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SPECIAL SECTION

I-96 work under way

The Michigan Department of Transportation is resurfacing about 10 miles of westbound I-96 in Oakland County. The project was scheduled to start Tuesday.

The project extends from Novi Road to the Oakland-Livingston county line, just west of Kent Lake Road. The work is restricted to overnights, with the exception of two weekends when westbound I-96 will be reduced to a single lane near Beck and Wixom roads for concrete patching.

Crews will resurface the freeway in segments, with lane restrictions beginning at 9 p.m. each weekday. The lane closures will be removed by 5 a.m. the following morning, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday, when lanes will re-open at 8 a.m.

All work on the \$4.4 million project is to be completed in mid-November.



Michigan State Fair has 'found its home'

A couple of chickens are on display in their pens at the state fair. Livestock and agricultural products were judged inside the Suburban Collection Showplace.



Novi event's attendance climbs beyond 75,000 visitors

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

From the VIP kickoff Thursday evening until the last visitor left Monday night, it was obvious that the return of the Michigan State Fair is here to stay.

"The fair has definitely found its home in Novi at the Suburban Collection Showplace," said Blair Bowman, owner of the facility. "It will be back next year bigger, better and more fun!"

Attendance climbed dramatically from last year. The 2012 Great Lakes State Fair tallied around 50,000, while this year's Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair hit between 75,000 and 80,000, according to Bowman.

That's impressive given that the event is up against Arts Eats & Beats in Royal Oak and the Detroit Jazz Festival, which combined drew around 600,000.

Likewise, the state fair's animal and agricultural livestock exhibits jumped 150 percent and there was nearly double the seating capacity for the circus.

"The customer feedback was overwhelmingly positive," Bowman said. "Literally, we were being thanked by more people when leaving than we were thanking people for coming."

As pleased as Bowman was with the turnout, he was equally impressed with the community giveback element of the Labor Day weekend event. More than 150 individuals volunteered, as did folks from the Detroit Shriners. Sponsors included Fifth Third Bank (presenting), Bright House (circus), Walmart (midway) and St. John's Providence (entertainment stage).

"We could not have had better partners and provided a better experience than we did for this year's event," Bowman said. "The city of Novi community support was incredible as well with the



Ashley Hidey and William Morganti check out some of the many sheep on display inside Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace during the Michigan State Fair, held last weekend. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

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Veterans pedal their way through Novi

Chicago to Detroit ride benefits wounded vets

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Veterans and more than 200 injured supporters made a stop in Novi as part of the United Healthcare Ride 2 Recovery Great Lakes Challenge, a six-day, 375-mile bicycle ride from Chicago to Detroit.

For former Marine Adam McCann, the 2013 Ride 2 Recovery Great Lakes Challenge was a great way to stay in shape, but more importantly it was a way to connect with people who share a similar experience as him.

McCann, 28, suffered wounds during a tour in Iraq after an enemy mortar round landed near him. The shrapnel severed the Achilles tendon on his left leg and the anterior tibia on his right leg. He said finding out about Ride 2 Recovery has played a big part in him getting back on his feet.

"I gained a lot of weight and didn't really know what to do, but then a friend at Camp Pendleton told me about this and so I got involved," he said of his journey over the last several years. "Now I'm 50 pounds lighter and feel healthier."

But McCann said the mental



Jaime Cruz of Kalamazoo cruises into Novi's Crowne Plaza Hotel as he and other participants of the Ride 2 Recovery take a break after a 68-mile ride from Lansing. JOHN HEIDER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

aspect to participating in this event has been even more rewarding.

"Being around other vets in similar situations, who can understand and relate, has been really rewarding and great," he said. "This gives us a feeling of success."

The journey

The Great Lakes Challenge cyclists started their journey with a ceremony at Soldier Field

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Missing pathway sections finalized

Agreement will fill gaps on Novi Road

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

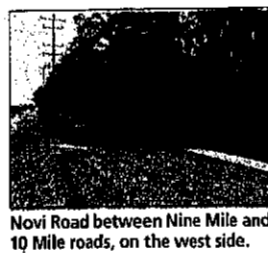
The missing segments of the pathway along Novi Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads will be filled in these coming months now that an agreement has been reached with the property owners.

The city is moving forward on the project to construct approximately 1,800 feet of six-foot wide concrete pathways to fill three gaps along the west side of Novi Road.

Neighborhood residents like Barton Heldke have been waiting for this pathway to be completed since moving into the area.

"So completing these small segments essentially opens up our neighborhood (of about 120 homes) to a whole system of walkways - lots of new ones, too, that Novi has put in - and we are very excited about it," he said.

Heldke said closing this gap will give him and others an opportunity to run, ride bikes, walk with their children and get places without having to use a car, without having to be on the road itself and without



Novi Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads, on the west side. JOHN HEIDER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

having to cross Novi Road at a dangerous spot.

Eminent domain

Two segments were under question the last several months and, although the use of eminent domain was talked about, in the end it wasn't needed.

"No eminent domain - the city of Novi approved the property owners' counteroffer of \$10,000 for easements over both parcels," Novi Public Services Director Rob Hayes said.

These parcels are owned by Denis and Hans Appel, at 23675 Novi Road, and the vacant parcel to the north. Appel had indicated he was not in favor of the project. However, city officials said following many discussions with the

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attorney representing the Appels, a counteroffer of \$10,000 was presented for the easements associated with both parcels.

"Filling these gaps will provide residents with a continuous pathway along this mile-long stretch of Novi Road that will allow unrestricted non-motorized access as far north as Novi Town Center and as far south as the city of Northville," Hayes said. "The completed sidewalk will also serve as a link to continuous pathways along Nine Mile Road between Novi and Haggerty roads and on 10 Mile Road between Novi and Beek roads."

The Novi City Council unanimously awarded the construction contract for the pathway and 2013 ADA Compliance project to Ponsan, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$179,187.

To do the project, Novi had to obtain four permanent easements and four temporary easements. Oakland Hills Baptist Church donated a piece to help fill in the pathway and another parcel was also acquired through a negotiated price.

Construction is expected to start soon and be completed by winter.

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Veteran Stefan Leroy of Santa Rosa, Calif., gets some help exiting from his recumbent hand-pedaled bike from Watti Knight of Brooklyn during the Ride 2 Recovery's Aug. 28 stop at Novi's Crowne Plaza Hotel. The ride, consisting of U.S. armed forces veterans, many of them combat wounded, is designed to build strength and camaraderie through the shared journey of biking across the country. JOHN KEEFER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

RIDE 2 RECOVERY

The program supports physical and psychological rehabilitation programs for injured veterans, featuring cycling as the core activity.

From indoor spinning training at military installations to multi-day, long-distance rides, Ride 2 Recovery helps injured veterans heal through the challenge of cycling long distances using hand cycles, recumbents, tandems and traditional road bikes.

This program has established Project HERO programs at 34 military installations and three VA sites. Through these on-site programs, R2R partners with the facility staff and cadre to create personalized and progressive programs to fit the needs of the individual patients and promote a fuller, quicker rehabilitation.

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— home of the Chicago Bears — and rode east through Michigan with overnight stops in Michigan City, South Haven, Grand Rapids, East Lansing and Novi (Aug. 28). The ride concluded Aug. 29 in Detroit.

The veterans trained for this ride as a means to help build strength and conditioning and it also helps them overcome the emotional challenges many veterans face when returning home from service.

"To me, Ride 2 Recovery means freedom. Sometimes you have to go along for the ride just to experience it," said Jaime Cruz of Kalamazoo, U.S.M.C. retired and active duty Army Reserves. "There is a bond that forms with other riders because you are unquestionably in it together — suffering through the weather or hills that go on forever. My experience is different on every ride, with new people to ride with and new skills to learn. I always look forward to the next ride."

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Bentivolio fights back on Obama controversy

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio is standing by his statement that "it would be a dream come true" to impeach President Barack Obama.

The Michigan congressman, who represents Novi in the 11th District, spoke publicly Aug. 29 for the first time about several remarks aimed at the president that were made at an Aug. 19 gathering of the Birmingham Bloomfield Republican Club.

The conversation, which took place between Bentivolio and one of his supporters, was videotaped and posted on YouTube. Since then, he has faced a firestorm of controversy: A column in the *New York Times* by Maureen Dowd suggested his comments were racially motivated, while the Michigan Democratic Party released a video on YouTube this week titled "Kerry Bentivolio Deserves a Lump of Coal for Wrong Priorities."

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U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio FILE PHOTO

"These are scandals that are going on and people are saying they're not real and they're not a big thing."

KERRY BENTIVOLIO

anybody, whether it's a Republican or a Democrat, commits high crimes or misdemeanors, I'm going to put aside party politics and go after that person."

Asked whether he thought there were any grounds to impeach Obama, the congressman said no.

"I don't really give it much thought," he said. "There are other people more concerned about that. I'm more concerned about getting bills through Congress."

"You need proof"
Bentivolio said he was well aware the conversation with

the GOP club was being recorded and would be posted online. He estimated about 20 people were at the meeting, which was held at the Big Rock Chophouse.

He even knew the person who asked him what could be done "to stop this runaway train in the White House," Bentivolio said the constituent is a supporter and that he gave her a hug when he first saw her.

"I said basically you need proof and we don't have the proof," he said. "I made that perfectly clear."

He also explained last Thursday what he meant when he told the supporter he recently stood 12 feet away from the president "and couldn't stand being there."

Bentivolio said he was referring to a visit Obama had made to the U.S. Capitol building several weeks ago, where the president met in private with GOP House members.

"I listened to him when he came to speak to the Republican Party — there were no Democrats in that room — and what he was saying was completely contrary to my belief of a limited and fiscally responsible government," Bentivolio said. "I do respect the presidency and when I speak to him I'll call him Mr. President. But those policies I'm

going to fight because they're not the right policies for America."

He added the president refused to answer any of the questions asked by the House members and "was preaching more than communicating."

Bentivolio acknowledges his office received a lot of calls about his remarks, both for and against. He is not surprised by all the attention the story has received.

"I serve on the Oversight Committee and we're investigating Benghazi and the IRS as part of that job," he said. "These are scandals that are going on and people are saying they're not real and they're not a big thing. But when the IRS spends \$3 million for a conference and does a movie for \$50,000 where someone dresses up as Spock, people are a little concerned how they're spending their money. They're curious, naturally curious."

So is it still his dream to impeach the president?

"We have the IRS scandal," Bentivolio said. "It would be a dream to draft such legislation if we found him in violation of committing some high crimes and misdemeanors."

Correspondent David Bloom contributed to this article.

Dem Club holds its own town hall meeting, minus Bentivolio

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

More naughty than nice is how some constituents of U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-11th District, think of him.

Members of the 11th District's Democratic Club held a town hall meeting Aug. 29 at the Novi Library to allow voters to air their concerns and questions, which they say have mostly gone unanswered by Bentivolio. They created a list of concerns they want their congressman to hear.

The list came from comments from voters after a meeting that was spurred on by Bentivolio's comments that it would be a "dream" to im-

peach the president, which the Michigan Democratic Club said is part of his pattern of focusing on the wrong priorities in Washington.

"Congressman Bentivolio's latest comments about the president are just another sign he's not fit to serve," said Joshua Pugh, communications director of the Michigan Democratic Party. "That's why Michigan voters are holding Bentivolio accountable — not only for his wrong priorities leading to an obsession with impeaching the president, but for his support for partisan budget plans that put millionaires ahead of the middle class."

This is just the latest in a series of accountability events

Bentivolio's constituents have hosted during the congressional summer recess.

"He wouldn't have his own town hall, so we thought we would have our own," said Northville resident Lisa DiRado, a Democratic Club member. "This is a chance to discuss what he has said and voted on."

Jim Gualdoni, 11th District Michigan Democratic club chairman, said Bentivolio would not speak with members and in general is very difficult to get in contact with. He said they would take the comments from the town hall meeting and give them to Bentivolio's office.

The meeting was a bit of a

tongue-in-cheek one, with Rochester Hills resident Bruce Fealk dressing up as the Grinch to play the fill-in part of Bentivolio.

The comments and questions were plentiful from more than 20 people who attended the meeting.

Novi resident Tess Kelly posed her question about teachers and evaluation. She wondered why it seems Bentivolio is such a big supporter of teacher evaluations and subsequent firings when he, himself a former teacher, would have had difficulty receiving a good evaluation.

In general, the meeting attendees asked why Bentivolio was so determined to im-

peach President Barack Obama. They also wanted to know why he ignores his responsibilities to his constituents and providing help to this who need it in Michigan.

Commerce Township resident Randy Stone wondered how Bentivolio could deny "all the positive things that help people become self-sufficient ... how can you deny that to people who don't have the advantages?"

The Democratic Club said it looks forward to the 2014 election, when Bentivolio's seat is up for re-election.

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Love of learning serves young kids well right from the start

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Karen Paciorek of Novi brings both professional and personal experience to the question of how to best prepare young children for school. Paciorek, who served from 2002-11 on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, is the faculty coordinator for the Early Childhood Education Program at Eastern Michigan University.

She and her husband are also parents of two sons, now 28 and 25.

"And they are doing great now because of the Northville schools," Paciorek said. "We feel blessed."

As educators get ready for another school year, they agree parents can do a great deal to help kids get a good start.

"They need to feel they're going to be comfortable there," Paciorek said of kids starting preschool or kindergarten. That includes such routines as

where to hang a backpack or pajamas at home. Plenty of sleep and a good breakfast matter a great deal.

"They know there are expectations at home and there are expectations at school," she said of the comfort of routines.

Children should be able to use the bathroom at school and wear comfortable clothing they don't have to worry about. An elastic waistband, snaps or a zipper on pants may be preferable to buttons that challenge young fingers.

"Can they take the top off the Thermos drink?" Paciorek said. "Just making sure they are confident."

Paciorek, who hails from the "Noville" part of town (Northville school district with a Novi address), earned her Ph.D. from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. Her B.A. is from the University of Pittsburgh and she earned an M.A. from George Washington University. Her school board stint included time as president.



Village Oaks kindergarten teacher Karen Eby talks with students Noah Azzopardi and Sruthi Karthik on their first day of classes Sept. 3. Village Oaks has about 492 students enrolled in classes. (JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Reading key

"One of the best gifts we can give children is the love of reading," Paciorek said, urging parents to continue reading to their kids as they get older. Reading isn't a race, she said. "It's who stays with it the longest."

Children who love reading will do better in school. "It shouldn't feel like a punishment," the EMU professor said. "Instill an early love of reading. You want that love of reading to come about."

She agreed parents with a specific concern about the child should start with the teacher. "Definitely the teacher is the first person the family needs to talk to," Paciorek said, noting administrators and school board members will ask about that. "Sometimes, teachers are very grateful."

figure of 10 minutes of homework a night per grade, increasing each year. Some parents may worry it's too much.

Teachers she's known and trained often say, "I need that feedback." There always has to be an open line of communication. We all have to work together."

Paciorek encourages parents to work with the child, develop relationships at school and get involved. "It's tough to run schools today and they need support from the community," she said.

Parents can volunteer for March is Reading Month or for the bake sale. Meeting other parents is key. "That's how we build those connections," she said.

Paciorek worries when seeing a parent and child travel along Eight Mile to Merger and the child is watching a DVD in the back. That's a key time for conversations, she said, and sets the stage for tougher talks in the teen years.

"We've already had those relationships and talking," she said. "Use those opportunities to develop relationships with your children."

The EMU professor added it's great to give children choices, such as picking one of three shirts to wear to school or jelly for the sandwich. That way, they learn consequences early on when stakes aren't high.

"I always said to my boys, 'Make wise choices.' Those are important lessons we need to learn early in life," Paciorek said.

She emphasizes key "soft skills" of kindness, communication and being able to take care of oneself, all critical in the learning process. You can put a family photo in the child's backpack to ease jitters, she said, and carry the child's photo on your phone or put it on your desk.

"Talk about it (school) at night," she said. "Have dinner together. Life is busy, but take

time to enjoy it."

'Very exciting'

Karen Gessler is another educator excited about school starting this week. The Novi resident is principal of the K-8 Our Lady of Victory Catholic School in Northville, where classes started Aug. 27.

"It gets them used to it," she said of the pre-Labor Day start and school. "They get their little break and then we're ready to go. It's very exciting right now, very exciting."

Making the start of school positive is key, Gessler said. You can shop with your child for a lunchbox, shoes and book bag.

"School is so much fun," said Gessler, who did her graduate work at EMU and holds an educational specialist degree in educational leadership.

"We're going to do all these wonderful things." Playground visits, even in summer before school starts, help children, she has found. Gessler is mom to three biological children as well as two stepchildren, so she also has experience sending young ones off to school.

"When your first one goes, you worry," said Gessler, who's been pleased to find "family-oriented welcoming schools where they just made you feel welcome right away."

At OLV, staff meets with kindergarten parents the previous March, not just for curriculum, but also for a sense of the school day and its routine. Over the summer, a PTO parent organizes play dates at the school so children and their parents can meet.

"We are a very family-oriented school," Gessler said, noting first-day kindergartners attend for one hour with one or both parents. "It's a great way of doing things."

She added strong bonds with the school build better relationships. "Really, school should be about family," Gessler said. "Education is really about the whole family."

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Northwood University to offer programs on site

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Northwood will begin offering classes this fall in an array of innovative and practical business curricula. This strategic initiative aims to provide ease of transferability for the students of Schoolcraft seeking a bachelor's degree in a business-related field.

To learn more about Northwood programming at Schoolcraft, please send an email to robinson@northwood.edu or call Brendan Robinson at 734-462-4400; ext. 5893.

Disney Institute seminar in health care

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development Department welcomes the Disney Institute and its one-day seminar on Building a Culture of Health Care Excellence, Monday, Sept. 16. This seminar will teach how to create a sustainable culture of service that can lead to a competitive edge for health care organizations.

For more information, call 734-462-4448 or email CEPD@schoolcraft.edu.

Another accreditation

College officials received word from the National Association for the Education of Young Children indicating that its Children's Center accreditation has been renewed for the next five years. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Children's Center staff and it is an indication of an exemplary program and environment where young children as well as college students can develop and learn. The Schoolcraft College Children's Center has been accredited since 1999.

Students, staff help rebuild Detroit

More than a dozen Schoolcraft College students and staff members joined more than 450 other Michigan and Ohio volunteers for the Brightmoor neighborhood of Detroit earlier this month. Participants spent several hours clearing then planting wildflower seeds across 500 vacant lots, cleaning up the curbsides and sidewalks, picking up trash in the neighborhood and clearing lawn debris and vegetation overgrowth in the area.

Future Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedics enrolled at Schoolcraft this fall will benefit from some of the most advanced instructional technology available. Spaces for fall are still available in these programs, which are offered in newly renovated labs in the college's Radloff Center in Garden City. The labs replicate the EMT-Paramedic work environment, right down to the fully functioning interior of an ambulance. EMT-Paramedic students work with high-fidelity mannequins, which present symptoms and respond to treatments, giving students the immediate feedback they need to master crucial skills. Program options include a certificate and associate degree. All courses are approved by the Michigan Department of Community Health EMS and Trauma Systems Section.

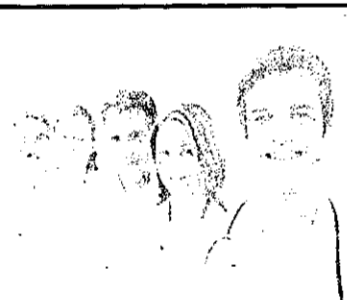
Partnering with GVSU

Schoolcraft College and Grand Valley State University have forged a formal agreement to help students complete a "reverse transfer" associate degree while working on a bachelor's degree. The new reverse transfer agreement creates a process that allows students who transfer from Schoolcraft to GVSU to be awarded an associate degree that the student is most qualified for, with the help of credits earned at the university. Qualifying students must have already earned at least 45 credits at Schoolcraft, but transferred to GVSU before earning an associate degree. Currently Schoolcraft College has similar reverse transfer agreements with four other universities, including University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Eastern Michigan University and Ferris State University.

'All My Sons' auditions

The Theater Department will hold two audition opportunities for its production of Arthur Miller's famous drama *All My Sons*. Auditions are open to the public and formal acting training or experience are not required. The play will be performed in Dinner Theatre-style format Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2 and 8-9. Call 734-462-4400, ext. 5270, for more information. For more information, visit www.schoolcraft.edu.

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Nicole Chaika, Keith PTA president; Suzanne Cowles, retired Keith principal; Jessica Rohrhoff, Keith art teacher; Kim Wolfe, Keith PTA member; and Phil Pittman, Keith principal, were at the 50th anniversary celebration.

Keith Elementary celebrates 50th year

Keith Elementary School marked its 50th anniversary with many generations of Keith alumni, both students and staff, recently visiting the school.

At its anniversary celebration students and former students, including Makenzie Ryder, Craig Bellinger, Ali Taquinto, Kelsy Schultz, Jake Haver and Andie Wolfe, plus new kindergartener Bradley Bellinger, all spoke about their past, present and future experiences with the Keith Elementary community.

Craig Bellinger, parent of two current Keith students, a second grader and a new kindergartener, shared his fond memories as a student as well how gratifying it is to have his children attending the school.

Current Principal Phillip Pittman reminded staff and students about when the school opened 50 years ago, Aug. 28, 1963. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered one of the most important messages in our nation's history during the March on Washington as he declared his vision of hope with his "I Have a Dream" speech.

"In many ways, the opening of Keith Elementary represented the hopes and dreams of a community," as well "Pittman said. "This community has dreamed of Keith being a place where children learn and grow and thrive in a cul-

ture of caring, a place where teachers and support staff are honored and valued as the most important professionals in the world, a place where we have the motivation and courage to be leaders in our field, continually evolving in our practices to best meet the needs of each and every student."

Suzanne Cowles, former 22-year Keith principal, listed the many accomplishments and accolades the school staff, students and community have achieved. Art teacher Jessica Rohrhoff unveiled an unbelievable ceramic wall mural that the entire community worked on over the past year. The mural depicts a tree and each student, staff member and parent made individual tiles that are leaves and branches, with names and words that showcase the Keith Elementary School attributes.

Nicole Chaika, Keith PTA president, thanked Rohrhoff and the entire school for making Keith Elementary a place full of awe and wonder, learning and discovery, effort and perseverance, a place that has a profound impact on all those who pass through its hallways.

Pittman thanked Chaika, Kim Wolfe, the PTA member who chaired the 50th planning committee, and the entire PTA for everything they do to make Keith a place in where excellence is the rule.

Restaurants, businesses, sponsors support Novi athletics

Novi restaurants, entertainment vendors and corporate sponsors will show their Novi Wildcat spirit Friday, Sept. 13, as they take on key roles in Novi Athletic Boosters club's premier fundraising and community outreach event, Tastefest. Organizers of the seventh annual event are hoping for a wonderful late summer evening, so restaurants are planning dinner for more than 3,000 people.

Gates at Wildcat Stadium open at 5 p.m. for restaurant service and the Tastefest Silent Auction in the field house, followed by the Novi High School Wildcats varsity football game against the Salem Rocks at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5.

"We continue to be impressed by the collaborative spirit and commitment of our restaurant partners and business leaders in support of Tastefest. Every year our supporters look forward to this event, where they can spend time with our fans and make their contributions to our Novi students and student athletes," said Ray Notarantano, Novi Athletic Boosters president.

Butch Wingfield, Tastefest co-chair with Noreen Serra and Jack Kilger, sees the event as a cornerstone of the booster club's mission.

"Tastefest has been a very popular community event that supports Novi School athletic programs," Wingfield said. "Tastefest, in conjunction with the Silent Auction and Fireup Fest, should be an evening of fun and entertainment for the whole family."

Eight restaurants, an entertainment vendor and three corporate sponsors will take headlining roles this year. The event will feature tastes from the Mongolian Grill of Novi, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar of Novi, Cold Stone Creamery of Novi, Subway of Novi (West Oaks), Pizza Marvelous of Novi, Biggy Coffee of Novi, Olga's Kitchen (Grand River), Applebee's of Novi and Qdoba.



Volunteering and helping the food vendors at last year's Tastefest are (from left) Brian Kiel, Larry Henry and Carolann Kiel.

DETAILS

Event: Novi Athletic Boosters club's Tastefest and Silent Auction fundraiser and community outreach event. In case of inclement weather, tents will be erected. Date: Friday, Sept. 13. Time: Gates open at 5 p.m. for restaurant service and silent auction; varsity football game against Salem Rocks at 7 p.m. Admission: \$5. Food prices: Priced individually by vendors. Info: www.noviathleticboosters.com

Tastefest gives them the opportunity to increase their restaurants' visibility in the community. Andy Nofar, owner of Pizza Marvelous, said this opportunity for exposure is important for small businesses.

"We get to meet a lot of people who have never tried our pizza and who have never met me personally," Nofar said.

For Qdoba, this year's Tastefest will even provide an opportunity to introduce its newest location.

"We have a new location in Novi and are happy to be a partner for Tastefest while supporting student athletics in our schools," said Dave Stotts, manager of Qdoba of Novi.

In addition to enjoying dinner and dessert, Tastefest patrons will have the opportunity to bid on more than 200 items offered through the Tastefest Silent Auction in the field house.

Guests will also have the opportunity to purchase this year's themed "I Love Novi" T-shirts and other Novi spirit wear items.

Pump-It-Up of Wixom will provide a gigantic inflatable bounce house for kids of all ages. Major corporate sponsors include the Platinum Sponsor Michigan CAT in Novi, which provides safety lighting for the event, and Silver Sponsors Library Sports Pub of Novi and Sellers Buick/GMC, companies which help to underwrite the event.

City rescinding Fifth Avenue's liquor license

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The re-opening of the Fifth Avenue Club and Restaurant by the Grace Sharing Club has a bump in the road, with the city of Novi adopting a revised resolution to rescind its October 2012 local approval of a quota liquor license for that establishment.

The establishment on Novi Road has been dark for some time, but the Novi City Council is hopeful that a new owner would come in and pick things up at the former popular spot.

At the time of the initial approval, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt said, "It's time to bring this business back in play."

According to Novi officials, Grace Sharing Club has failed to take steps to secure occupancy permits and issuance of such license by the Michigan

Liquor Control Commission and to comply with representations to the city with regard to its use.

"The Fifth Avenue Ballroom site is one of the large, important entertainment venues in Novi with a prominent location. The building owners approached the city last October about securing one of the city's very last quota liquor licenses with the promises of starting work upon securing the license and being open very soon," Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said.

However, Pearson added, "Now nearly a year later, we continue to look forward to the Fifth Avenue Ballroom building re-opening, as they have secured permits and have said they are beginning work. However, we have asked the State Liquor Control Commission to revoke the quota license so

the city has that for issuance again and the Fifth Avenue could secure a transfer liquor license like scores of other establishments have successfully done."

City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said in the report to council the applicant has not secured all of the necessary building permits for required renovations to the building and is not at this point close to securing occupancy and other required permits for the building.

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er, in previous communications, its representative John Carlin Jr. said Grace Sharing Club owner Kuang Hsung J. Chuang was committed to the location's revival. He said Chuang had invested more than \$4 million into the building at 25750 Novi Road and operates the Basic Asian Mart at the adjacent location.

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Novi officials said the deadline has passed, without compliance. There is no statutory provision for rescinding a prior local approval, city officials said, but the Liquor Control Code and the city's ordinance talk about "revocation" of a license once it has been issued.

However, Novi officials said since the LCC has not formally issued this license yet to the applicant (it has approved the license, but actual issuance is waiting additional information from the applicant), a copy of the revised resolution would be sent to the LCC with a request that the license not be issued.

If the LCC issues the license despite the resolution, then the city can commence more formal revocation proceedings under the process set forth in the ordinance, according to Novi officials.

Cooling off

Scott Romo, 10, takes a bucket of Walled Lake water and pours it over his head during a visit to Novi's Lakeshore Park. He was at the park Aug. 29, a day that saw temperatures in the upper 80s. Lakeshore Park's swimming beach closed the day after Labor Day. JOHN HEDBERG/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi News publisher to head Livingston County Daily Press & Argus

Susan Rosiek, a veteran Detroit-area community journalist and publisher, has been named to head the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus and Livingstondaily.com, Gannett Michigan President Joyce Jenereaux announced.

Rosiek, publisher and executive editor of Observer & Eccentric Media, will also continue to oversee the 13 O&E suburban Detroit properties, which include the Novi News, Northville Record, South Lyon Herald and Midford Times and Hometownlife.com. O&E and Livingston are both owned by Gannett Co., Inc., one of the nation's leading media and marketing solutions com-

panies, with holdings in digital, mobile, broadcast and print media.

The appointment was effective Sept. 4, the date upon which Livingston General Manager and Executive Editor Rich Perlberg retired. "Sue will bring outstanding experience in community journalism to her new Livingston responsibilities and is well-qualified to carry on the tradition of excellence at the Press & Argus that Rich Perlberg built," Jenereaux said. Rosiek has spent more than 25 years in journal-

ism, primarily at the Observer & Eccentric, in a variety of reporting and editing roles. She has served as publisher and executive editor of Observer & Eccentric Media since September 2009.

She is a metro Detroit native and a graduate of Michigan State University. She serves on the boards of St. Joseph Mercy Health System and the Livonia Community Foundation. She is also a member of the Women's Giving Circle of the Canton Community Foundation.

Rosiek lives in Plymouth Township with her husband Steve Barnaby. They have a son, Ian Barnaby.

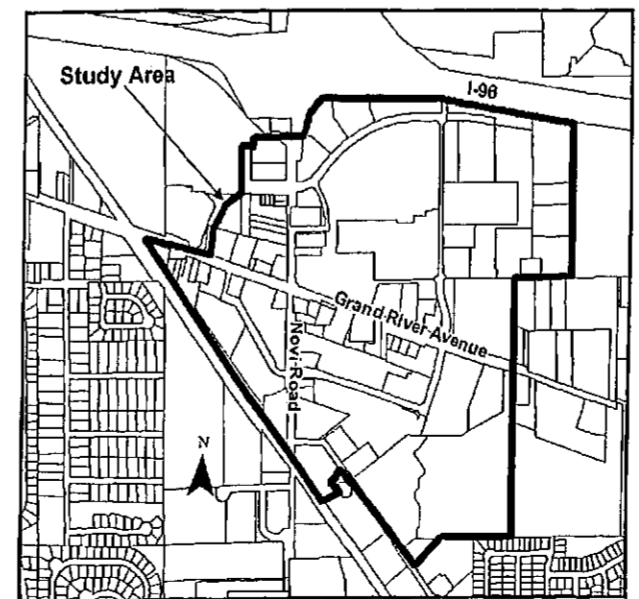
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UPDATES FROM CITY OF NOVI

Civilian pistol safety classes offered

The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Novi Police Department Training Center, located at 45125 W. 10 Mile. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan concealed pistol license.

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

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or earplugs, a pen or pencil and a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course.

Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

Girls will be on the run this fall

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, in partnership with the Plymouth YMCA, announces another season of Girls on the Run starting the week of Sept. 16.

Girls on the Run is a life-changing experiential learning program for girls ages 8-13. This program combines training for a 3.1-mile running event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting work-outs. Registration includes daily snacks, T-shirt, water

bottle and an entry into a 5K race Sunday, Nov. 17. Teams are forming for third- and fourth-grade girls at Orchard Hills, Novi Woods, Deerfield, Village Oaks and Parkview elementary schools. A team is also forming at Novi Meadows for fifth- and sixth-graders.

Volunteer coaches are needed. Coaches do not have to be runners themselves, just dedicated individuals willing to encourage the girls and work with them to achieve their goals. A training session is provided for coaches and a supplies box is provided for each program site. Practices take place after school for an hour and a half, two days a week, for 10 weeks.

Registration is \$10 and is going on now at cityofnovi.org. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Sept. 11. For questions or to find out how you can become a coach, contact Greg Morris, recreation supervisor, at 248-735-5646 or gmmorris@cityofnovi.org.

To learn about additional activities for youth in Novi, visit cityofnovi.org.

Great Lakes Pastel Society to display work

The city of Novi has been selected to host the artwork of the Great Lakes Pastel Society in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery, 45175 10 Mile. The exhibit is on display through Sept. 26.

The Great Lakes Pastel Society seeks to promote and increase the public awareness of the creative pastel paintings as a fine art medium. The juried exhibit will feature 50 works chosen from 173 entries. Most members of the society are Michigan residents; however, artists from California, Montana and New York are also members.

The Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery showcases works from local artists. The final exhibit of 2013 will

be ArtsNovi in November. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is seeking artists for Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery shows in 2014. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 5, 2014. Contact Scott A. Pratt, superintendent of recreation, at spratt@cityofnovi.org or visit cityofnovi.org to obtain an application.

Other opportunities for viewing public art displays in Novi include sculptures at Forest Park, TTC Community Sports Park and multiple installations at the Novi Public Library. To learn more about art initiatives in Novi, visit cityofnovi.org.

Keeping fit

The city of Novi has a long-standing tradition of encouraging activity, active lifestyles through parks, programs and infrastructure. As summer winds down and cooler temperatures prevail, indoor fitness offerings heat up. The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department proudly offers a wide variety of programs to meet the needs of citizens and help them to achieve their personal fitness goals.

Fitness classes with sessions beginning in September and early October include Zumba, Taiji Quan, Basic, Lunch-Time, Hatha and Yin Yoga, Total Body Barre, Delfinity Total Workout, Bolyfit, Arms, Abs & Legs, Capoeira, Tai Chi, Parent and Baby Yoga, Morning Tone & Stretch, Martial Arts for Everyone and more. Classes are offered morning, noon and night.

Registration is going on now via cityofnovi.org or at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

For more information regarding fitness classes, including programs for young children, visit cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0400.

Man dies in accident on I-96, investigation continues

By Diane Andreassi
Staff Writer

A 42-year-old DeWitt man died in an accident about 11 a.m. Aug. 27 on Interstate 96 near Milford Road in Lyon Township.

Two other people were taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries, said Lyon Township Fire Chief Ron McLain.

Witnesses told authorities a motorist lost control of a vehicle and was swerving across the lanes. The driver of a semi-truck was behind that vehicle and was able to get to the side of the road and avoid an accident. The 42-year-old man, Don Selden, was killed after the flatbed truck he was driving slammed into the semi-truck.

Witnesses reported that Selden, the married father of five children, was carrying a disabled Michigan State Police car on a flatbed from Oak Park and heading toward Lansing, said Oakland County Sheriff's Det. Tim O'Dea. Selden crashed into the back of the semi-truck and ramed into a concrete barrier, McLain said. He was pronounced dead at the accident scene.



A fatal accident on Interstate 96 closed westbound traffic Aug. 28. CAL STONE

Minor injuries were reported by one passenger in the semi-truck, and a passenger in another car involved in the accident, McLain added.

Earlier this week, Michigan State Police were continuing the investigation of the crash and trying to piece together why the first

driver began swerving across the highway, according to a state police spokesperson. Westbound I-96 was closed for investigation of the accident scene for several hours.

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Lyonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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Audience members enjoy acrobats on horses Friday inside the big top tent of the Shrine Circus. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

STATE FAIR

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fire department, police department and city administration all pulling together to help provide support for the event."

Up-and-coming local acts provided music during the daytime, while established musicians - all with Michigan ties - performed during the evenings, including headliners Marshall Crenshaw, George Beard and Stewart Francke.

A fair goer's view

Leslie Adams flew in from Florida to attend a family gathering over the holiday weekend with her sons - Luke, 25, Fed, 24, and John, 23. They attended the fair Saturday night along with their four cousins, sampling corn dogs and elephant ears and hitching rides on Salt & Pepper, Parachute's Fury, Bumper Cars, Orbiter and even the Big Slide.

"I have not attended a real state fair in years and this was just a lot of fun all around," Adams said, adding that her group was impressed with the animals on display in the livestock area.

She and her brother and his wife enjoyed some beer and wine in the entertainment tent, catching Steven Mullin & The Toledo Kids. "He was adorable with a fresh voice and was fun to listen to," Adams said, "but the big draw was Marshall Crenshaw and his band, the Bottle Rockets. He is a great performer and they had a terrific sound. I was familiar with some of his songs, but really enjoyed the whole show. The kids even came in at the end and listened for a while."

Adams said her overall impression of the state fair was that it was clean and organized and parking was easy.

"It reminded me of when I was a kid," she said. "Plus, all of our kids (young adults) had a good time, too. I hope it continues to grow - and I hope I am in town next year."

A family affair

For Mike Watts, the fair's executive director this year, it was most gratifying to see all the families - including his own.

"My nieces stayed for eight hours," Watts said, "and my neighbor's autistic adult son had his caregivers bring him back for a second day because he enjoyed it so much."

Watts said during the process of promoting the fair, he was interviewed by media almost daily and he encountered something that had never happened to him before.

"At the beginning of every interview or segment, they thanked me for bringing back the state fair and that made me feel very special," Watts said. "I know that the thank you was to all of us who worked on pulling this event together and I expressed that repeatedly, but it was a wonderful experience for me."

Bowman said it is a certainty that the Michigan State Fair will return again to the Suburban Collection Showplace in 2014.

"Plans are already under way for major new features, including significant new rides within the midway, a larger arena and an increase in our major scholarship initiatives that were launched this year," he said.



Kevin, 12, and Susan Hammermeister, 10, enjoy a ride on the carousel Aug. 30. The pair were at the fair with their parents and hall from Riverview.

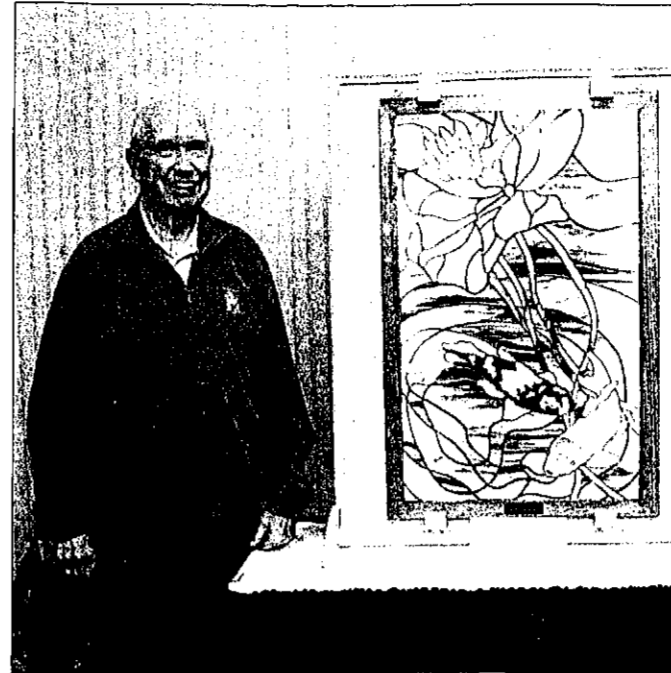


George Beard (center) and The Kingpins unleashed two hours worth of rockabilly, blues and jazz to an enthusiastic crowd Sunday night at the state fair. CAL STONE

Part of the Shrine Circus featured horse acrobats from Kazakhstan.



Two boys position their lamb for judging Aug. 30 at the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair.



Fox Run retirement community resident Fred Wiegand is proud of his stained-glass window art titled "Koi Pond." MATT HUNTER/PHOTO

Retired engineer creates intricate stained-glass window art at Fox Run

An engineer by occupation, Fred Wiegand has always had an interest in shop work as a hobby. In his retirement at Fox Run, he has picked up a new hobby: making stained-glass windows.

Wiegand spotted the hand tools and other supplies for stained glass during an early visit to the Novi retirement community's hobby shop. He decided to sign up for a beginner's level stained-glass instruction then and there. Five lessons and 15 hours later, Wiegand began making his own stained glass.

"I learned the basics, mostly painting the glass, and I started small," Wiegand said. "With each new piece, I got a little bigger and more complicated."

Wiegand started out, as do most stained-glass beginners, with pre-cut pieces of glass ready to be painted. He learned how to apply powder paint to the glass by mixing it with water and other chemicals by using an old-fashioned ink pen and tiny paint brushes.

The process takes a great deal of time and patience, according to Wiegand. But it's for a good cause - Wiegand gives all of his pieces to his children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He recently completed a piece modeled after Disney's Simba from *The Lion King* at the request of his great-granddaughter.

Back when Wiegand was first seriously getting into glass making, he

approached his beginning-level instructors for help with designing a 99-piece glass display of a pine tree and the Northern Lights. His instructors in Brighton, a half-hour down the road from Fox Run, told him that he couldn't do it, that he didn't have the experience, that it would be too hard.

So Wiegand printed out a picture to use as a guide and went to work. He successfully completed the entire project, before bringing it back to his former instructors.

"I'm a competitive kind of person," Wiegand said. "They only want to prevent me from failing and getting discouraged, but I enjoyed the chance to really show them what I could do."

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Choralaires rehearsing

The Novi Choralaires, entertaining for over 38 years, will begin their year with open rehearsals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10 and are inviting anyone who loves to sing to join them in the Novi Middle School choir room.

nights from September to May for 2 hours of practice. In December, they present a series of holiday concerts and stroll through Novi Towne Center caroling for the shoppers. In May, they present their major concert.

Liz Wolber will begin her third year as the director of the group. She is encouraging anyone who enjoys singing to attend the open rehearsals and renew their interest in performing with a group. As director, she

is responsible for selecting a variety of songs and style of music for the group to enjoy performing. Anyone interested in additional information should contact Betsy Hage at novi.choralaires@gmail.com or 248-348-2919.

Flu shots offer better protection

Oakland County Health Division will offer a vaccine that guards individuals against four flu viruses this season. This year's vaccine shields against Type A H1N1 and H3N2 and two Type B strains which are most likely to occur this season. The vaccine protected against three flu strains in years past.

Residents can pre-register now for the inoculation at www.oakgov.com/health. Flu shots cost \$20. They will be available at Health Division offices in Pontiac and Southfield from Noon to 8 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays starting on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Health Division will also hold community outreach clinics at the Walled Lake Community Education, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25 and Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Online registrants will print out a consent form that they must bring to the clinic where they are pre-enrolled. Online payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Medicare, and/or Medicaid.

Credit card fees apply. One may also pay cash at the time of the appointment. Those who are unable to register online may call 248-858-7359 or 248-424-7120.

Walk-in clients are welcome. Their payment options include cash, Visa, MasterCard, Medicare, and/or Medicaid (no checks or money orders). Credit card fees apply.

For up-to-date information, visit www.oakgov.com/health, follow OCHD on Facebook and Twitter @publichealthOC, or call the Health Division's Flu Shot Hotline at 800-434-3358. Nurse on Call is also available to answer questions at 800-848-5533.

AAUW home tour American Association of University Women Northville-Novi Branch announced the 18th annual Home Tour (self-guided) to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21. Six featured homes in the city and townships vary widely in architecture and interior

design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in and near a community with a Victorian village at its heart.

Funds generated by this signature fundraising event are used to support scholarships awarded annually to women/girls at area high schools and community colleges, the Branch's commitment to the Mercy Education Project in Detroit, a program of math enrichment offered to local elementary students, and an annual Career Path Day for middle school girls.

Tickets are \$20 online now and at www.aauwnov.org and in Northville at Starring "The Gallery," Gardenviews, Pear-Aphernalia and the Chamber of Commerce; and in Novi at Meadowbrook Art Center and Calico Corners.

For additional information contact Jane Hecker at 734-276-6160 or Karen Zyczynski at 734-719-3341.

Fight Leukemia at Emagine Emagine Theater Novi will host an event for the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan from 10 a.m. Oct. 11 to 10 a.m. Oct. 12.

The mission of Holywood Nights Movie Marathon is to create a unique fundraising event that will bring together film enthusiasts and supporters of Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan who would like to enjoy a great movie watching experience while raising money and awareness to benefit children and adults affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other blood related cancers.

Participants who raise \$100 will enjoy all-you-can-watch new release movies and old favorites, unlimited popcorn and soda, lunch and dinner Friday, continental breakfast Saturday, choose-your-own raffle, a goodie bag and prizes for the top three fundraisers.

Also, you will receive a wristband so you can come and go from the theater as needed. Can't stay the whole day? A Paparazzi Pack includes two movies of your choice for four guests, a goodie bag, meal, unlimited popcorn and soda and more for \$140. Paparazzi Packs are available in two sessions: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 4:30-10:30 p.m.

To register, visit leukemiaofmichigan.org or call Elyse Rafaldus at 248-530-3044.

Pension recipients... have you been offered the option to receive a lump sum payment from your employer? Ameriprise Financial

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Spell check

A contestant searches the air for the right answer Aug. 28 during the Novi Public Library's spelling bee, designed for students 8 years and younger who were quizzed on the spelling of words from a list they had time to study beforehand. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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NOVI AREA RELIGION CALENDAR

Brightmoor Christian Church Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi Contact: 248-227-4420 or www.brightmoorchurch.org

GET LISTED!

Submit: Send calendar submissions via email to ctone@annett.com, by fax to 248-695-2892; or by mail to Religion Calendar/Novi-Northville, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178.

Tuesday: 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 6:30 p.m. Sunday (Spanish): Holy days: 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville Contact: DestinyWorship@gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.org

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Contact: 248-349-2345 or www.faithcommunity-novi.org

Youth group: 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesday

Rally Sunday: worship services 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8; Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. Saturday Sept. 7

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; study book - "Seeing Grey in a World of Black and White" by A. Hamilton.

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: 248-348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

See CALENDAR, Page A14

First Baptist Church of Novi - Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Contact: 248-349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Your Invitation to Worship Novi

Religious directory listing churches in Brighton, Milford, Walled Lake, Whitmore Lake, Livonia, New Hudson, Northville, and Highland. Includes church names, addresses, phone numbers, and worship times.

Brighton

LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH 5601 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114 810-227-3113

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Walled Lake

CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 1850 S. Commerce Rd. Walled Lake, MI 48090

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Linn Taylor • 440-2582

Livonia

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at: Saint Andrew Episcopal Church 13300 Highland Road • Livonia

New Hudson

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New Hope - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

5555 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165 Phone: 248-474-9108

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First Presbyterian Church of Northville

www.fpcnorthville.org 200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON

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West Highland Baptist Church

1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48360 248-682-1212

Oakpointe Milford

1250 South Hill Rd. (248) 685-2608 www.oakpointe.org

Milford United Methodist Church

1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48341

Milford Presbyterian Church

238 N. Main Street, Milford MI 48360 www.milfordpc.org

Freedom Life Church

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Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

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Novi

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 45325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48345-2345

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile 248-348-7767 • www.mbc.org

OAK POINTE CHURCH

59200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Sunday Worship: 9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

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The Church of Christ

248-437-3565 • www.churchofchrist.org 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship

SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH

Love God and Loving People 22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-438-4400

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH

28800 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon 248-458-0400

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

600 N. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48337 248-627-3311 • www.humc.org

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4187 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi MI 48375 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

24355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (English) 8:30 a.m. (Spanish)

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL

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Novi's Lakeshore Park beach saw some of its busiest days Aug. 29 as swimmers crowded its shores for a late summer day. The beach closed the day after Labor Day and will open again Memorial Day weekend 2014. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Rare sighting

A butterfly swoops in over some flowers at Novi's Tollgate Farms on Aug. 26. Various winged insects have had a busy summer pollinating the thousands of flowers grown at Tollgate as this summer featured lots of rain and good amounts of sun, too. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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BRENGLE, RICHARD T.
By all accounts, Rick was an extraordinary person. Having grown up on a farm in Stearns Township, and from later active study, Rick knew a good deal about how best to raise hay, corn and beans. He loved the roar and smell of a diesel tractor as well as the solitude of plowing fields into beautiful straight rows of little plants, and he could also find a way to fix almost any piece of farm equipment, used cars, or broken toys. Rick was born in Detroit on December 3, 1950. As a young teenager Rick was a State champion skeet shooter and continued to excel in and enjoy that sport for many years, often in the happy company of his brothers and nephews. In high school Rick worked on the year book, was the school newspaper editor, played baseball, was a four-year wide receiver on the football team, and apparently still found time to study, as he made his way into the honors program in English at The University of Michigan. Rick finished his MA in both English Language and English Literature and completed the course work and exams for the PhD. While at U. of M. Rick taught himself how to use computers for tracking and assessment data on freshman essays and wrote the programs used by the English Composition Board at a time when computer usage was still innovative rather than the norm. In later years he also figured out how to build the two desk top computers he uses at home today. After marriage to Ellen and Abigail in Ann Arbor, the family moved to Evansville, IN where Allison was born and where Rick worked as a professor at The University of Southern Indiana. After the death of Rick's mother, Geraldine, the family returned to South Lyon to care for his father, Roland, where Rick continued to write, earned a contractor's license and a CDL for driving big trucks - something he always wanted to do. While living in South Lyon, the family was finally able to have a lovely springer spaniel (Ben) whom Rick would often consider as one of his best friends. In addition to his wife, children, and young grandson, Luca, Rick will be remembered by his many friends, extended family, and his brother Larry (Carolyn), his sister Judith (Michael Finn), brother William (Jill) and brother Robert, for the caring, accomplished and remarkable person he was. Friends and families are invited to join us at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon on Saturday, September 7 from 12:00-2:00 P.M. for conversation and fellowship followed by a short memorial service at 2:00 in Rick's honor. Please also continue celebrating Rick's life with us after the service at the South Lyon Hotel from 3:00 - 6:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rick's name to English Springer Rescue America.



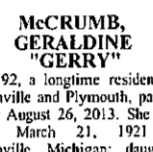
KINNAMON, BETTY JANE M.

Age 96, August 25, 2013. Betty Jane was born March 3, 1917 in Detroit, MI to Lois Mary and Frederick William Kinness. In 1943 she married Van Buren Gilchrist Kinnamon and were together until his passing in 1962. She is also preceded in death by her sister Fern Caroline Kinness-Mitchell in 1992, granddaughter Fern Sarah Nelson in 1999, and son-in-law Robert Paul Barber in 2006. Betty Jane is survived by daughters Fern R. Barber of Farmington Hills and Leah Mary Nelson of Howell; grandchildren Julie Anne Barber-Blankenship (Steve), Randall Scott Barber (Melissa) and Jim Andrew Nelson (Suzette); great-grandchildren Korah Marie Nelson, Nicholas Cain, Mason Shane, Nolan Payne; and great-granddaughter Amayah Sarah. Betty Jane graduated as Valedictorian Class of 1935, at the age of 16 from Detroit Mackenzie High School. She worked for the City of Detroit and private C.A. firms. She was a musician/pianist, landscape artist, English saddle rider, and a great Mom! A private family graveside service was held at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, Detroit Center, 7481 Chrysler Dr., Detroit, MI 48211 or Farmington Community Band, P.O. Box 3091, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-0991. www.thayer-rick.com



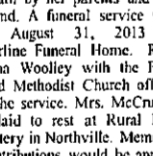
BURT PHYLLIS

Age 88, passed away August 29, 2013. Funeral Sat., Sept. 7 10am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, South Lyon. phillipsfuneral.com



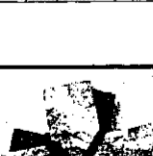
McCRUMB, GERALDINE "GERRY"

Age 92, a longtime resident of Northville and Plymouth, passed away August 26, 2013. She was born March 21, 1921 in Northville, Michigan, daughter of Charles and Irene (Fisher) Johnston. Gerry was born and raised in Northville; she graduated from NHS class of 1939. She was united in marriage to Jack B. McCrumb on January 14, 1943; they spent more than 49 loving years together until his death on October 30, 1992. She has lived in Plymouth since 1963 and has enjoyed spending almost every summer in Robert (R.P.) since 1949. Gerry was a dedicated homemaker and a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville. She was a member of the Quilters Club in Northville and a member of the Mill Race Village in Northville. She was also a member of the Women's National Farm and Garden Club in Plymouth, where she held many titles including the National President. Gerry loved to garden, travel all over the world, and enjoyed reading; she made everything from candles to clothing. She was a strong role model for her grandchildren whom she adored. She is survived by her son David (Ron) McCrumb and her grandchildren Hilary McCrumb and Steven (Greg) McCrumb, and her great granddaughter Matilda Joy McCrumb who truly brought joy to Gerry's life. She is also survived by her dear friend since they were 5 years old, Laura Hicks. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. A funeral service was held August 31, 2013 at Casterline Funeral Home. Rev. Marsha Woolley with the First United Methodist Church officiated the service. Mrs. McCrumb was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Huron Valley Humane Society, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 or the Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Online condolences at www.phillipsfuneral.com



RAMSEY, JAMES F.

Age 68, passed away Aug. 29, 2013. A memorial service will be held at a later date. www.phillipsfuneral.com



O'BRIEN, WILLIAM J.

Age 84 of Milford, passed away Friday, August 23, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. She was born August 31, 1928 in Helena, Montana, the daughter of Minor D. and Violet I. (Gavin) Vanderpool. Wife of the late James Ted Fleming (9/17/1972), whom she married May 17, 1947. They raised their children in Westfield, Massachusetts and Bay City, MI; daughter, Barbara (Bruce) Shaw of Howell, MI; Constance Fleming of Milford, MI and Lynn (Scott) Jenkins of Kapelle, Montana. Also surviving are five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and her brother, Dennis Vanderpool. Visitation was held at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Mass of Christian Burial was at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2099 N. Hacker Road, (at M-59), Howell, MI 48855. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Bay City, MI. Memorial contributions may be to the Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please visit the family's online guestbook at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com/MacDonaldsFuneralHome



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CALENDAR

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Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600 or visit fnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refillments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Wednesday schedule: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Thursday schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main
Contact: 248-348-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day): 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery - sixth grade
Sunday Worship (September-May): 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School (September-May): 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 2nd grade; 11 a.m. Nursery sixth grade
Taste and C:
Time/Date: 10 a.m. worship; 11 a.m. tasting begins; Sunday, Sept. 8
Details: Come and get a Taste of Church (worship and ministry offerings), Community (family and friends) and Cuisine (tastes of local restaurants' menus)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565
Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holycrossnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship service

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Wallied Lake

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriam, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.



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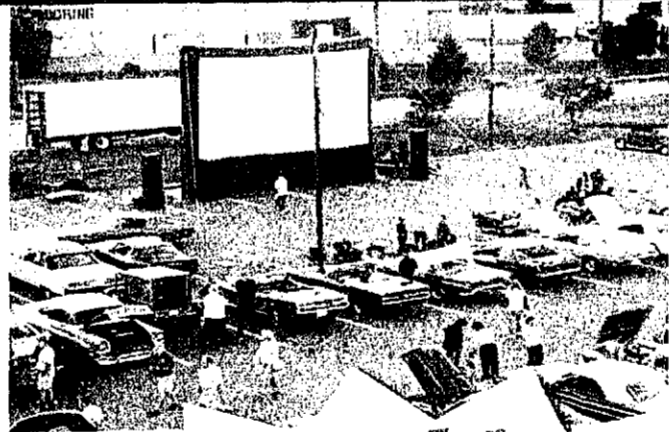


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OUR VIEWS

School is in session

Slow down and watch for kids while driving

Now that school has started for most area students, we encourage motorists to watch out for young pedestrians.

Crashes involving vehicles and pedestrians make up less than 1 percent of total crashes, but fatalities involving pedestrians make up nearly 22 percent of all fatalities, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. And, pedestrian accidents are on the rise in Southeast Michigan as more people are walking as part of a healthy lifestyle, SEMCOG reports.

Keep in mind that children are often distracted or are unable to accurately judge traffic situations while on their way to and from the bus stop or school.

Motorists should:

- » Watch for pedestrians at all times, and always be prepared to stop for them.
- » Before making a turn, look in all directions for pedestrians crossing.
- » Keep the windshield clean and headlights on.

- » Stop or yield to pedestrians at crosswalks, whether marked or unmarked.
- » Never pass/over-take a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians.
- » Obey speed limits in school zones. They are in place to save lives. According to the AAA



Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle going 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed as compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 35 mph.

Motorists should also learn and obey the school bus laws.

Each year, nationally, about 19 children are killed in school bus-related traffic crashes, according to AAA. On average, six are passengers on the bus and 13 are pedestrians.

- » Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.
- » Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Parents can help their children stay safe by teaching them the following rules for walking to and from school or the bus stop:

- » Use extreme caution when crossing the street, especially when dark.
- » Walk, don't run, when crossing the street.
- » Stand clear of hedges, parked cars, or other obstacles so drivers can see you.
- » Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- » Watch for cars reversing in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.
- » Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections, if possible.
- » Obey traffic signals such as walk/don't walk signals.
- » Look left-right-left before crossing a street or stepping into traffic.

When riding a school bus, children should be instructed to:

- » Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive and stand at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the edge of the road.
- » Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it's OK before stepping onto the bus.
- » If you must cross the road to enter the bus, walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus.

After exiting the bus, children should be reminded to:

- » Be alert to all traffic.
- » Be sure the bus driver can see them, and they can see the bus driver. Tell the bus driver if they drop something beside the bus. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see them.
- » Take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus and make eye contact with the bus driver if they have to cross the street in front of the bus.

The start of school is an exciting time of year. As motorists and/or parents, let's do everything we can to make it a safe time of year.

Robert Booth
director, Business Development
Educatus International

COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you feel about the state Senate passing the Medicaid expansion bill last week?

Asked at the Novi Public Library and in downtown Northville.



"I think it's a good thing. It's good to see some compromises."

Gale Ford
Novi



"It's all run by crooks, the whole government."

Clarence Wilson
Novi



"I'm OK with it. I believe we need medical care for all of the populace."

Lynn Wells
Novi



"It's a bad thing. They just want us dead and the debt is already so high I'm not sure how our younger generation will deal with it."

Brad W.
Northville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Host families still needed

Educatus International places international students with host families for an academic semester or year, with students arriving this month at Novi High School. Students from countries diverse as France, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Turkey, Russia, South Korea, Italy and Germany are enrolled in a full-time academic program at a local high school and participate in sports, arts programs or other extracurricular activities — programs which are often not offered at schools in their home countries. Since a high level of English is required by the high schools, host families find that communicating with international students is less of a challenge than they expected.

What does it take to be a host family?

- » A genuine willingness to open your home and share your family's daily life with an international student.
- » An English-speaking environment.
- » A separate bedroom for the student, with their own bed, desk and closet.
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- » Pass an interview, home visit and criminal background check.

Educatus International, a member of NAFSA and an ICEF accredited organization, was established in 2003 as an in-bound operator for international students attending academic high school programs in the USA and matching them with qualified local host families.

We are still looking for qualified host families in Novi. If you would like to be a host family with Educatus this fall, please contact hostfamily@educatus.org right away.

Robert Booth
director, Business Development
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Bentivolio does not represent GOP views

Bentivolio would like to impeach Obama. Thankfully, the voters of Birmingham get to

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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than 20 percent of the entire world's supply of surface fresh water.

Unfortunately, this has not stopped oil companies from expanding fracking operations in Michigan.

We need to tell our leaders in Lansing to stop this dangerous and irresponsible practice.

Contact 20th District Rep. Kurt Heise at 517-373-3816 or Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder at 517-335-7858 and urge them to ban fracking, at least until we know what chemicals are being used.

Emerson Joseph Addison
Michigan Sierra Club

Congressman's extreme voting

Since having been elected to Congress, Republican U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio has voted frequently against the best interests of the middle class and the working poor. He has voted to increase Medicare costs on senior citizens, in order to give hefty tax breaks to millionaires. Bentivolio has consistently demonstrated through his extreme voting record that he would love to gut crucial components of the social safety net, slashing Medicaid, as well as SNAP. This would cause great pain for the poor, elderly and disabled resulting in the loss of health care, nutritional assistance and more. He has voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act 40 times.

Bentivolio's radical agenda includes rolling back women's rights to the 1950s. He voted against the re-authorization of the Violence Against Women Act, which supplies resources to protect women from domestic violence and sexual assault. Moreover, Bentivolio opposes abortion rights and seeks to defund Planned Parenthood, which supplies women with affordable cancer screenings, birth control, STI detection and treatment and abortion care.

Bentivolio has fallen down on the job. He has ignored the needs of Michiganders. What's good for Bentivolio is bad for Michigan.

Jill Farber-Branson
West Bloomfield

Ban fracking

Hydraulic fracturing, more commonly known as "fracking," is a dangerous threat to Michigan's environment. A simple YouTube search for "fracking" reveals numerous videos of flammable tap water and other health hazards. But what it will not reveal is a list of the chemicals that gas companies use during this process.

Currently gas companies are not required to disclose these chemicals. Nor will a YouTube search reveal the failure rates for containment wells. However, nearly 5 percent of containment fails immediately and about half fail within 30 years.

Michigan has more private water wells than any other state and the Great Lakes house more

for FOIA-requested documents at 10 cents a page.

This is the second time Shirley has proposed the reform and he deserves credit for defending the public's right to know.

"Costs associated with FOIA had grown to the point they had become a barrier to information the public was otherwise supposed to ordinarily have," Shirley said in a statement. "If you can't afford to get it, you obviously can't read it."

His legislation, House Bill 4001, also applies a 20-percent fee reduction for each day the requested information is late.

It's not enough to give citizens a way to obtain documents from their government. Acquiring the information ought to be easy, not cost prohibitive.

Freedom of information isn't an imposition. It's a right. Shirley's bill deserves the Legislature's support.

OUR VIEWS

Government access must be affordable to all citizens

Government accountability doesn't only mean public officials must conduct their business in the open. That requirement is important, of course, and laws such as Michigan's Open Meetings Act prevent our elected representatives from trying to pull a fast one behind closed doors.

But our government must meet another obligation. When members of the public ask for documents, the government must provide them.

That only stands to reason. It's not enough to watch government in action. The public deserves to see the government's information.

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act is the state Open Meetings Act's companion. It requires public institutions — state and local government, public universities and public school districts — to provide information such as employees' salaries, po-

lice reports and other documents.

There are exceptions. Officials could reject FOIA requests only if the information sought might undermine ongoing law enforcement proceedings, violate attorney-client privilege, or cause the illegal release of medical or student records.

That sounds good in principle. But it doesn't always work out so well in practice.

Public institutions have as many as five days to respond to a request or declare an extension of as many as 10 business days is needed to furnish the information. Fees also can be charged. Although they are supposed to be limited to the costs of mailing, duplication or publication, the fees aren't always reasonable.

State Rep. Mike Shirley, R-Clark Lake, wants to do something about that. The legislation he introduced caps copying fees

A new season

Autumn brings Three Cedars Farm back to life

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

With the summer winding down, Three Cedars Farm is preparing for the throngs of people who will come as sure as the changing of the seasons.

The pumpkin patch is growing and the tractor is being geared up for the many hay rides that will highlight the fun days families will be having at the farm on Six Mile Road in Salem Township.

"We are a great place to spend an early fall day," Three Cedars owner Gary Whitaker said. "Three Cedars is a family-oriented farm with a variety of things kids and parents can enjoy."

Where to start is the question for most visitors. There are the U-pick pumpkins with pricing based on size, or there is the corn maze, which is a challenge the whole family enjoys and has been expanded to 10 acres this year. Each year it's a different maze.

The Barn Yard Playland is one of the center pieces at the farm. Whitaker said it's like visiting a story-book farm featuring live animals. There are the three little pigs, little red hen; Mary had a little lamb; and Billy goat gruff. Among its different features, kids can also ride on the John Deere race track or play on the wooden train.

This is the 12th season for Three Cedars. Whitaker originally fixed up the farm and more than 100-year-old barn for a wedding and then decided to devote himself to being a farmer full time by opening it up to the public. He said right away the crowds flooded in.

Over the years, he added the Cider and Donut Hut for refreshments, as well as the Country Store featuring collectibles and decorating ideas like hay bales and mums.

"I'm originally from Detroit, so I didn't know much at first. However, I've learned and I had a lot of help," Whitaker said, looking back to when he first started out. "It's about fun, so it makes the work worthwhile."

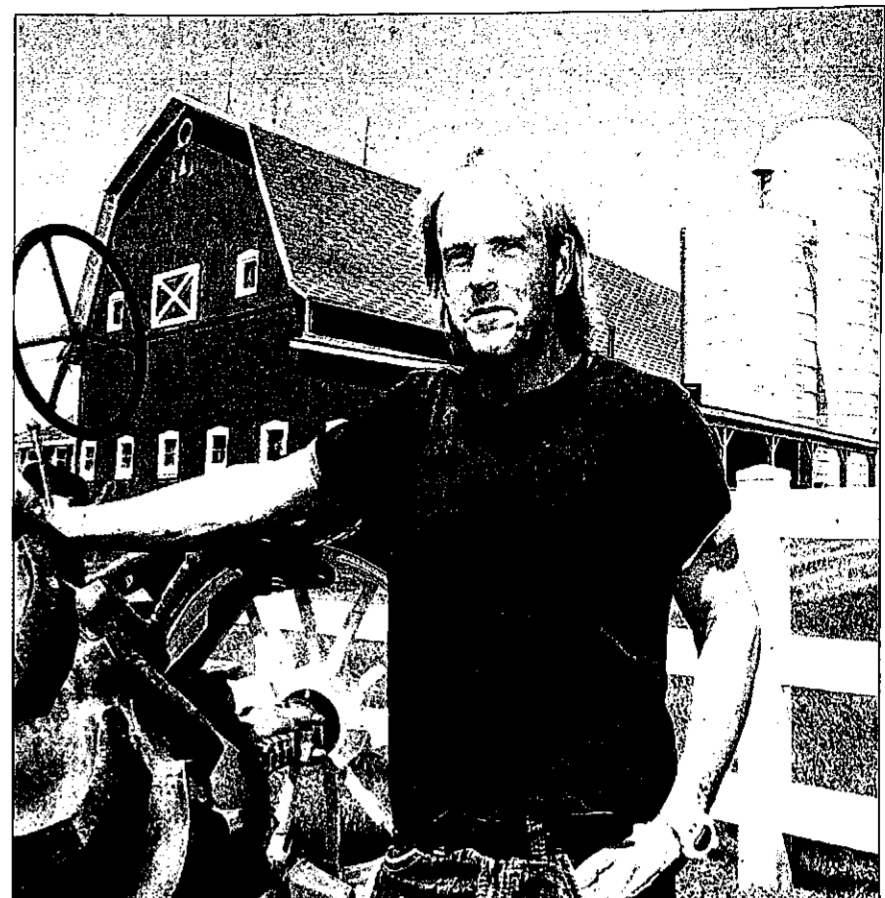
A good way to see the farm is on a hayride. The cost is \$5 per family for hayrides that take riders around the property back to the corn maze and pumpkin patch.

And the best way to end a crisp fall day is by a bonfire. Visitors can rent one of 10 private bonfire sites.

Three Cedars opens Sept. 6 and remains open until early November, but re-opens after Thanksgiving for the Christmas season. It's located at 7897 Six Mile Road and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

To learn more about the farm, go to threecedarsfarm.org.

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Gary Whitaker and his family will be opening up Salem Township's Three Cedars farm Sept. 6 for its 12th season. The farm at 7897 Six Mile will feature a corn maze, petting zoo, farm market and lots of delicious foods to sample.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Pears growing on the property of Three Cedars farm.

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Chris Ayotte's fans gather at the edge of the stage. PHOTOS BY ELL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local performer's tribute act brings Elvis to life

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Chris Ayotte and his older brother Paul would do their after-dinner chores as kids, they'd sing along to an Elvis Presley record Paul bought shortly after Presley's death.

While Paul washed dishes and Chris dried, they'd sing the entire album, complete with the shaking, rattling and rolling for which Presley was famous. The more they sang, the more Paul was picking up Presley's voice, imitating it to near-perfection.

Younger brother Chris was so impressed, he decided to try getting the voice down, too. Now, as anyone who's been to the Michigan ElvisFest in Ypsilanti in the last few years knows, Chris does it as well as anyone. Ayotte, a Canton resident who grew up in Shelby Township, spends a couple of nights a month performing as Elvis—and paying tribute to a variety of other musicians, actors and even U.S. presidents—in his own variety show.

"Cleaning up was never so much fun," said Ayotte, who by day is a marketing manager for a Fortune 500 company. "I was so impressed with (Paul's) vocal likeness that I started picking up the voice myself. By the time I was in high school, I was performing Elvis in show choir and also for special performances with the marching band."



The Blue Hawaii fan club travels to the festival from Cleveland, Ohio.

Dared to enter.

Friends dared him to enter the 2004 Michigan ElvisFest, an event Ayotte didn't even know existed to that point. Thrown into a contest with a dozen other Elvises, all of whom Ayotte said "had the look, feel, moves and voice," Ayotte wound up winning the Director's Choice contest.

While he was excited—"I was honored, humbled," he said—to win, Ayotte was more impressed with the size of the crowd and their "insatiable appetite and appreciation" for Presley's music.

"I had no idea there was such a demand for it even today," said Ayotte,

who has a bachelor's degree in political science and communication from the University of Michigan. "Since then, I have been very fortunate to have been invited back every year. What a joy to sing for people who will never forget the King of Rock and Roll. Ultimately, it's Elvis' God-given voice that has always mesmerized me. There's no one like him and there never will be."

Ayotte has freelanced as an announcer and actor for TV, industrial video and radio. His credits include several live TV commercials for the local NBC affiliate and acting as game show host for trade show videos. He also performed in civic theater to

raise funds for charitable causes.

Variety the spice

Much of his time these days, though, he does variety shows, paying tribute to a list of legendary singers, celebrities, and former U.S. presidents. According to Ayotte, it's a little like *The Tonight Show* meets *The Rat Pack* meets *Who's Line Is It Anyway?*

COMING UP

What: Chris Ayotte's night of comedy and song
Where: Angelo Brothers Banquet Hall, 33350 Ford Road, Westland
When: Sept. 6-7, doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, show at 8 p.m.
Why: Ayotte pays tribute to a variety of singers, celebrities and former U.S. presidents
Tickets: \$40 per person; contact Kathy at 734-216-9451. Reserve in advance; seating limited.

And it's more than just Elvis. His act features tributes to the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Bobby Darin, Harry Connick Jr., Neil Diamond and Tom Jones, each singer introduced with celebrity impressions ranging from Jack Nicholson and Sylvester Stallone to William Shatner and Johnny Carson.

And while the idea of turning his entertainment career into a full-time gig is a tempting one, Ayotte never really considers it.

"I'm just happy to occasionally perform for people who enjoy a different take on live entertainment," said Ayotte, a big fan of impressionists like Rich Little and Frank Caliendo.

"What a pleasure to put smiles on the faces of people who remember the greats and enjoy a nostalgic walk down memory lane."

"Who knew?" he added. "I tell my mom I must have been born in the wrong decade, but she always says I was meant to bring back the memories of these legendary performers so we never forget."



Chris Ayotte performed at the recent Michigan ElvisFest in Ypsilanti.

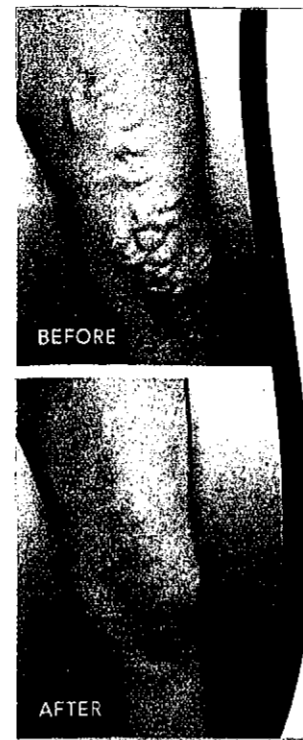
While his performances are "variety" shows, he always brings it back to The King, whose voice Ayotte said is "simply unmistakable" and who has the "greatest following of any performer I know post-death."

"When people close their eyes, I want them to feel like they are hearing the real thing," Ayotte said. "I think there's an Elvis fan in everyone." Yet Elvis was a man of humility and shyness, so I never let it go to my head. I always try to remember who I am and not take myself too seriously."

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Elvis tribute artist Chris Ayotte connects with his fans during the performance.



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By Chris Jaccett
Correspondent

In its second big test of the season, Novi's boys tennis squad had a tough group of teams to get through Aug. 29 at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite. The Wildcats won the Nos. 1 and 3 singles flight titles, finishing second in the other six flights, to land as the invite runners-up with 18 points. Detroit Country Day won the event with 20 points, while Pioneer and Troy Athens were the other two teams in the mix.

ON TAP

Novi's boys tennis team was set to be back in action yesterday against South Lyon and today at Plymouth Salem, both at 4 p.m. The 'Cats then host Grosse Pointe South, West Bloomfield and Cranbrook Kingswood at 8 a.m. Saturday in a quad before getting back into quad action Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson and Sept. 12 at Northville, both at 4 p.m.

"Overall, it was an excellent tournament," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Detroit Country Day is one of the top teams in the state, so they provided some good competition. We had to work for every win we got. We beat Country Day at one and three singles."

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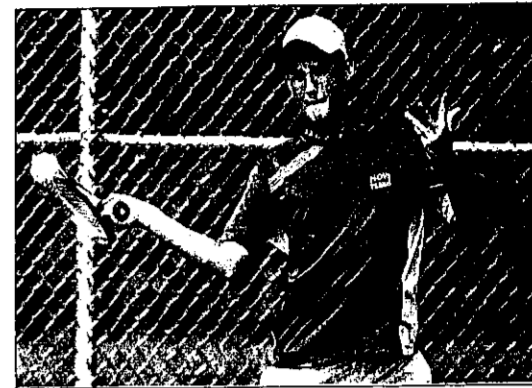
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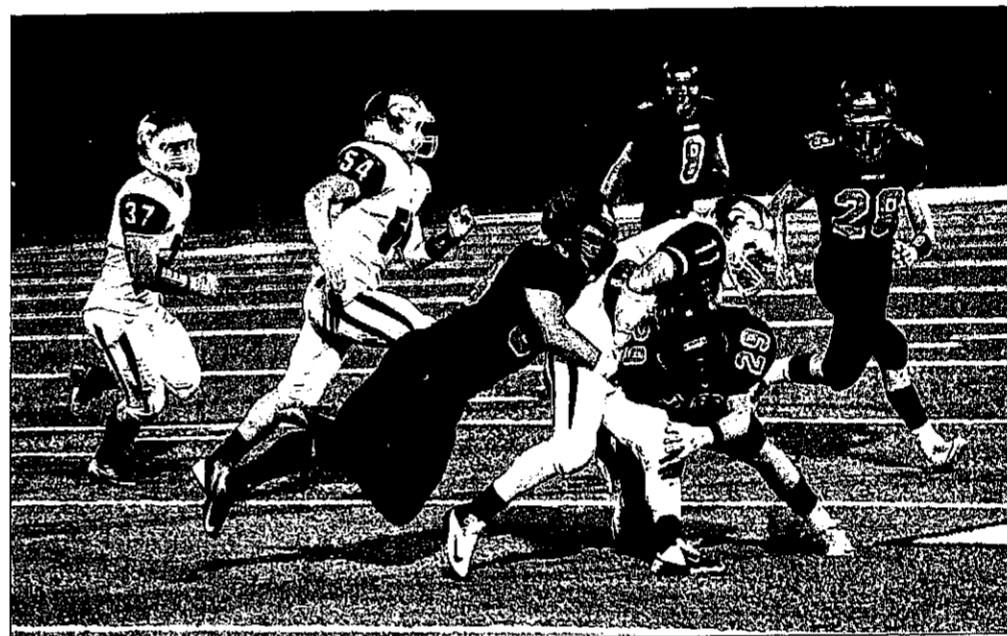
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Novi varsity tennis player Max Anderson works against a Brighton player during an Aug. 26 match. JOHN HEDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Novi senior Keaton Figurski is taken down by a group of Bulldogs after gaining some yards for the Wildcats during Novi's 21-10 loss last Thursday at Brighton. LARRY WILCHYNSKI

Novi drops opener

Bulldogs score 21 unanswered in comeback victory on new field

By Chris Jaccett
Correspondent

In a game reminiscent of so many other close contests between the two schools in years past, Novi broke in the new turf field at Brighton with a 21-10 loss last Thursday. Although the final margin was 11 points, the Wildcats (0-1) led 10-0 at one point in the second quarter before the Bulldogs (1-0) took a 14-10 lead 30 seconds into the second half.

"It was two very evenly matched football teams," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "It was a great game. It really was. It reminded me of the old school - run the football, play solid defense, hard-nosed football teams. It reminded me of the mid-2000s, when Brighton and Novi were getting after it pretty good. It's good to know we can play a big physical football game and take the fight to them. They walk in and know they can play with anybody."

The teams went back and forth before a desperation pass by junior quarterback Rohit Mogalayapalli to regain the lead was intercepted and

ON TAP

Novi's football squad (0-1) will host White Lake Lakeland (1-0) at 7 p.m. Friday. The Eagles defeated Northville 14-10 last week and knocked off the Wildcats 34-12 last season. Novi then hosts Plymouth Salem (0-1) at 7 p.m. Sept. 13. Salem is coming off a 31-24 loss at Plymouth last week and defeated Novi 30-13 last year.

"We were just trying to get the ball up the field," Burnside said. "They had a great punt with about a minute left to our (6-yard line). We were just trying to get the ball up the field and we had to turn a timeout. (Junior quarterback) Billy (Ulle) is a great manager of the game. To get the ball vertically like we need to do, Rohit had the arm strength to get that done."

With a young offensive lineup, the Wildcats looked to their running backs more often than Ulle (7-for-11 passing, 67 yards) or Mogalayapalli (3-for-8 passing, 17 yards). However, the young quarterbacks connected with sopho-

returned for a 44-yard touchdown with 28 seconds left, resulting in the 21-10 final score after a successful point-after attempt.

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Wildcats tie, lose against defending champions

Novi still searching for season's first victory after tough beginning

By Chris Jaccett
Correspondent

With road contests at both the defending KLAAs South and North division champions to kick off the season, Novi's boys soccer team had its work cut out for it.

The new additions to the Wildcats had to get their feet under them quickly, as Walled Lake Northern was up first and the Knights came out firing Aug. 26.

"It was a great, back-and-forth game, where the play was well ahead of what a normal first game is usually like," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. Northern (0-0-1) scored 25 minutes into the game during a scramble in front of the Novi net to take a 1-0 halftime lead. About 15 minutes into the

ON TAP

Novi's boys soccer team (0-1-1) was set to head to South Lyon (0-0-1) two days ago before hosting South Lyon East (2-1-0) tonight, then Rochester at noon Saturday, visiting Northville (3-1-1) Tuesday and hosting defending KLAAs Central Division champion Plymouth Salem (0-0-0) Sept. 12. All games kick off at 7 p.m., except for the Rochester contest.

Novi golf squad opens KLAAs division play with victory over Salem



Novi's girls golfers finished third Aug. 21 at Hudson Mills.

Wildcats already recording new career lows as season begins in earnest

By Chris Jaccett
Correspondent

Wrapping up their last week of summer, Novi's girls golf team had solid showings with its first dual meet victory and two tournaments.

The Wildcats' week started Aug. 26 with a 167-182 victory over Plymouth Salem, thanks to a career-low 38 from junior Katelyn Henry as the match medalist.

Her teammates were strong, too, as senior Lauren Cojei led 41, junior Madison Kroetsch had 42, sophomore Maya Grandstaff had 46 and freshmen Lauren Henry and Alexa Hatz had 46 each. Salem's low score was by Christine Li, fourth overall with 43.

The junior varsity squad also got in on the action with a 202-242 victory, led by sophomore Marissa Cramer's 48.

The Wildcats headed to Whispering Willows the next day for the KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament, which South Lyon won with 335. Novi tallied a team score of 368 to finish fifth, with Cojei leading

the way at fifth overall with a round of 82.

Katelyn Henry finished 14th individually with 92, while Hatz had 97, Grandstaff had 98 and Lauren Henry had 97.

After a day off, the girls headed to Kelly's Girls Golf Invitational last Thursday at The Fortress in Frankenmuth. Novi finished sixth of 21 teams, with a team score of 348. Cojei led the way with 80, followed by Katelyn Henry's 87, Grandstaff's career-low of 90, Hatz's 91 and Kroetsch's 100.

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TENNIS

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 ons, junior Andrew Liu battled to tough 6-3, 7-6(3) and 7-6(8), 1-6, 6-2 victories over Athens and Pioneer, respectively, at No. 2 singles, before forfeiting the DCD match, as many competitors did that day, to avoid injury and dehydration so early in the season.
 Rounding out the singles flights was sophomore Max Anderson, who defeated Athens 6-1, 6-0 and Pioneer 6-4, 6-4 before falling 6-3, 6-2 to DCD.
 The top doubles tandem of seniors Michael Chang and Andrew Ying had strong 6-1, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-1 victories over Pioneer and Athens, but were kept from their

flight title after a grueling 7-5, 6-7(7), 6-4 loss to DCD.
 "The one doubles match was a very tough and long match, but you can't be disappointed in the effort our two kids gave in that match," Hanson said.
 "I think the one thing that we need to do is we have to be able to close out games. We might have a 40-15 lead and end up losing. Against good teams, we don't have those opportunities that often. We have to take advantage of those opportunities when they present themselves."
 Reunited after pairing last season, seniors Shashank Chitta and Kevin Xu dropped a 6-1, 6-4 decision to DCD at No. 2 doubles, but rolled to 6-3, 6-2 and 7-6(5), 6-0 victories over Athens and Pioneer, respectively.

ly. "I think they did well in their first tournament back together," Hanson said.
 With Chitta and Xu reunited, seniors David Mohl and Raymond Wen were put together at No. 3 doubles, picking up a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Athens, a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Pioneer and a 7-5, 6-0 loss to DCD.
 Capping the day was senior Tim Lu and freshman Daniel Yu at No. 4 doubles, who defeated Pioneer 6-2, 6-2, lost 6-2, 6-0 to DCD and beat Athens 6-0, 6-1.
 "Overall I thought we played well. It was good day of tennis for us," Hanson said. "It's a long season, but it seems to get over with very quickly. You just have to play them one at a time. Tennis is a game of the team that makes the fewest mistakes, usually wins."



Novi varsity tennis player Koushik Kondapi returns a volley in an Aug. 26 scrimmage against a Brighton opponent. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SOCCER

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second half, senior Jay Kim found junior Nick Oakley at the back post during a corner kick. Oakley chest trapped the ball down for a shot that went off the crossbar and into the net to tie it up.
 The Wildcats took a 2-1 lead three minutes later on another corner kick by Kim that was cleared by a Northern defender to junior Jake Geary for a rocket of a one-timer into the upper left corner of the goal.
 Four minutes after that, the Knights tied it 2-2 on a shot from 30 yards out that found the top right corner of the net, past Novi junior netminder Tommy McMaster (five saves).
 The Knights nearly pulled ahead with nine minutes left before Tony Asimadu hit the post for Novi with four minutes left after a goalkeeper deflection, but neither teams could get one in the net before the game ended at 2-2.
 "All in all, it was a very good first game," O'Leary said.
 "I got all of my players into the game for at least 10 minutes. Because Northern is such a quality team, we learned a lot about some of our strengths and, more importantly, some of our weaknesses and this will allow us to make improvements."
 Two days later, the Wildcats fell behind at Canton (4-0-0) just five minutes into the game on a free kick from 25 yards out, but tied the score 25 minutes later when junior Alan Rajkovic headed in a throw-in from junior Matt Kiura to make it 1-1 at halftime.
 However, the Chiefs scored on a rocket with nine minutes left in the game to take a 2-1 lead. As Novi pressured to tie it back up, Canton got a breakaway with five minutes left and converted the chance for a 3-1 victory.

Shamrocks dominate opening contest

Squad defeats Detroit Cody with shutout

By Sam Eggleston
 Correspondent

There were some murmurs in the stands last week when the Detroit Catholic Central football team took to the field for the first time on defense.
 Something wasn't right and it didn't take long to figure out what it was. Just 10 players left the sidelines and took up defensive positions against Detroit Cody — one player short of a typical high school football team.
 What many people didn't know was the 11th player was indeed there — but, unfortunately, just in spirit.
 "We started the game on defense with a 'missing man' formation, putting just 10 on the field and leaving the middle linebacker spot open because that would have been David (Widzinski) on the field," assistant coach Michael Mach said.
 Widzinski died Dec. 3,

2012, from a heart condition. This year, he would have been a junior and likely getting playing time at fullback and linebacker for the Shamrocks.
 Prior to the game, Widzinski's father Paul came into the locker room and spoke to the Shamrocks. Mach said it was "extremely inspirational."
 The Shamrocks took that inspiration to the field, pounding out a 52-0 victory over Detroit Cody to start the season with a 1-0 record. The linebacking corps was led by junior Jordan Jenks, who transitioned from outside linebacker to middle linebacker this season.
 "The defense did not allow Detroit Cody past the 50-yard line at any point in the entire contest, even after the team's starters were pulled and second-string players put in to play."
 "We were very happy with the effort and execution, especially for a first game," Mach said. "There's always a lot of question marks going into the season opener, but our kids responded well."
 The Shamrocks do have many players on both sides of the ball who do not have much game experience, but they came out and took multiple steps in the right direction.
 "You saw that out on the field tonight," Mach said. "We made a nice jump forward in our week's time since our



CC's Michael Bifano runs past a Cody defender for a 49-yard touchdown. DENNIS BARNES

scrimmage."
 The Shamrocks scored on just about every opportunity, putting the first points on the board on a 9-yard pass from senior quarterback Sean Birney to Zach Bock for a 7-0 advantage.
 The defense got in on the scoring, too, making it a 14-0 contest with 4:34 left in the first quarter, when Daniel Collins snagged an interception

and returned it for a nice 7-1 victory over Garden City last week before collecting a 3-1 win against a tough Rochester Adams squad. The Shamrocks' game against Midland was canceled due to inclement weather conditions.
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two scores of their own. The first was a 1-yard run by Nick Giese and the second came from Mike Bifano on a 46-yard jaunt with just over two minutes left in the contest.
 Birney ended the game with 41 yards on 4-of-6 passing and Holton led the rushing attack with 82 yards on eight carries. Roney led the defense with seven tackles and a sack.
CC soccer team wins two
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Shamrocks show talent at Forest Hills Central

Michael Dube has 6-0 start to season

By Sam Eggleston
 Correspondent

Playing in the Forest Hills Central Invitational is a great way for any tennis team to start the season, giving players plenty of talent to test themselves against while still being competitive enough to learn and grow.
 For Detroit Catholic Central, there was plenty of education happening, with Shamrocks on both the receiving and the giving end of the lessons.
 At No. 1 singles, it was Detroit Catholic Central's Michael Dube running the clinic. He educated several opponents on his way to a flight championship and a 6-0 start to his senior season.
 He started the day with a victory over Rockford's Mark Veitengruber before defeating Thomas Bellio of St.

Joseph 6-2, 6-2. In the championship game, Dube picked up a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Forest Hills Central's Evan Taylor for the title.
 "Michael has been a tremendous leader for us on and off the court," coach Joe Stafford said. "His attitude and on-court sportsmanship are everything you would hope for from a CC senior captain. His game is bigger than last year and he is motivated to win the elusive No. 1 singles state title that eluded his older brother Joe, who lost three times in the state final."
 Dube wasn't the only champion for the Shamrocks. Also taking the top spot in their flight were Austin Beyer and Caleb Roberts at No. 4 doubles. They have a 5-1 record so far this season.
 In the opening round, the duo defeated Forest Hills Central's Mitchell Timyan and Humzah Azeem, 6-4, 6-2, before defeating Grand Rapid

Christian duo Gabe Vandye and Sam Poortenga. The finals match resulted in a hard-fought, 6-2, 6-2, victory over St. Joseph's Fungbo Yan and Alex Lubek.
 At No. 3 singles, Jesse Jenter put up a good fight, winning the first two rounds before bowing in the championship to St. Joseph's Kenny Garstkeck.
 Steve Lagagna took fourth place in No. 4 singles, while Gabe Apaza took eighth at No. 2 singles.
 The No. 3 doubles team of Nick Landi and Andrew Hijaouy finished fourth and the No. 2 duo of Tommy Dooley and Tommy Swad won the consolation bracket after falling in the opening round. The No. 1 doubles team of David Killian and Matt Wolfe finished in seventh.

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Preseason win



The St. James Thunder JV1 volleyball team shows off its trophy for winning the preseason volleyball tournament at St. Edith's. The Thunder finished second in pool play to make it to the gold medal match against the tournament host St. Edith JV1. In the first game of the gold medal match, the Thunder rocketed out to an early lead that they never relinquished, winning 25-20. In the second game, the Thunder overcame a slow start to tie the game at 8-8 before pulling away and going on to win the game 25-19 and end the match. The Thunder are looking forward to an exciting season, represented by Riley Dillon, Grace Flynn, Jenna Galecki, Shannon Jennings, Rachel Jennings, Lauren Krill, Bailey Kwasniewicz, Maddie Ludwig, Ashley Smith and Jenna Venegas. The Thunder are coached by Kevin Jennings.

Catholic Central harriers impressive at invitational

Squad showcases several strong runners at Mustangs Invitational

By Sam Eggleston
 Correspondent

It was a race that carried no final scores, but that didn't stop the Detroit Catholic Central boys cross country team from turning in its absolute best performance.
 And had scores been kept? Well, the Shamrocks would have walked away with a 10th-place finish in the upperclassmen portion

of the annual Mustangs Invitational with 318 points, while the underclassmen would have finished fifth with 145 points.
 In the upperclassmen race, the Shamrocks were led by Zach Dowling, who ran a 20:42, while Spencer Doyle ran 21:24. Ben Phillips recorded a time of 21:37, while Ryan Doyle ran 21:44 and David Day 21:47. Turning in a time of 21:51 was Matthew Pochowicz.
 In the lowerclassmen race, it was Fan Maloney who turned in the top time for the Shamrocks, running a 20:02, while Brenden Hein

finished right behind him in 20:05. Finishing with 20:37 was Ben Ludtke, while Mark Borek ran 20:40 and Sean Hyaduck turned in 20:54. Kyle Giusti ran a 21:00, followed by Matthew Michuta's 21:06 and Sebastian Miner's 21:10.
 The teams that would have turned in victories in the invitational were Livonia Churchill in the upperclassmen race and Northville in the lowerclassmen race.
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SPORTS SCHEDULES

Novi Wildcats
FOOTBALL
 9/6 White Lake Lake-land 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
 All games 7 p.m. unless noted
 9/5 South Lyon East 9/7 Noon Rochester 9/10 @ Northville 9/12 Plymouth Salem
BOYS TENNIS
 All meets 4 p.m. unless noted
 9/5 @ Plymouth Salem 9/7 8 a.m. Novi Quad (Grosse Pointe South, West Bloomfield, Cranbrook Kingswood) 9/10 @ Livonia Stevenson

9/12 @ Northville
VOLLEYBALL
 All matches 6:30 p.m. unless noted
 9/7 8 a.m. Grand Blanc Tournament
 9/12 Plymouth Salem
GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE
 All meets 6 p.m. unless noted
 9/7 9 a.m. @ West Bloomfield's Laker Invitational
 9/10 Grosse Pointe South
 9/12 Marian
BOYS GOLF
 All meets 3 p.m. unless noted
 9/10 @ Livonia Stevenson

9/11 @ Northville
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
 9/10 4:25 p.m. @ Livonia Stevenson (@ Cass Benton)
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
 9/10 @ Livonia Stevenson (@ Cass Benton) 4 p.m.
FIELD HOCKEY
 9/11 Ann Arbor Pioneer 4:30 p.m.
EQUESTRIAN
 9/7 @ Millford's Huron Valley Equestrian Center 8 a.m.

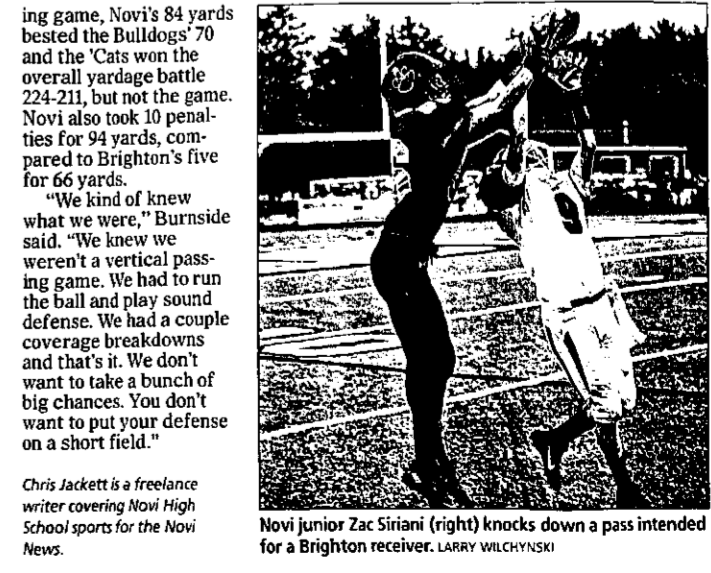
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more running back Emanuel Jackson in the first quarter, when Uille dropped it into Jackson's hands for a 48-yard touchdown to open the season.
 It was in last season's home opener when Jackson also opened the Wildcats' season scoring, with an 86-yard kickoff return as a freshman during a 45-7 loss. With how much closer this year's contest was, on the road at a brand new turf field, the Wildcats' program is seemingly headed in the right direction.
 "Every year is different," Burnside said of his

first game as Novi's head coach. "A lot of people say this may be a rebuilding process. I don't look at it that way. I look at it as every year is different. We have a lot of kids who are young. We can take some moral victories out of there, but we want a victory. We expected to win."
 In addition to Jackson's 48-yard touchdown reception, the sophomore had 48 yards on nine rushing attempts — including a 38-yard run — before leaving the game with an injury in the second half. Seniors Jeff Baker (29 yards on 12 carries) and Mark Ryan (20 yards on six carries) picked up the bulk of the remaining rush attempts.
 "Right now, our defense is ahead of our offense," Burnside said. "Right now, our offense is very, very young. We have three or four seniors on offense."
 Senior Bryan Klosterman notched the Wildcats' only other points on a 33-yard field goal in the second quarter before the Bulldogs got on the board with 15 seconds left in the first half to cut Novi's lead to 10-7.
 "Bryan Klosterman was a great weapon for us Thursday night," Burnside said. "He had some booming punts and great kicks for us."
 As a team, the Wildcats lost the rushing battle to the Bulldogs 141-140, but Brighton did so with nine fewer attempts in 33. In the pass-

ing game, Novi's 84 yards bested the Bulldogs' 70 and the Cats won the overall yardage battle 224-211, but not the game. Novi also took 10 penalties for 94 yards, compared to Brighton's five for 66 yards.
 "We kind of knew what we were," Burnside said. "We knew we weren't a vertical passing game. We had to run the ball and play sound defense. We had a couple coverage breakdowns and that's it. We don't want to take a bunch of big chances. You don't want to put your defense on a short field."
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Novi junior Zac Siriani (right) knocks down a pass intended for a Brighton receiver. LARRY WILCHYNSKI

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