance director/treasurer. Nazarko, the current director of finance/controller for the City of Hamtramck, will oversee finance and treasury operations including property tax billing and collection, investment management, budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, grant monitoring, payroll auditing, accounts payable, and purchasing. He will also oversee the development of a multi-year budget, comprehensive annual financial report, and all other financial reporting, as well as serving on the labor negotiation team. Nazarko will officially begin his duties with the City of Novi in mid-October. "I am excited to come to Novi, one of the best communities in the Michigan, to live and work," said Nazarko. "Novi has been in the forefront for many years through careful planning and foresight and I look forward working with a team of people who are committed to the success of the city."

Nazarko currently leads Hamtramck's Finance Department in all accounting, payroll functions, and property tax functions. He oversees the independent annual audit and prepares the annual budget. He is a part of the city's labor negotiation team and successfully implemented a new financial management system. For several months in 2012, Nazarko also served as the acting city manager for Hamtramck, responsible for all day-to-day operations. Prior to his tenure in Hamtramck, Nazarko served as the income tax director. He has also served as a senior federal tax specialist

for KPMG in Detroit and founded his own accounting firm. Nazarko is a graduate of Wayne State University with a master of business administration and a bachelor of business administration in accounting. He is a certified public accountant.

Szczyпка to be honored

Novi's Kenneth G. Szczyпка will be recognized as a 2012 Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants award recipient in the field of Personal Financial Planning at the MACPA's annual awards dinner Monday, Oct. 1 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Novi physician appointed

Novi physician and resident Mohammed Arsiwala, MD, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Controlled Substance Advisory Commission. The commission was established in 1988 to monitor indicators of controlled substance abuse and recommends actions to address identified problems. The commission consists of 13 voting members and seven ex-officio members. Arsiwala represents the Board of Medicine and will serve a one-year term. Arsiwala was appointed to the state's Board of Medicine in January and also serves on the board of directors for the Michigan State Medical Society. Arsiwala is the president and Medical Director of Michigan Urgent Care, a system of 10 urgent care facilities providing medical care in Ingham, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties, including Novi Urgent Care, located at 44000 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 101. Dr. Arsiwala earned a bachelor's degree in medicine and surgery from Osmania University in India and a medical degree from Wayne State University.



Arsiwala

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Passages

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Deadline: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper • Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

ALLEMAN, SARAH JOANN. Age 72, of Novi, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012. She was born on Nov. 21, 1938 to Edward and Catherine (Kwasitz) Alleman. She was a proud graduate of the University of Michigan. She worked for the Novi Public Schools for many years. She was a member of the Novi United Methodist Church. She is survived by her parents, Kenneth and Phyllis Alleman; her daughter, Jennifer; and her son, Robert. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Oct. 5, at 11 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 200 N. Washington Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. www.phillipsfuneral.com

D'ANNIBALE, DONALD "DON". Age 86, of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2012. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth "Betty" Scheel, who preceded him in death in 1998. Don was a long-time resident of South Lyon until he moved to Arizona in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his daughter, Cindy; and his son, Paul. A memorial service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in South Lyon on Friday, October 27, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon served by the Immanuel Ladies Aid. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3841 W. Sweetwater Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85029.
WETZEL, IVA LORRAINE. Age 89, of Zephyrhills, Florida, passed away Monday, September 24, 2012 at Masonic Pathways in Alma. She was born October 6, 1922 in Marshall, Michigan. She was the daughter of John and Gladys (Spears) Kimmel. She married Herschel Krebs, who preceded her in death in 1961 and later married Harry F. Wetzell, who preceded her in death in 1984. Lorraine worked as a receptionist for Numatics in Milford for over 10 years, retiring in 1983. She enjoyed playing cards. Lorraine is survived by three children, Gary (Mary) Krebs of Milford, Connie Wetzell of Holt and Cynthia (Byron) Russell of Macomb; three grandchildren Tracy Sinclair of Chicago and Brian (Leah) Wetzell of Lansing and their children, Brian and Louis Wetzell, and Lisa Marie Murphy of Canton, MI. Also a special friend, Jerry Kempher of Crystal. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Herschel Krebs, second husband, Harry F. Wetzell, a brother, Allen Kimmel and a sister, Valda Desy. Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Arrangements were entrusted to Lux-Moody-Wolff Funeral Home, Alma. To view Lorraine's obituary online or leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.luxfunerals.com

# Home Remodeling Show coming to The Showplace

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) is sponsoring the Novi Home Remodeling Show, Oct. 4-7 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Anything and everything you need to remodel and design your home can be found under one roof. Browse exhibits in kitchen and bath interiors, windows and doors, flooring products, furniture, cabinetry and much more. Talk to local home improvement specialists to see the latest trends in indoor and outdoor design and get inspired.

Special appearances include celebrity chef Jylli Everman, runner up on Food Network's show "Food Network Star" and owner of Jyllicious Bites, a catering company devoted to gourmet finger foods. Everman will give demonstrations on fun tailgating finger foods and delicious holiday appetizers.

At the show, enter to win valuable giveaways, including:

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- \$10,000 home makeover and chances to spin the slot machine to win gift cards valued at \$100, \$250 and \$500 from C&L Ward.

- \$100 gift certificate from LookIn-TheArtic & Company.

A coupon is available on [www.novihomeshow.com](http://www.novihomeshow.com), Metro-Detroit Panera Bread Bakery-Cafés, and in area newspapers. With this coupon, consumers receive \$1 off any adult or senior admis-



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sion. The Novi Home Remodeling Show ticket will also get you into MARVAC's Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show in adjacent arena.



### DETAILS

Over 200 recreation vehicles will be on display at the Suburban Collection Showplace Oct. 3-7.

## Check out Camper & RV Show Oct. 3-7 at Suburban Collection

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is sponsoring the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show, Oct. 3-7 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Over 200 new recreation vehicles will be on display including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, and fifth wheel travel trailers. Special discounts include folding campers from \$4,999; trailers from \$9,999; and motorhomes from \$49,999, plus manufacturer rebates on select RVs. Exhibitor booths will feature parts and accessories, campground information, on-site RV financing and RV rentals.

Enter to win the Ultimate MIS Race Experience package from Michigan International Speedway at the show. Winning package includes tickets, camping and VIP access (valued at nearly \$3,000). The 2012 RV & Campsite, a guide to camping and RVing in Michigan, will be available free to consumers.

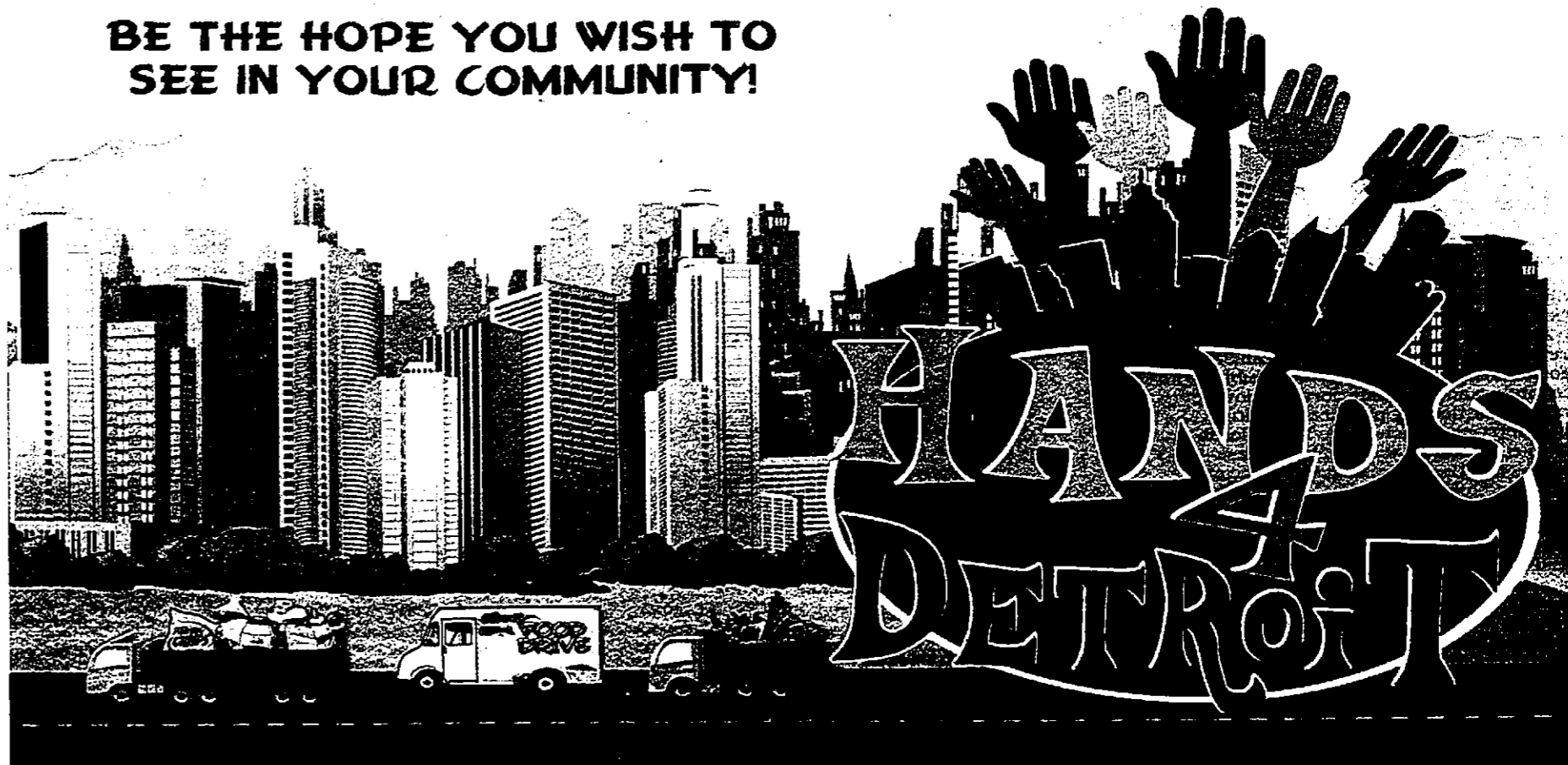
**Where:** Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi (on Grand River between Taft and Beck roads)

**When:** Oct. 3-7

**Hours:** 2-9 p.m. weekdays; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

**Cost:** \$8 (ages 13 and older); \$7 (seniors); free for children 12 and younger. A special \$1 off coupon is available at [www.marvac.org](http://www.marvac.org). Purchase \$2-off advance tickets at select Metro-Detroit Home Depot stores; visit [www.marvac.org/marvac-nv-shows.html](http://www.marvac.org/marvac-nv-shows.html) for a list of participating stores. Your RV show ticket will also get you into the Novi Home Remodeling Show in adjacent arena hall, Thursday-Sunday. **Contact:** (517) 349-8881, Ext. 11, or visit [marvac.org](http://marvac.org)

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### DETAILS

**Event:** Novi Home Remodeling Show

**Location:** Suburban Collection Showplace (Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads, Novi)

**Times/Dates:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 4-6; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7

**Cost:** \$8 for ages 13 and older; free for younger; \$7 for ages 55 and older. Purchase \$2-off advance tickets at select Metro-Detroit Home Depot stores; visit [www.novihomeshow.com](http://www.novihomeshow.com) for a list of participating stores.

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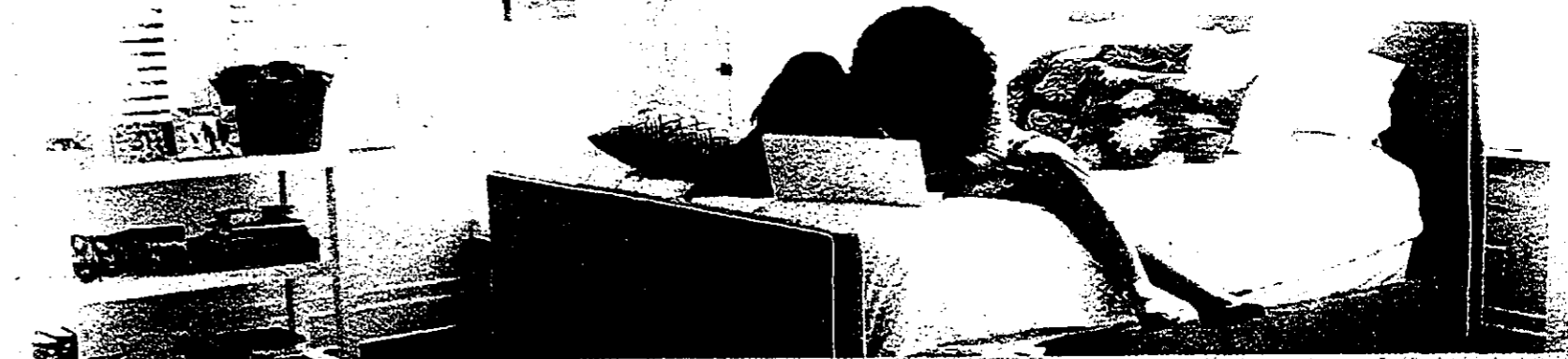
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# O'Connor runs for re-election to school board

1. What would your guiding principles be when making decisions as a member of the Novi board of education?

Two years ago, I helped develop a comprehensive decision-making process for the Novi Board of Education. The board unanimously approved this process. It's posted on the school district web site, as part of the district's commitment to transparency. The guiding principle behind all Novi Board decisions: "In every decision that we make, we will focus on providing the best education possible for the students of our District." There are six steps in our decision-making process: identify the problem; define the data needs; gather and disseminate data; review administration recommendations and alternatives based on analysis of those recommendations (ensure alternatives against district vision, mission and values, and seek public feedback); make decision, and identify follow-up action items, measurements, etc. I review all materials provided on specific issues, research all points of view, listen to public input and make decisions based on what's best for Novi students.



O'Connor

period when economic conditions forced us to cut \$12 million in educational programs and services. Trust and integrity were two major issues with many Novi stakeholders and school district employees.

We've changed that direction. The Board and Administration are committed to evaluating and enhancing opportunities for students, while maintaining current program levels that help maximize student achievement. Administration and teachers are focused like a laser on improving classroom instruction.

2. Is the school district moving in the right direction? Yes. About 1 1/2 years ago, I was part of the team which hired a new superintendent and cabinet. At that time, the district was coming off a tough five-year

## DENNIS O'CONNOR

Resident of Novi: 21 years (moved to Novi in 1986, transferred out of state 1993; returned to Novi in 1998)  
Profession: small business owner in Novi for 12 years of a consulting agency that develops training, marketing and promotional campaigns and programs for local and national clients.  
Education: MBA in marketing and management, Wayne State University, Detroit; BA in journalism and mathematics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; secondary teacher certification, University of Michigan Education School; fellow, National Security Forum (NSF), Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, 2011; fellow, Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2010; award of Merit-School Board Member, Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), Lansing, 2009; certified focus group moderator, Burke Institute, Cincinnati, 2006  
Family: married for 30 years; two grown daughters (both graduated from Novi High School)

traditional secondary classroom with a teacher lecturing to 25 students the best way to learn in this technology/information age? I don't think so. We need to find and implement new and effective alternative instructional delivery systems for maximum academic performance. I believe the Novi Board of Education should adapt a teacher attrition policy. Don't replace teaching positions of retirees, grades 5-12, during the next five years, and focus on new and innovative ways to deliver education at the secondary level with fewer resources. This concept features the following benefits:

- Provides long-term structural expense reduction
- Helps to solve our deficit spending problem and balances our budget
- Minimizes teacher layoffs
- Reduces the need for severe

shift" to examine, change, accept and implement different methods of teaching

3. With decreased revenues, how do you see the district balancing the budget as expenses increase?

Novi continues to deficit spend. Meanwhile, we are focused on preparing our students for 21st-century careers. The challenge is to move away from the "factory model" of schools. Is a

4. What new programs or policies, if any, would you like to see implemented in the district? We need to create, develop and implement "the classroom of the future" so Novi students will achieve maximum academic performance. The plan should include:

- A complete investigation of effective alternative instructional delivery systems. (Increasing class sizes in a "traditional" classroom is not an acceptable recommendation.)
- Multiple learning choices for students
- Development of our own cyber program
- Investigate moving to larger, "lecture-based" classes (and smaller break-out sessions) to better prepare our students for college instruction
- This program/policy features the following benefits:
- Creates a "cultural

city officials and neighboring school districts to eliminate duplicated services and expenses. I'll continue to fight for shared services, so we can put those savings back into the classroom.

6. Why, specifically, should you be elected to one of the available seats on the school board? I'm seeking re-election to the Novi Board of Education because I enjoy public service, and I have a passion for education. Four years ago, Novi voters elected me to the School Board because they knew I would be a good steward of their taxpayer dollars.

During that time, I have demonstrated what the voters expect from a public servant...a hard-working, fiscally conservative person, focused on providing the best education possible for our children. Novi voters deserve the type of independent, critical thinking that I bring to Novi school issues. I will continue to make sure that your tax dollars are invested properly in our children's education. We have great schools in Novi, but state funding and our enrollment growth is less certain every day. We have limited resources. We need to constantly evaluate programs to make sure they are providing maximum student achievement and results for all Novi students.

2. Is the school district moving in the right direction? I believe that the Novi School District is moving in the right direction, primarily by creating and implementing a Vision Statement and Goals for the school district. With these newly-created vision statement and goals, all stakeholders within the educational community are abreast of the detailed current

4. What new programs or policies if any would you like to see implemented in the district? The program that I would like fully implemented in the school district would be the RTI (Response to Intervention) Program.

# Cadwell challenging for board

1. What would your guiding principles be when making decisions as a member of the Novi Board of Education?

The guiding principles in my decision making as a Novi Board of Education member would involve providing the most cost effective and exceptional educational services for all Novi students. I believe as a board member, it is my responsibility to serve the students, their families, and the workers within the school community to ensure their overall success in the roles that they portray in the educational arena.



Cadwell

and future plans of the school district. In addition, the vision statement and goals provide measurable objectives to determine if the school district is accomplishing the tasks designated in the vision statement and district goals.

3. With decreased revenues, how do you see the district balancing the budget as expenses increase?

With decreased revenues, I see the district balancing the budget by having a grant writer apply for grants to provide additional revenue within the school district. In addition, the school district could partner with business within the community to provide financial support to the school district.

4. What new programs or policies if any would you like to see implemented in the district?

The program that I would like fully implemented in the school district would be the RTI (Response to Intervention) Program.

## TACEY CADWELL

Age: 43  
Resident of Novi: seven years  
Profession: educational field since 1999 as an educator and currently in an administrative position as an admissions coordinator for a charter school.  
Education: bachelor in business administration, Siena Heights University; master in school counseling, Siena Heights University (graduating December 2012)  
Family: Mother of two sons, 17 and 12 years old

wide fundraisers; recruit corporate sponsors; and encourage administration to aggressively search for grants to offset expenditures as much as possible.

6. Why, specifically, should you be elected to one of the available seats on the school board? I believe that I should be elected to one of the seats on the school board, because I am a parent and an educator who is concerned about our students and school district. I

have a strong desire to work within a school district that strives for being competitive among the top schools in the country. I have been in the educational profession for 13 years, and serve on two charter school boards as a recording secretary. I believe that I am knowledgeable about the educational process and the role of a school district's board of education. These characteristics make me a valuable asset to this district.



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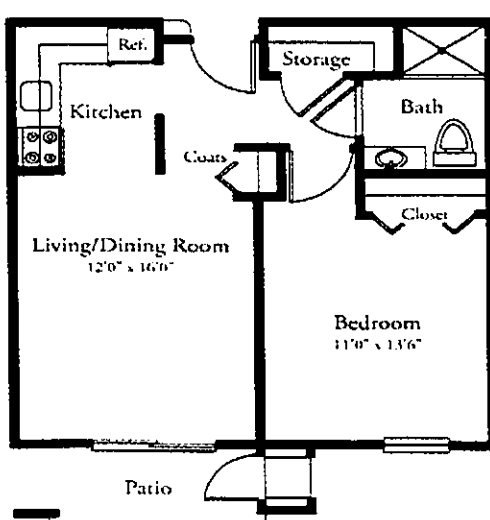
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## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

**Laptop Stolen**

1 A woman has her briefcase stolen from her car, which she said was locked and secured, sometime over the weekend of Sept. 21-23. The briefcase contained a lap top computer. The car was parked at her residence on Peachtree. She told police that she did not see any suspicious activity and police did not find any evidence or damage to the car.

**MDOP/ Attempted B and E**

2 An unknown person attempted to break into a home under construction on Bridle Run.

A supervisor for Beautiful Homes went to the Novi police to report the incident, which he discovered after finding an entry door in the garage kicked in and its frame damaged. The incident occurred on either Sept. 23-24. Police found a faint footprint on the door, but nothing was reported missing.

The construction supervisor wanted to report the incident because there have been a series of B&Es

in the neighborhood.

**MDOP**

**Graffiti on street**

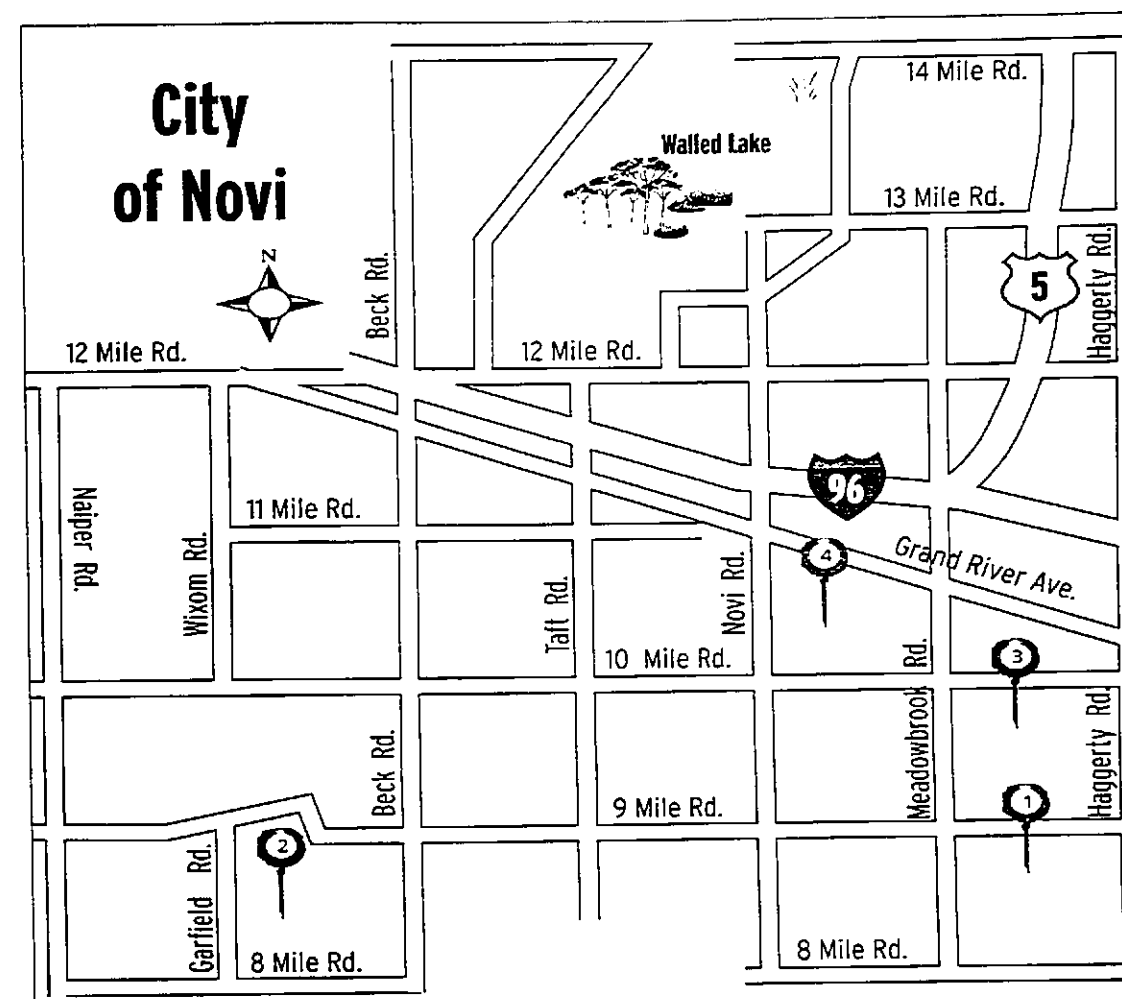
3 A Novi woman called police to report some graffiti she found spray painted on Cortes Road just east of Cranbrooke Drive. On the road is black paint were the letters BEV with an arrow pointing to the word Sarah, which had the letter 'S' done with money symbol. The woman was unsure if it was a gang symbol, but police said it probably wasn't. A neighbor of the woman said he thinks it may have been there for nearly a month.

**Catalytic Converter Stolen**

4 A Novi man had his catalytic converter stolen from his parked car at his residence on Fountain Park Drive North.

The theft occurred on either Sept. 24 or 25 and the victim did not report hearing anything suspicious. The auto part was cut off and the man found his exhaust system hanging near the ground.

Compiled by staff writer  
 Lonnie Huhman



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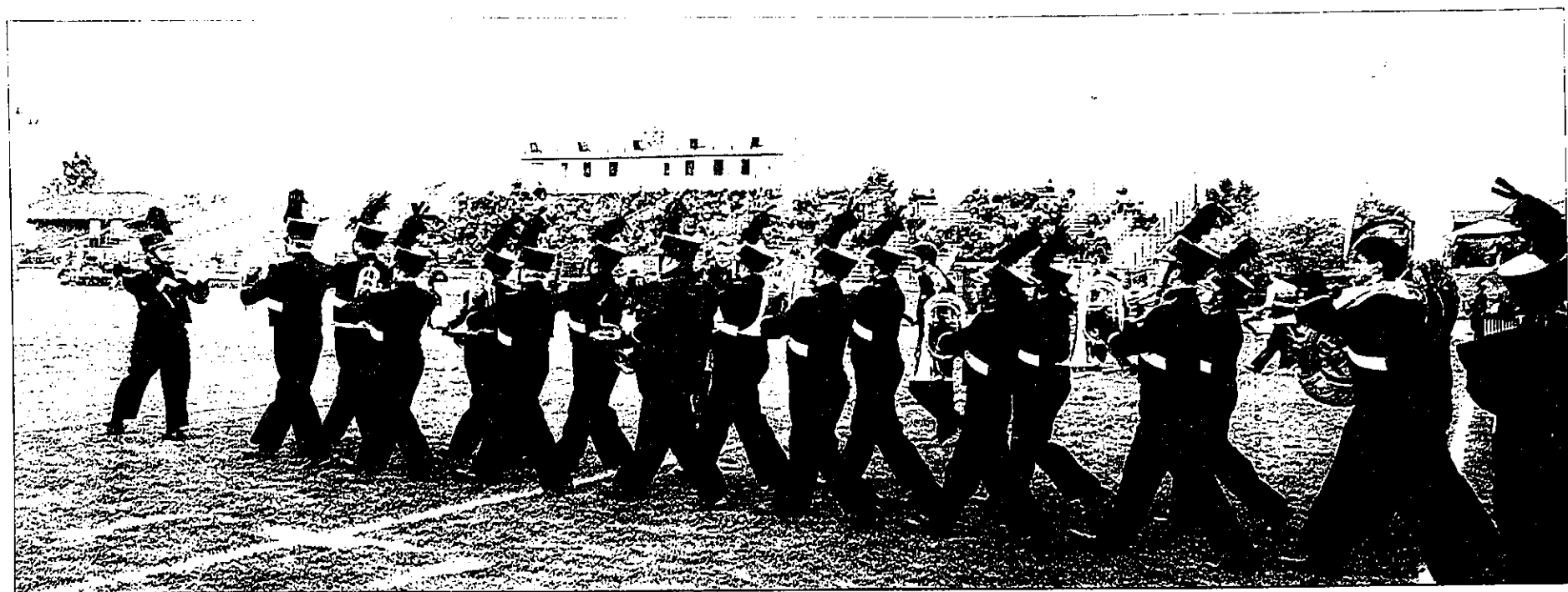
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The Mount Pleasant High School marching band takes the field on Sept. 22 during the Novi High School marching band competition "Fanfare." Novi took the field last that day in a juried show that saw more than a dozen bands from around the state compete.

# Strike up the bands!



Hazel Park High's marching band performs during Novi High's Sept. 22 "Fanfare" band competition.



Mount Pleasant's marching band performs its show on Sept. 22 at Novi High.



Fans applaud the efforts of Hazel Park High marching band during the Sept. 22 "Fanfare" competition at Novi High.



Mount Pleasant High marching band saxophonist Madelyn Russell prepares to take the field during Novi's Sept. 22 Fanfare competition.



Novi High hosted more than a dozen state marching bands during its Sept. 22 "Fanfare" competition.

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1) The menu concentrates on pizza, select entrees, burgers and slow smoked BBQ like the ribs pictured above. 2) The Kensington Grill is located in New Hudson just off of I-96 between Brighton and Novi.

## THE KENSINGTON GRILL OPENS

By Denis Zelazny  
Contributing Writer

The Kensington Grill is one of the newest restaurants in the area. Owner Mark Mitra, opened his eatery in May and the restaurant has already become a neighborhood favorite.

"The reception we have received and the amount of guests that have become regular patrons is truly amazing!"

Mark's goal is "to provide great food made from scratch at reasonable prices."

Mark worked closely with his chefs to design a menu that offers something special for every taste.

Kensington Grill offers a décor that is uniquely their own. You will find many items from the turn of the century. Including pendant lights from the old Hudson's building, a turn of the century chandelier and fireplace inserts from the 1800's which make up the back bar.

Before moving to Michigan, Mark lived in Kansas City and always wanted to bring that style of BBQ to Detroit.

The Kensington Grill offers pulled pork, St. Louis style ribs, beef Brisket and beer can chicken. Mark's mantra is "low and slow." Their BBQ is smoked up to 16 hours.

"We are proud of our BBQ and many of our customers have told us that it is the best in the area."

The Kensington Grill makes their BBQ sauces from scratch including a Carolina vinegar based, Signature Sweet, Spicy Chipotle and Smoky Texas Bold.

Pizza fans really must try one their artisan pizzas. They are one of the only restaurants in the area to offer real grilled Pizza. The dough and sauce are made fresh daily and grilled before being finished off in the oven. The Grill uses only fresh

yeast in their dough and their in house sauce is made from San Marzano tomatoes.

The Grill offers a wide variety of burgers, sandwiches and pasta dishes. The Bayou Shrimp Pasta has become a customer favorite. You will also find a nice selection of salads and appetizers, including unique offerings such as fried pickles and toasted ravioli. The Grill also offers vegetarian, vegan or gluten-free options.

For the perfect finishing touch the Grill offers desserts such as Bailey's Bread Pudding or Peach Cobbler. Both are made in house and topped with Guernsey vanilla ice cream. Mark uses Michigan products when ever possible.

The grill also offers daily specials. For the month of October, every Monday, you will find 1/2 lb Angus Burgers for \$4.99 and \$2.50 to \$3.50 pints. On Tuesdays, kids meals are \$1.99. On Wednesdays, you can order a one topping pizza for \$4.99 and all wines by the glass are half off.

The Kensington Grill is open for lunch with a separate lunch menu. Their half pound KG Angus burger and fries or personal sized pizzas for only \$5.99 are a big hit. They offer 10 items on their lunch menu priced \$5.99 or less Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The separate bar area is surrounded with large flat screens and is a great place to meet with friends and watch a game.

The grill has 14 beers on tap and over 20 varieties.

in the bottle, many from local Michigan brewers. There is also a well thought out and reasonably priced wine list. Happy hour is Monday through Friday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to close. Happy hour specials include \$1.00 off all drafts, \$2.00 off all wines by the glass, \$2.50 well drinks and \$4.99 appetizers. On Saturdays and Sundays, football fans can enjoy \$4.99 single topping pizzas, \$4.99 appetizers and \$3.50 for select 22 oz drafts from open until close.

The Kensington Grill is less than 10 minutes from Novi, Brighton, Milford or South Lyon, so it's in a great location to meet up with friends. They have a separate meeting area that seats 40 and have hosted a number of team and wedding parties.

They also have been involved with Charitable Nights for schools and organizations where a portion of the total bill is given back to the organization.

The Grill has an email program called the 'Cue Club. It has over 600 members who receive a free dinner on their birthday, anniversary specials and a free offer just for signing up. Information is available on the website and Facebook.

The Kensington Grill is located at 30712 Lyon Center Dr. in New Hudson, at the South East Corner of I-96 and Milford Road. Call them at 248-437-7077 or visit www.thekensingtongrill.com. And become a fan on Facebook.

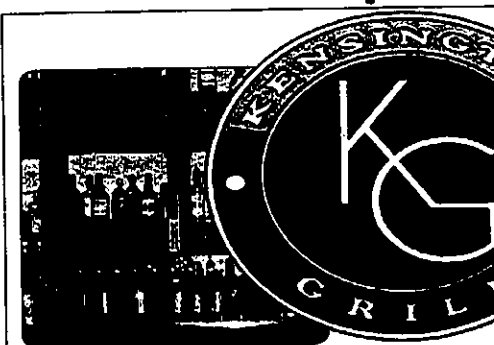


3) KG offers a full service bar with select wines, 14 beers on tap and a creative drink menu including the above, Cherry Lemon Drop Martini.

This has become our new go to restaurant. The food and service are excellent and the menu is varied enough that I know no matter who we meet for dinner, the Kensington Grill will have something to please everyone.

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# SPORTS

## Novi field hockey clinches Division II title in first season since moving up

Squad follows 2011's Div. III title with higher-level championship in 2012

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

In their first season moving up into Division II, Novi's field hockey team has cruised through the competition to an undefeated Division II championship.

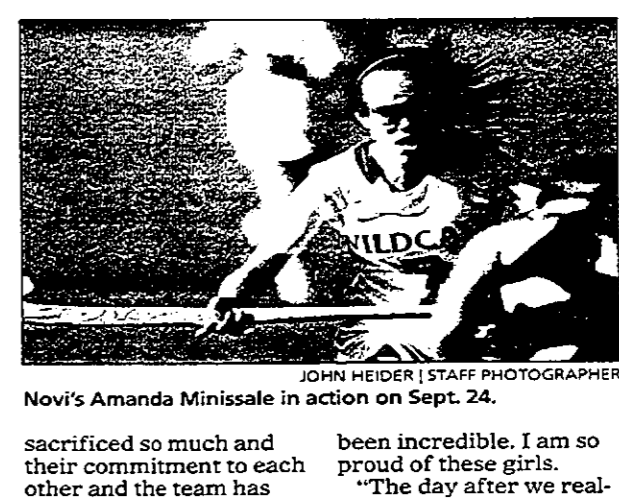
The Wildcats (10-0-1, 8-0-0 Division II) clinched the division title Sept. 24 with a 3-0 victory over

**ON TAP**  
Novi's field hockey team (10-0-1, 8-0-0 Division II) was scheduled to visit Grosse Pointe South (1-7-1, 0-6-0 Div. II) Oct. 1 before a break leads into hosting Detroit Country Day (1-8-1, 0-7-1 Div. II) 4:15 p.m. Oct. 9.

Ann Arbor Greenhills (4-1, 3-2-1 Div. II) before

moving on to defeat Academy of the Sacred Heart (3-4-4, 1-3-3 Div. II) 2-1 Sept. 26 and Dearborn (1-8-1, 1-3-1 Div. IV) 4-0 Sept. 27.

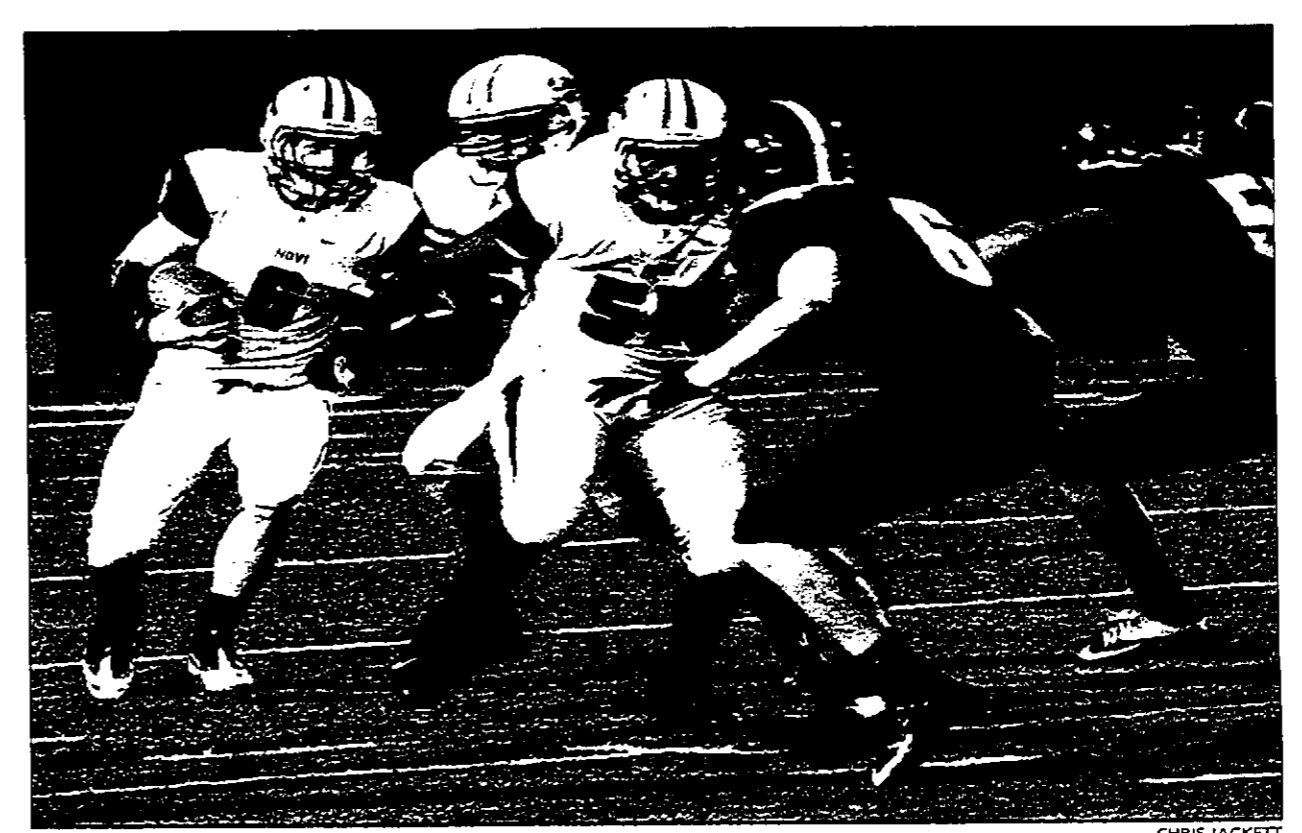
"Coming into the season, our team goal was to win Division II," Novi coach Kevin Kilgore said. "We have grown as a team from practice to practice, and from game to game. The girls have



sacrificed so much and their commitment to each other and the team has been incredible. I am so proud of these girls. The day after we realized we reached our goal by winning Division II, we talked as a team and established a new team goal for this year. We have a long, hard road ahead of us to achieve our new goal and complete the season. But when we play Novi field hockey, there is no limit to what we can accomplish."

Looking to clinch the title against Greenhills, the Cats cranked up the offensive pressure and got first-half goals from Sofi Mossos and Lizzie Malear. The defense

Please see FIELD, B6



Novi senior Matt Forche looks for a hole through a crowd of linemen Sept. 28 during a 30-20 loss at Livonia Stevenson. Forche had 85 yards and a touchdown on nine rush attempts.

## Spartans fend off Wildcats

294-yard production by Mims no match for Novi running backs

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Team records provided little foresight of the rollercoaster game that happened Friday when Novi came to Livonia to face Stevenson.

A trio of 30-point swings, including two streaks of 20 unanswered points, eventually ended with a 30-20 Spartan victory over Novi (1-5, 1-3 KLAA Central).

Stevenson (5-1, 3-1 Central) struck first with the only points of the first quarter on a 31-yard field goal by senior Tom O'Brien just before the mid-way point, but the Spartans took control late on a 59-yard run by senior quarterback Joe Mims (123 yards on 12 runs) with 1:05 remaining.

"Joe played very well," Stevenson coach Matt Fielder said. "He made very good decisions. He ran when he needed to run and threw when he

**ON TAP**  
Novi's football team (1-5, 1-3 KLAA Central) visits Northville (4-2, 3-1 Central) 7 p.m. Friday in a battle for the Baseline Jug before hosting either Westland John Glenn or Wayne Memorial (both 0-6, 0-4 South) in a crossover game for homecoming. The Mustangs defeated the South Lyon East 28-0 last week in South Lyon and remain in a three-way tie for the division lead with Plymouth Salem (5-1, 3-1 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (5-1, 3-1 Central).

needed to throw on the money and just managed the game very well."

Mims hit senior Adam Wheeler (33 yards on five catches) with a 7-yard touchdown pass up the right side on the first play of the second quarter for a 10-0 lead after

O'Brien's successful point after. That's when things got interesting.

Less than two minutes later, Novi freshman Emanuel Jackson (111 yards on 12 runs) burst up the right side for a 42-yard touchdown run, which senior Justin Danks capped with the point after to cut the deficit to 10-7.

"That's the thing with offense, you've got to get every block," Novi coach Todd Pennycook said. "One block can make or break you. We had a breakdown on third down a few times that hurt us."

Following an interception by Novi junior Mark Ryan two plays later, the Wildcats orchestrated a two-play combo between a 17-yard run by junior Jeffrey Baker (35 yards on 11 runs) and a 1-yard touchdown punch in by senior Cameron Mitchell (four yards on two runs) to go up

"It was as close to a photo finish, or team picture, as you can get, depending on your perspective," Novi coach Robert Smith said. Among Novi's 19-36 finishers were Nate Hall,

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Novi's Cameron Misko runs to a time of 18:04 at the Waterford Mott Invitational Sept. 28.

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# Catholic Central climbs to 2-0 in CHSL

## Football team played best game yet

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

They say that you can never tell a team's true potential until they've reached mid-season form. With half the regular season behind the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team, it appears that they've got the potential to reach several of their team goals.

First on that list is to win the Catholic High School League Central Division. The Shamrocks, which beat DeLaSalle two weeks ago, earned a 42-6 victory over U of D last Saturday. The win makes them 2-0 in conference play.

"I think you can definitely see our team improving," said assistant coach Michael Mach. "We probably played our most complete game to date on Saturday against U of D. They had just given Brother Rice a real tough game, and we could see on film they were a big and talented opponent, so for us to come out and play the way we did was very positive. Our kids just keep working to get better and take every thing one game at a time. We attribute this to the leadership that comes from our seniors, which

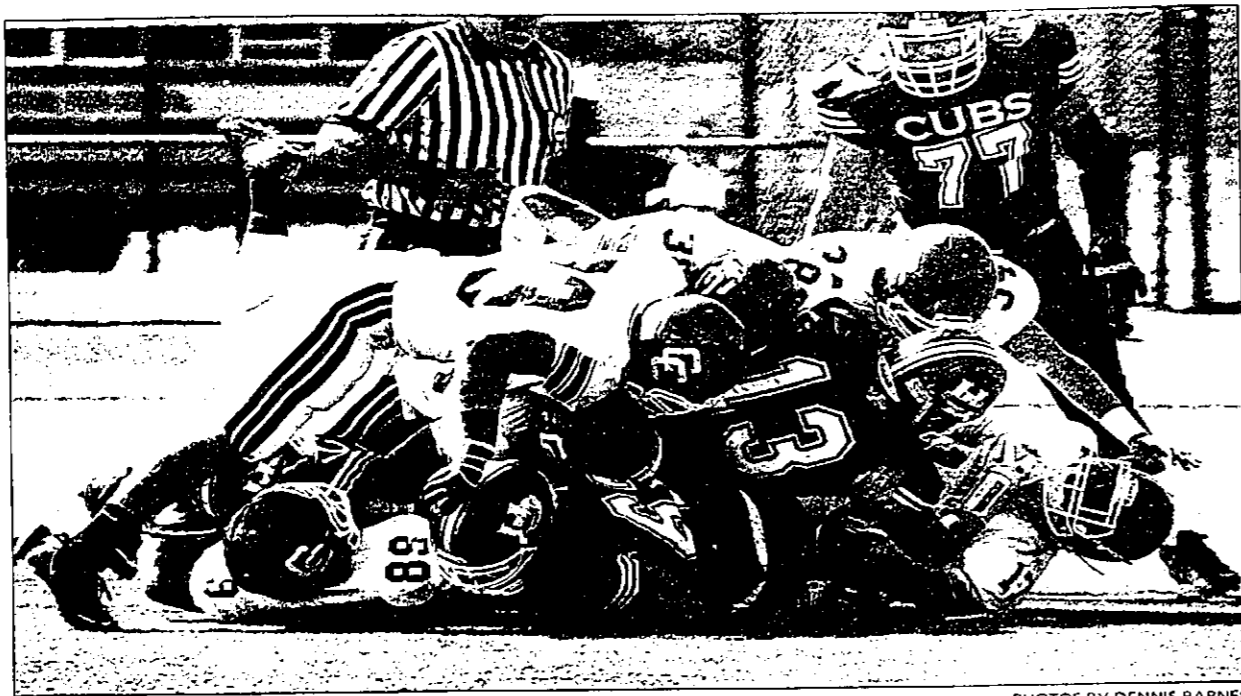
### ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central football team will be back in action when they visit Brother Rice tomorrow in a CHSL showdown. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

is the hallmark of any successful team, especially at Catholic Central."

The Shamrocks went on a 28-0 run before their opponents were able to answer. David Houle, a senior fullback, ran in touchdowns from five and three yards out to put his squad up, 14-0, before senior running back Anthony Darrangelo hauled in a pass from Garrett Moores and jaunted into the end zone for a 22-yard score and then added a five-yard run of his own to make it a 28-0 game.

The Shamrocks' defense allowed the only U of D score of the game to make it a 28-6 contest before Catholic Central juniors Danny Collins, a running back, and David Widzinski, a fullback, crossed the goal line for 12- and one-yard touchdowns, respectively. Moores put in all six extra points to help make it a 42-6 final.

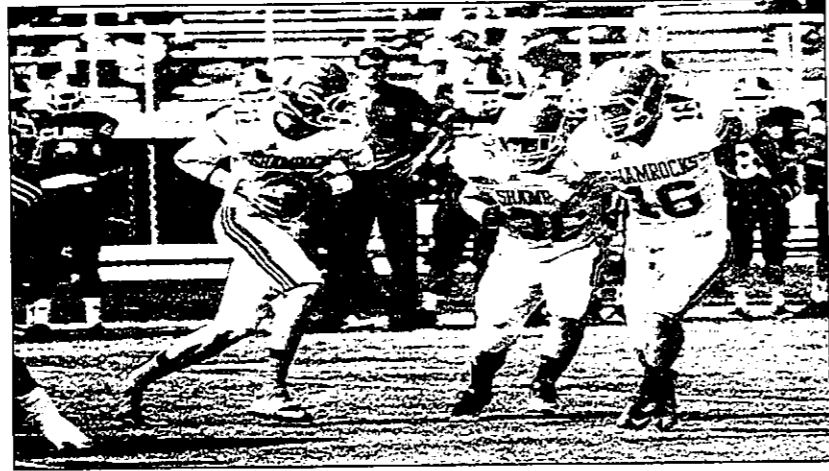


The Shamrock's defense stifles UofD.

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Defensively, the Shamrocks were led by senior captain Brandon Malinowski from his linebacker position as he picked up 12 tackles and a quarterback sack. Darrangelo added 10 tackles of his own and Why Shall-man, who returned to the lineup last week, added six tackles and a sack to help boost the defense.

The Shamrocks are now 4-2 on the year. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



Shamrocks Garrett Moores (11), David Houle (36) and Zach Beck (16) run the 'Wham' against UofD.

# Shamrocks soccer having success

## Squad has taken some lumps, but mostly earning wins

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

You win some and you lose some but in the end the only thing that matters is if the team is getting better each and every outing. For the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks soccer team, they've won more than they've lost recently, and each and every game there has been improvement in all facets of their technique and tactics—something first-year CC head coach Gene Pulice is happy to see.

"The team is playing very well going into the post-season," said Pulice. "They are on a high-spirited run for the title of the Catholic High School League, which is our first real goal of the season."

The Shamrocks have been on top of several CHSL games this year, including a 2-0 victory over U of D that found the squad putting in two quick goals after halftime to earn the victory. They also edged Brother Rice, 1-0, in an upset that found the two teams playing a varied style of soccer. Rice came out in a 4-5-1 formation while CC stuck

to its 4-4-2 formation. The extra man helped as the Shamrocks were able to hold Rice scoreless while tacking on a single goal for the victory.

The Shamrocks also earned a non-league win over North Farmington, 5-2, in a one-sided game. They also tied Detroit Western, 1-1, despite having two injuries to key players during the contest.

The Catholic Central kickers have had a couple of league losses, too, including a 5-4 loss in their second match-up with U of D and a 2-1 loss to DeLaSalle. Both losses were decided

### ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks soccer team will be back on the pitch when they start their busy week with a visit to Riverview Gabriel Richard today at 7 p.m., before hosting Garden City at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. The team will then play at Cesar Chavez Academy at 6 p.m. Tuesday before playing in the CHSL tournament Wednesday.

with second-half comebacks by the Shamrocks' opponents.

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# Novi kickers get past two ranked opponents undefeated

## Four-way race for division title will come down to final week

By Chris Jactett  
Correspondent

It was an impressive week of soccer last week for Novi's boys' team. After losing by a combined 5-0 to two opponents early last month on the road, they picked up the only goals in a 2-0 victory and draw against the same two teams, last week.

Unranked Novi (8-3-3, 4-2-2 KLA A Central) got the best of rival Northville (8-3-3, 3-3-3 2-Central) in a 2-0 victory Sept. 25 before tying No. 5 Plymouth Salem (10-2-4, 5-1-2 Central) 0-0 Sept. 27.

"We played our best soccer of the season tonight, especially in the first half," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said Sept. 25. "In the second half, we played very organized defense, and when Northville did get a shot, Andy Netter was there to make the save."

Novi's senior netminder picked up his sixth shutout of the season after making nine saves.

The Wildcats got on the board 15 minutes into the game off a corner kick that was cleared by the Mustang defense, but senior Jon Rice sent a one-timer back into the goal box, where senior Mitch Adams headed the ball to junior Nick Oakley at the back post for a one-timer into the goal.

In the 22nd minute, Novi got their second goal when senior Clay King played a similar ball into the goal box and Northville cleared it to freshman Tony Asimadu, who hit it back into the fray. Junior Selya Oginu got piece of it before Nakashima headed the ball to junior Nick Oakley at the back post for a one-timer into the goal. O'Leary credited Rice, Oakley, sophomore Ryan Kobakof, King and Adams for their play.

### ON TAP

Novi's boys' soccer team (8-3-3, 4-2-2 KLA A Central) was scheduled to host No. 14 Livonia Stevenson (8-2-4, 5-1-2 Central) two nights ago and South Lyon (8-4-5, 0-4-4 Central) tonight before a Kensington Conference crossover Tuesday and KLA A crossover Oct. 15, both which are dependant on final positioning within the division. All games are at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a 7 p.m. district quarterfinal Oct. 15 when the Wildcats host Detroit Catholic Central.

Against a slightly tougher Salem squad, neither team could find the back of the net in an offensive display. Novi had 12 shots, with six on goal, while Salem had 14 shots, with eight on goal.

"Andy Netter played very well in goal for us," O'Leary said. "Not only did he make eight saves, but six of them robbed Salem of great scoring chances. Plus, Salem is a team that likes to cross many balls into the box from the flanks and this kept Andy busy, coming off his line eight times to grab balls in the air."

Seven of Novi's 12 shots came from Nakashima, who nearly scored late in the second half on a header, but it missed just wide of the post.

"It was a very good high school soccer game, where either team could have won," O'Leary said. "Jon Rice also played great on defense, doing a great job against one of Salem's top forwards."

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Wildcat Jay Kim leaps up to play a ball.

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# NOVI BOBCATS FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

## Varsity squad tops Ravens, 36-18

The Novi Varsity Bobcats (5-0) defeated the visiting Rochester Hills Ravens (0-5) 36-18 in their homecoming game on Sept. 29. After recovering a partially blocked punt by Ian Patterson on the Raven's first possession, the Bobcats drove 35 yards for a touchdown on a run by Connor Moore behind the blocking of Scott Latham, Rakin Parker, and Andrew Calhoun. The PAT was good by Blake King, and the Bobcats led 8-0 in the 1st quarter. A booming punt by Latham on the Bobcats' next offensive series pinned the Ravens back deep in their own territory. The Bobcat defense led by Patterson, Parker, Calhoun, Anthony D'Annibale, and Ricky Turner relentlessly pressured the Ravens' backfield, forcing them to punt again. On the ensuing series the Bobcats' Patterson ran it in from 32 yards. The PAT kick by King was good, and the Bobcats led 16-0 to end the quarter.

After Parker recovered a fumble for the Bobcats in the 2nd quarter, Patterson scored again, rambling 38 yards for the touchdown. Following King's PAT kick, the Bobcats led 24-0. The Bobcats gave up a costly fumble that the Ravens ran back for a touchdown to narrow the game to 24-6 at halftime.

The Bobcats were led in the second half by strong running from Brendan Smith, Anthony Zimbalatti, and quarterback Chad Howell, to help set up the 11-yard scoring run by Suhass Chintalapur to push the score to 30-6. Turnovers and costly penalties by the Ravens allowed the Bobcats to score twice to drive within 30-18 in the 4th quarter. With the starting unit returning to the game, the Bobcats quickly erased any chance of a Ravens' comeback. Quarterback Ryan Welch threw a long pass to Moore for 39 yards, and then hit Turner in the corner of the end zone for the touchdown, making the final score 36-18. Defensively in the second half, the Bobcats were led by Colin Beyluis, who had a fumble recovery and was in on several tackles along with Travis Davis, Jordan Castleberry, and Tyler Vankirk.

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## JV team cages Ravens, 22-0

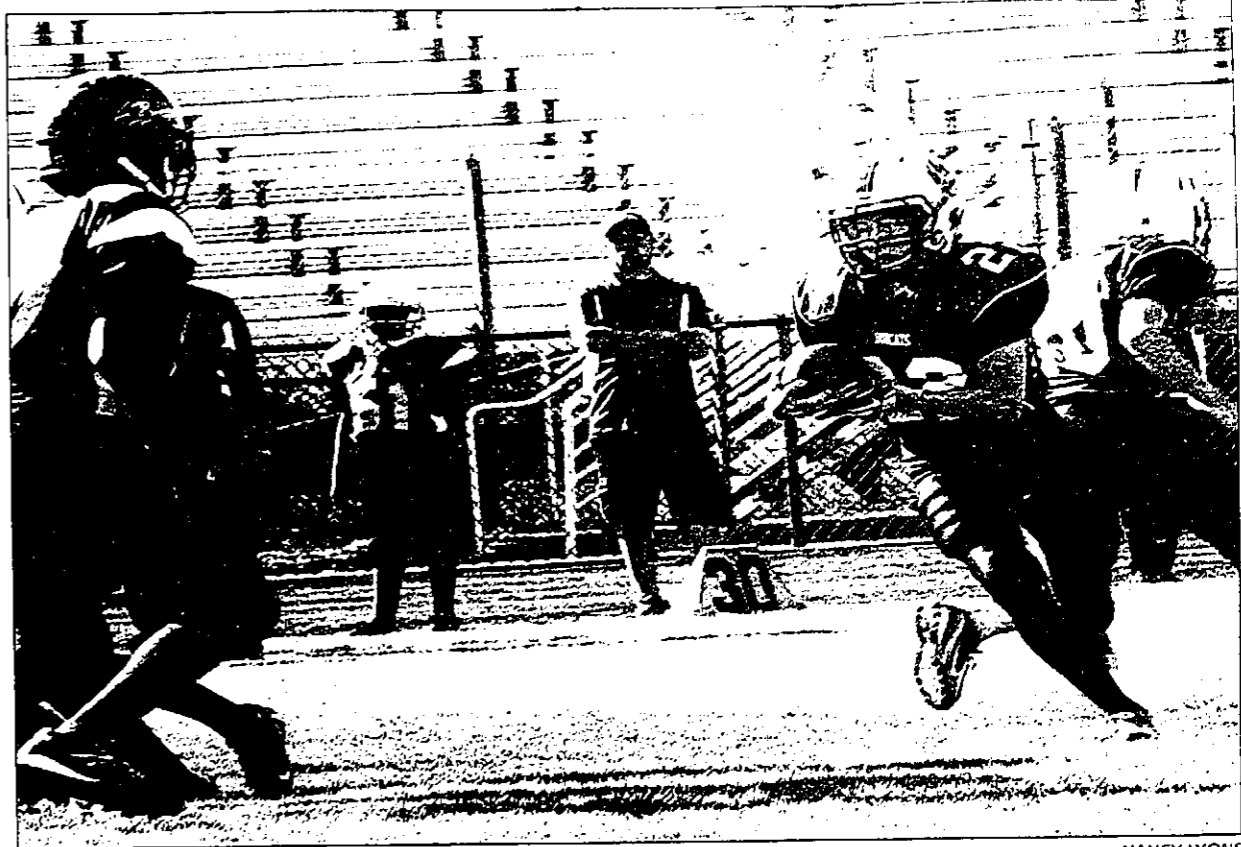
The Bobcats Junior Varsity team (4-1) celebrated homecoming day with a decisive victory over the Rochester Hills Ravens (0-5). After going three and out in their first series, the Bobcats converted to the Bobcats Traveon Maddox, who returned the punt 35 yards to the Raven 15 yard line. After losing yardage in their first few plays, Traveon Hankerson completed the drive with a 28-yard touchdown run to put the Bobcats ahead 6-0. The Bobcats then recovered a fumble on the next Ravens series but were unable to capitalize on it. After a solid Bobcats defensive series that included back-to-back sacks, the Bobcats defense set their offense up with good field position that resulted in a short TD run by Eric Budd. The extra point kick conversion made the score 14-0. After once again stopping a Ravens drive Traveon Maddox took the ensuing punt 40 yards for a touchdown. The converted extra point kick made the score 22-0 at halftime.

The second half became a defensive battle between the two teams that saw the Bobcats capitalize on the Ravens from capitalizing on three turnovers. Ellis Piper had an interception for Bobcats to stop a Raven drive. The final score was 22-0.

—By Michael Sheppard

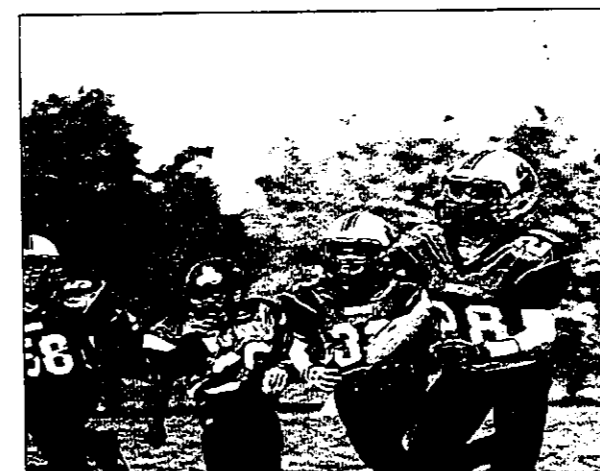
## Freshman team comes up short

The Novi Bobcats Freshman team came up short in the second half and fell in their homecoming game 24-13 to the Rochester Hills Ravens. On the opening drive



Novi Varsity Bobcat Brendan Smith (22) runs against the Ravens after a hand-off from quarterback Chad Howell (10).

NANCY LYONS



Novi's Traveon Maddox (28) returns a punt in the JV Bobcats Homecoming win over the Rochester Hills Ravens Sept. 29.

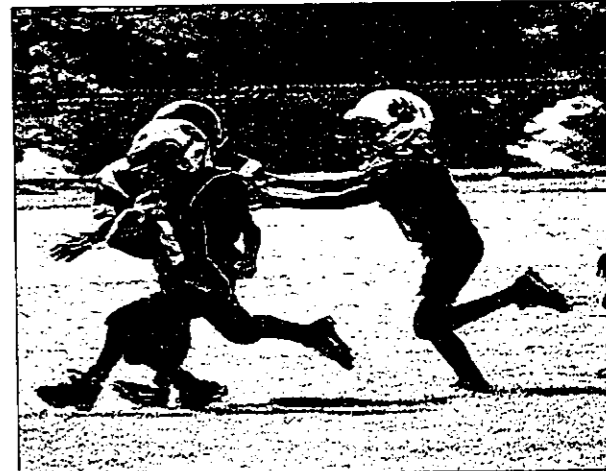
The Bobcats marched 65 yards in six plays and scored when Jack Beno (2-3 and 58 yards passing) hit Michael Kirkman on a 17-yard touchdown pass. The Bobcats almost scored again just before the half when Beno hit Tristan Whalen with a 41-yard pass.

To start the second half Dan Durmik raced 56 yards behind his offensive line of Jake Giddings, Ryan Hernan-

dez and Chris Emery for a score to give the Bobcats a 13-12 lead. That would turn out to be all the scoring for the Bobcats, who yielded two second half touchdowns to the Ravens.

The Bobcats were lead defensively by Alexander Awdsh who recorded 13 tackles and by Jacob Brown who had 7 tackles, one sack, and two quarterback hurries.

—By Chris Parenti



Freshman Bobcat Tristan Whalen (9) running off the block of Michael Kirkman (5) in their game against the Ravens.

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13U Blue



Motor City Madness 13U Blue brought home second place in their first tournament of the year at the Play at the Cage tournament at Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti on Sept. 22-23. It was their first tournament of the year and they were playing up in the 16U division. Shown (l to r, back) are Hannah Vitale, Ashley Yarberry, Chloe White, assistant coach Bill White, Morgan Hatton, Avery Fay, head coach Jon Hatton; (front) Jenah Hatton, Sarah Ratledge, Claire Sandou, Riley Jones, Kelsey O'Brien and Nicole Rinkel.

10U Red



Madness 10U Red brought home a second place in their first tournament of the season, the ICE Breaker n Grand Blanc on Sept. 22-23. After a last-inning, come-from-behind victory in the semi-finals, Madness lost a hard-fought 3-0 game in the finals. The coaches are Rick Cummings, head coach; and assistants Dave Brendtke, Greg Page and Joe Schornack. The players are (l to r, back) Lauren Franklin, Allie Page, Olivia Vitale, Maggie Murphy, Gaby Cummings; (kneeling) Madeline Schornack, Kayia Error, Cassidy Brendtke; (front) Grace Nieto, Allison Hale and Stephanie Schmunck.

13U Red



The MCM 13U Red team earned second place in the Smashing Pumpkins tournament on Sept. 22-23 in Toledo, Ohio. In the quarter final, MCM 13U Red beat the Wizards Fastpitch team 12-4 in the quarterfinal and defeated the Downriver Raiders 9-0 in the semifinal. In the finals, they lost 7-9 against the SG5 Magic 99 Red in a tightly-contested game. In addition to their second-place trophy, the players also received a special sportsmanship award from the tournament director. Shown (l to r, back) are Emma Paryaski, Mallory Wegrecki, Ally Cummings, Anna Dixon; (middle) Sarah Holton, Emily McCleary, Sam Vader, Nicole Schwerin; (front) Sydney Kist and Alissa Sweeney. Not pictured are Bethany Kopel and Jo Wenison.

FOOTBALL

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13-10 after Danks' PAT was blocked 3:21 into the quarter. Novi senior Matt Forche (85 yards on nine runs) burst up the right side for a 36-yard touchdown run to make it 20-10 with 1:58 left in the half after Danks' PAT, but the Spartans answered back 70 seconds later when Mims (20-for-30, 171 yards) dropped a 23-yard pass into the hands of junior Billy Bonanno (37 yards on two catches) in the right corner of the end zone. O'Brien's PAT made it just 20-17 Novi at halftime.

Neither team could move the ball in the third quarter, as Novi junior quarterback Isaac Burgess (0-for-3, two interceptions) aired out his first past attempt in the past two games, but it was picked off by Wheeler.

The Spartans couldn't get a first down on that drive, but their next drive carried into the fourth quarter, eventually ending after 69 yards on 10 plays that were chippy. He got punched and when you retaliate, that's the thing everyone sees and that gets called. But we've got to keep our composure. That's something we preach all the time and just can't do. The Spartans ran down the final 3:08 of the game clock to remain tied for first in the Central Division heading into next week's match-up with Plymouth Salem (5-1, 3-1 Central). The loss officially ends Novi's playoff hopes with three games remaining and no better than a potential 4-5 finish.

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well. I was very proud of the way we responded in the second half defensively and also offensively to score. Despite converting a fourth down at Stevenson's 47 on their next drive, Burgess' third pass attempt of the night was picked off by Wheeler again and returned it 12 yards to Novi's 44-yard line. "Adam had a great game, some key receptions and some big defensive plays late in the game specifically," Fielder said. "When you've got an offense like that that's grinding on you, if you get them to turn the ball over on you, that's huge."

Offsetting personal foul penalties at the end of the interception play also resulted in Burgess being ejected from the game retaliating from a punch.

"We're a running team, so we don't work a lot on the passing game. We had a little bit tough on the passing where we needed to make a play and we didn't make a play, and their kids did." Penny-cuff said of Burgess' two interceptions on three pass attempts. "I think I got a little chippy. He got punched and when you retaliate, that's the thing everyone sees and that gets called. But we've got to keep our composure. That's something we preach all the time and just can't do."

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held Greenhills at bay as goalkeeper Katrina Koomen picked up six saves and the shutout. Megan Murphy added the insurance goal, tipping in a rip from Maleser for the 3-0 victory.

Sacred Heart provided a tougher test a few days later, but Megan Paul sent a pass to Mosso, who was able to dribble into the goal circle and rip a shot into the net for a 1-0, but Sacred Heart evened the score before halftime.

Neither team could find the back of the net to break the tie in the second half until the final 20 seconds when Haley Notarantonio came out of a scramble and lofted the ball into the goal past Sacred Heart's goalkeeper. Netminder Lola Teran kept the opposition off the board in the second half for Novi.

After the game, the Wildcat players weren't about to underestimate the Pioneers the next day. Albane Blanchet set up Murphy for an early tip-in goal for a 1-0 lead and kept Dearborn on their heels in their defensive end. Murphy notched another goal off a rebound and then Lauren Brown fed Mosso a pass for a rip into the net for a 3-0 halftime lead.

The offense continued to flow in the second half, but couldn't find the back of the goal until the final few minutes when Amanda Minissale crossed the ball to Morgan Stazeky for the shot into the cage.

Teran and Koomen split the shutout in goal. "This group of girls are successful on and off the field, and have chemistry that works like magic every time they



Novi Wildcat Morgan Stazeky in action on Sept. 24 against Greenhills School. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

step on the field," Notarantonio said. "The varsity field hockey squad this year has become the team to beat. They are a threat to not only teams they have already beat, but teams they haven't played yet. Everyone knows who they are and the numerous things they have accomplished, and will continue to accomplish."

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Home Depot employees Marsha Burley and Lee Penny.

This summer and fall, Project Build! — a joint program of Jewish Family Service and Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan that provides home repairs for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income individuals and families — is bringing together local businesses and nonprofit organizations in a Community Wheelchair Ramp Project for children and adults living with cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis.

Sponsors and partner businesses include The Home Depot, BIA member companies COHA Homes and Elder Living Construction as well as Pro Carpentry. Nonprofit partners include United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit and Neighborhood Service Organization. Together, they are building four wheelchair ramps for individuals with cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis, at no cost to the individuals.

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Tim Saling from Elder Living Construction and Erin Lederman with Jewish Family Service Project Build!



Karl Koenig from Home Depot with Gordy Oliva from Gordy Oliva Remodeling.

remodeler volunteers. "Project Build! is now beginning to make a larger community impact. Due to the lack of available resources for individuals with physical disabilities who are in need of ramps, home modifications and repairs, other non-profit organizations in metro Detroit are starting to come to Project Build! for help. With the help of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, The Home Depot, The Jewish Fund and other great partners,

Jewish Family Service feels that at this point, Project Build! should try to help where it can," said Michelle Malamis, Jewish Family Service development associate. In January, Jewish Family Service won \$25,000 from The Home Depot Foundation through its Action Fund contest. These funds are used to purchase supplies for Project Build! programs, including this wheelchair ramp project, when the supplies are not donated.



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