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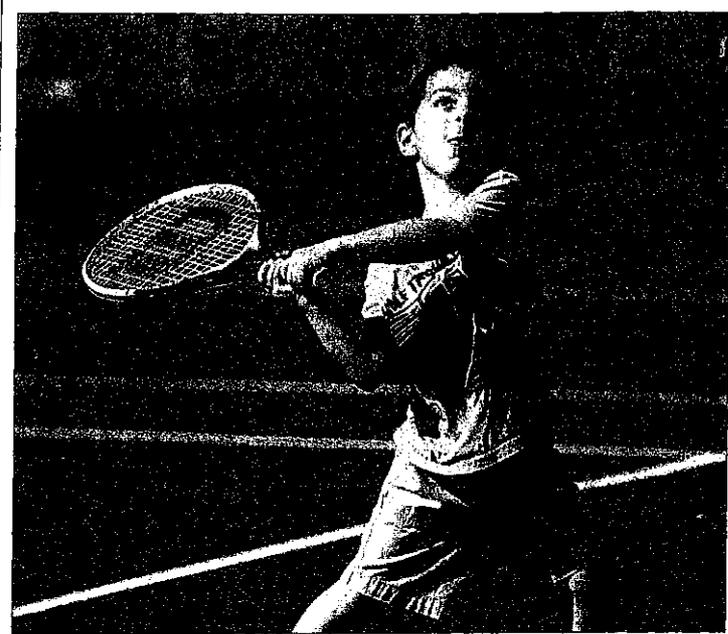


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Natural

Alex Putti, 4, keeps a watchful eye on a tennis ball lofted his way by his mother Judy. The pair were playing on the courts at Novi High on a recent Friday morning. Alex really had a knack for hitting the tennis ball well. Judy Putti said that she knew he might be good at it when she saw him accurately bat peas around in his high chair.

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Novi firefighters negotiating

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi and the paid-on-call firefighters union, Michigan Association of Fire Fighters, were expected to meet yesterday in an effort to resolve matters of a previously filed complaint against the city.

The Unfair Labor Practice complaint, filed against the City of Novi, accused Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith of using full-time firefighters on overtime for a "confined space" detail, as opposed to using the scheduled paid-on-call firefighters.

"Hopefully, the two parties can sit down and work this out," said Fred Timpner, executive director of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters. "All we're asking for is

what the law allows us to have and the protections of that."

The union believes there was a concerted effort to force paid-on-call officers out of the department and replace them with full-time firefighters. But Smith, who began his firefighting career as a paid-on-call firefighter for Farmington Hills in 1974, said he is looking forward to a continued positive working relationship with the union.

Novi's full-time firefighters respond to calls occurring 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The paid-on-call firefighters are responsible for calls 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.

The specific instance the union was referencing occurred from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Wednesday,

May 14.

The union also alleges Smith used full-time firefighters on overtime for at least two more confined space details, which they said paid-on-call firefighters are qualified to handle.

The two parties first went before an administrative law judge Oct. 1 at the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

"Tomorrow will finish up a portion of it, but it is substantially concluded," Smith said. "In the interest of good labor relations the parties have agreed to not discuss the details of the resolution."

If the two parties didn't reach an agreement during Wednesday's negotiations, Timpner said there will be a continuation hearing.

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Novi sees firsthand the workings of Michigan Film Incentive

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Almost exactly six months after the Michigan film production credit went into effect, the city of Novi served as the stomping grounds of the upcoming feature film *Demoted*, starring Sean Astin (*The Lord of the Rings*) and David Cross (*Arrested Development*).

"They're filming on the civic center campus, using the ball fields," Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said Wednesday, of the city-owned Ella Mae Power Park property. "They're using local rental compa-

nies and hotels. It's a positive economic impact."

Pearson said the city received a couple of hundred dollars for the production's use of its property, whereas Novi Community School District Supt. Peter Dion said it did not receive payment for use of the district-owned parking lot, located between the civic center and the Novi Public Library, north of the high school.

"They've been shooting all over metro Detroit, but right now their base camp is at Novi High School and they are shooting around there," Novi resident Mark Adler

said. "They're using the parking lot, they're using the parks, they're driving around here, gassing up their trucks at local gas stations. They're going to go to local businesses to find whatever they need."

Adler is the director and co-founder of the Michigan Production Alliance, a Novi-based 501(c)(6) nonprofit trade organization whose mission is to work with the crew members of the creative and production community across Michigan. The industry has changed since the alliance was

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Renovations complete at Macy's

Twelve Oaks Mall expansion; Nordstrom anniversary

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Macy's customers may feel like they are stepping foot in a brand new store when they visit the newly renovated Novi location at Twelve Oaks Mall.

"We took the building and gutted it," said Hank Loran, regional vice president of Macy's. "It made it difficult for our customers to find their way, but the end result was well worth it."

The store hosted its official grand reopening events last weekend.

"It was nice to see the barricades down and construction materials out of the way," said Dan Jones, general manager of Twelve Oaks Mall. "It's so light, bright and fresh."

Renovations on the department store began two years ago and included a 60,000-square-foot expansion, making it the sixth largest Macy's store in Michigan.

"This is the first major renovation of the store since it opened (in 1977)," said Jennifer McNamara, Macy's public relations manager. "Cosmetics tripled in space."

The store features new beauty brands such as Lush, Carol's Daughter and Clinique Experience and enhanced lines such as MAC, Bobbi Brown, Lancome, Estee Lauder, Prescriptives, Benefit and much more.

"The customers love this store for beauty," said the Novi store's vice president and manager Kevin Hoen.

Another component of the cosmetic department is Beautiful Planet, opening Oct. 13, which is an eco-friendly shop carrying natural and organic beauty products.

Also situated on the main level are jewelry, shoes and men's wear.

"The big change was putting all of women's ready-to-wear together," Hoen said.

All major changes at the store were a result of the company's new internal strategy, "My Macy's," which personalizes each store to meet the needs of the local customers.

"I've never seen a company react to customer trends (like this) before," said Hoen, who is a Novi resident. "My team knows the customers in this store better than anyone else."

Other features of the store include a Starbucks; a full-service restaurant, Lakeshore Grill; a casual eating place, Taste Bar; Premier Spa and Salon; and a FAO Schwarz toy department.



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Models Nicolena Inaiss, left, and Lindsey Vandele display some items from the Eileen Fisher winter collection at Macy's in Twelve Oaks Mall last Thursday evening as part of its grand re-opening festivities.

Macy's at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi has brightened its interior with additional lighting.

sary Sept. 28.

The 165,000-square-foot store offers exclusive clothing lines and cosmetic collections, and is known for its shoe departments.

"It's hard to believe that we've had the expansion and Nordstrom open for a year now," Jones said of the mall's expansion that opened about 40 new stores. "We've been fortunate to be able to open new and unique stores this year."

Jones said the biggest project the mall is undertaking is renovating the center customer service desk, which is slated for completion Nov. 1.

Despite the economy, Jones said Twelve Oaks Mall is weathering the storm.

"I think we were fortunate that we had a lot of momentum going into this year," he said. "The shopping center has really developed over the years. Only time will tell, but I think we will be just fine."

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Novi's ovarian cancer awareness advocate loses 10-year battle

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Carolyn Benivenga's legacy will live on well beyond her 66 years of life. After a 10-year battle with ovarian cancer, Benivenga died Sept. 25, in the comfort of her Fox Run home.

"When she was first diagnosed, they gave her 27 months to live. She lived 10 years," said daughter Angie Ceely. "She just had the strength and determination. She fought until the end."

But for Benivenga it wasn't only a personal fight, she fought on a national level to educate the public about what she referred to as a "little-known disease."

While in and out of treatments and battling the disease, Benivenga, who was living in Naples, Fla. with her husband

Paul at the time, founded the non-profit organization Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida - Gulf Coast in 2002. "I for god's sake started her nonprofit to be educate and create awareness," Ceely said. "She was dynamic. Someone I wish that everyone would have known."

It wasn't until after months of being misdiagnosed with Irritable Bowel Syndrome, that Benivenga learned she had ovarian cancer. She was 55.

"People don't know the symptoms, so it's often misdiagnosed," Ceely said. "It was already a three-pound tumor when she was first diagnosed."

Benivenga's symptoms, which are typical with the disease, included bloating, constipation and unexplained weight gain. Through her efforts, Benivenga started an independent support group for ovar-

ian cancer survivors; obtained Proclamations declaring September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month for Michigan and Florida; spearheaded the continuing effort to create an Ovarian Cancer Postage Stamp through the United States Postal Service; established the Carolyn and Paul Benivenga Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at the University of Michigan; and initiated the Pedal Power Bike Ride fund-raiser in 2003, where she rode 886-miles from Pueblo, Colo. to St. Joseph, Mo.

"She wasn't a bike rider. She didn't even own a bike, she had to go buy one," Ceely said. "She wasn't afraid to do anything. She loved to travel and explore."

Benivenga is survived by her children, Vincent (Susan), Angela Ceely (James), and Matthew (Tina); four grandsons; and Paul, who was the light of her life.

"They were side-by-side always," Ceely said. "We all aspire to have the kind of marriage they did."

The couple, who met while working at Ford Motor Company, was married May 25, 1963.

"She was a secretary and he was a design engineer. They used to send love notes in inter-company mail," Ceely said. They raised their family in Brighton, retired to Florida and moved to Novi's Fox Run retirement community about two-and-a-half years ago.

"She was very fortuitous. She knew what was happening and she wanted my dad in a place where he would have a support system besides us kids," Ceely said. "They were such a team. Opposites in many ways, but both have very big hearts."

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Advocate Carolyn Benivenga recently lost her battle with cancer.

What does the rescue plan mean to individual investors?

If you've watched the news from Wall Street and Washington the past few days, you've seen a hefty amount of drama. But in the end, what will it mean to you?

Lawmakers have agreed on a \$700 billion plan, called the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, to revive the credit markets and restore the flow of credit to the U.S. economy. The legislation will, among other provisions, give the Treasury Department the ability to purchase up to \$700 billion in mortgage-backed securities and other troubled assets from banks and financial firms, though some of this spending authority will be subject to Congressional approval.

This rescue package has both supporters and detractors. Its proponents claim that you, as a taxpayer, will ultimately reap rewards when the Treasury eventually sells the currently distressed assets for a profit. However, while no one can say for sure when, or if, this will happen, it does seem likely that the bailout could have some real benefits for you as an investor.

As an investor, of course, you are looking for profitable companies in which to invest. So, to the extent that an infusion of liquidity may help the fortunes of many businesses, you now may face a brighter investment horizon. Furthermore, the bailout may calm the financial markets - and calmer financial markets are more conducive to long-term investing. As an investor, you may find it hard to stick to your strategy when you see the stock market show giant gains one day, followed by huge losses the next.

Why? Because one of the most important goals of the bailout is to help "unplug" the credit markets and put more cash back into our financial system. The subprime mortgage crisis has sucked an enormous amount of liquidity from our markets; without this liquidity, banks have become unwilling, or unable, to extend credit to consumers and businesses. When businesses can't get credit, they can't expand their operations - and that makes it hard for them to make a profit.

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Here's the bottom line: The government's rescue plan may well help investors. But by following proven strategies, such as diversifying your holdings and investing for quality, you can build a portfolio that can navigate even the choppiest financial waters - without having to bail yourself out.

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Davenport University opens doors

Building to serve as regional hub

BY KEN ASBRACZYK
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Livonia has opened its seventh facility of higher learning.

Davenport University, a private, non-profit university based in Grand Rapids, opened a new 26-classroom, 40,000-square-foot facility which will serve as a regional hub for several Davenport facilities across southeast Michigan.

Located at 19499 Victor Parkway, north of Seven Mile and east of I-275, the university offers 21 bachelor degrees, ranging from accounting fraud investigation to service management and marketing, and master's degrees in business administration and master of science. The university will also offer degrees in health information management, medical case management and health services administration.

"This is becoming a hub within a corridor of a growing population, and growing needs," said Randolph Flechsig, president of Davenport University, at a ribbon cutting ceremony prior to an open house Sept. 26. Degrees offered will be in demand in the 21st Century, Flechsig said.

Nearly 75 percent of graduates will be working within six months of graduating, Flechsig said.

"The school is all about the students," Flechsig said. "The building is technologically advanced, it's an exciting environment, but it's all about the students."

Mayor Jack Kirksey called Livonia an educational hub. "Without an educational hub, you can't have a workforce," Kirksey said. He called Davenport's opening an "exciting time for Livonia."

Kirksey said later that the school adds to Livonia's pride, and the school will obtain strong enrollment numbers.



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Davenport's executive director of student services Susan Crkovic talks with Sherri Liebaw, a regional director from Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office. Senior admissions representative Jennifer Salloum, and Mary L. Engelman, president of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, are standing to the left.

"When times are tough economically, educational institutions thrive more than they did before," Kirksey said. "I think this will meet a real significant need. It was real important for them not to come in and directly compete with the other campuses."

Dan West, Livonia Chamber of Commerce president, highlighted other investments from other schools and universities. "Madonna University is spending some \$20 million to construct a new eco-friendly media and science center, which is scheduled to open in spring 2009," West said. "Schoolcraft Davenport University focuses on business, technology and health professions."

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College recently completed a \$12 million project to construct a new building for medical, math and science courses.

West estimates that 25,000 students will be served by these seven colleges and universities, which also includes Eastern Michigan University, Northwood University, Central Michigan University and University of Phoenix.

Afterwards, guests were allowed to tour the Davenport facility. The first floor has a library information commons and three multipurpose rooms for IT demonstrations, admissions and career services and alumni relations. The School of Technology and School of Health Professions will be located on the second floor, while the third floor houses the School of Business.

Kim Corsi, Davenport's department coordinator for Allied Health, said the university did research on what occupations would be the jobs of the future. "Our goals are to educate people and to make sure they are employed," Corsi said.

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The Journey Continues

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mark Hoyer doesn't need a map to know where he's going. He's far more interested in the journey than the destination.

Hoyer, of Farmington Hills, a three-time cancer survivor, finds solace in the way clouds move across the massive sky, throwing shadows in different directions over an expansive landscape.

It's as if he's listening to robust plumes of water fall off the edge of closely nestled boulders, deep in the middle of the woods.

His eye catches the details engraved in a centuries-old, marble structure in a bustling European city - details that are likely overlooked by most passers-by.

That's the journey for Hoyer, as he absorbs his surroundings and lays them down on film for a lasting memory of that moment when things are just perfect.

But, things have been far from perfect for this 52-year-old businessman, father and husband. At age 39, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer; at age 44, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and at age 50, a colonoscopy revealed he had colon cancer.

Somewhere in between these battles, he reconnected with photography, a hobby he picked up back in high school. He brought camera equipment and darkroom supplies and taught himself how to shoot and develop film, mostly black and white.

It quickly became a therapeutic hobby for Hoyer and soon, he had a collection of nature photos he compiled into an exhibit he called "The Journey," four years ago at the Assarian Cancer Center on the campus of Providence Hospital in Novi.

Hoyer's work, an expanded collection of 30 photographs, is



Cancer survivor and photographer Mark Hoyer looks at some of his black and white prints on exhibit at the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Park Hospital. The exhibit is titled "The Journey Continues."

again on exhibit at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, inside the Assarian Cancer Center. It's the largest show he's had so far.

"This one is called 'The Journey Continues,'" said Hoyer. "The first one was called 'The Journey, when I first got cancer. This is a continuation. Life is about the journey, not the destination.'"

Hoyer said his photography has helped him deal with

the stress cancer brings. He encourages others who are diagnosed with cancer to face their fears through creative outlets.

"The main thing is that too many people are so afraid of cancer. They need to do things that will make them think about other things," he said. "This is a great outlet for people who are going through something."

He brings his camera every time he leaves town on business or when he and his family go on vacation. He said he gets up at daybreak to photograph, wherever he is at the time.

One of his favorite places to photograph nature is Acadia National Park in Maine, where he and his family went camping three years ago. He also loves the landscape and

the architecture in Italy. He has remarkable images from Death Valley, Calif., Yosemite National Park, Monument Valley, Utah and European cities of Venice, Paris, Dublin, Köln, Germany and Rome.

While on vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, he paraded with his camera and took shots of rock formations in the sea, from 500 feet in the air.

He has taken his mind off his worries.

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NOVI PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

What: The Journey Continues: Photography collection by Mark Hoyer
Where: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Providence Center for the Healing Arts at the Assarian Cancer Center
When: Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Oct. 31.

"And, I'm scared to death of heights!" he said. A color image of his excursion is included in the exhibit, which runs through Oct. 31.

He hopes it brings some peace to patients at the Assarian Cancer Center.

"There are people who go up there to the doctors' offices and they're getting chemotherapy," he said, pointing from the gallery to the center's hallways. "What better thing than to have a gallery, so people can look around and maybe be reminded of something good."

Hoyer loves photography because he can share his experiences with other people. Traveling allows him meet interesting people from around the world.

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up a job application.

noticed it missing from the front yard, but neither of them saw or heard anything. The man said the globe is worth \$100.

Between 8 p.m. Sept. 25 and 6 p.m. Sept. 26, a lawn statue of a greyhound was stolen from a residence on Mill Road, near Nine Mile and Meadowbrook roads, reports said. According to the victim, unknown suspect(s) stole the three-foot statue from her front flower bed in the middle of the night. The woman said the statue is 11 years old. Neither she and her husband, nor the neighbors saw or heard anything, reports said.

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Between 10 p.m. Sept. 24 and 3 p.m. Sept. 25 a globe lawn ornament was reported stolen from a residence on Strath Haven Drive, near Beck and 11 Mile roads. According to the complainant, his wife

approved a two-year agreement for prosecutorial legal services, which included a one-year renewal based on positive feedback. The company will accept the extension and without a fee increase.

Council approved to set a public hearing at the Oct. 20 meeting for the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program. The proposed program year 2009 planning allocation for the City of Novi is an estimated \$11,990.

Council meeting notes were taken from the Oct. 6 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. All council members were present. Next meeting: 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Novi High School student recovering from hit-and-run

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

A 15-year-old Novi High School student was hit by a vehicle while waiting for the school bus between 6:30-6:45

a.m. last Friday, police said. The boy, whose name is not being released, was taken to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He did not suffer major injuries or broken bones, said Novi Police Sgt. Matt Conquest.

According to Conquest, the boy was sitting on a curb in the Stonehenge condominium complex, located off Haggerty Road, between Nine and 10 Mile roads, when the driver of a vehicle turning onto Stonehenge

Boulevard from Tussey Court struck him and continued driving. "The responsible person didn't stop," said Conquest, noting it is possible the person did not know they hit the boy.

"There was a gentleman who was backing out of his driveway who saw what is believed to be the responsible vehicle. We have a description of a possibly reddish-brown, dark-colored Taurus or Sable, a 1990s

version." Anyone with information is asked to contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100. kmurad@novi.net (248) 349-1700, Ext. 103

Suspect caught on surveillance camera

A woman's purse was stolen from her shopping cart at Bed, Bath & Beyond in West Oaks shopping center, near Novi Road and Interstate 96, Sept. 29, reports said.

According to the victim, she left the small white leather purse in the cart and walked away for a minute while shopping. When she came back to the cart, she noticed the purse was missing.

Just as she noticed it missing, a customer service representative announced over the loud speaker that a purse was found and returned.

While the woman was claiming it, she noticed her identification card, which is normally in her wallet, was loose inside the purse and discovered about \$40 and a Motorola RAZR cellular phone missing, reports said.

An employee said he saw a 20-25-year-old female enter and exit the bathroom carrying the purse, before turning it in to the customer service desk.

Footage from the store's surveillance cameras prove the employee's allegations, reports said. The suspect also picked

Wedding rings found

A manager of the Bath & Body Works store on Crescent Boulevard, in the Novi Town Center reported two wedding rings found at about 5 p.m. Sept. 27.

According to the manager, a customer found the set of rings and turned them in.

The rings are being held at the Novi Police Department, 45125 W. 10 Mile Road.

Lawn ornaments missing

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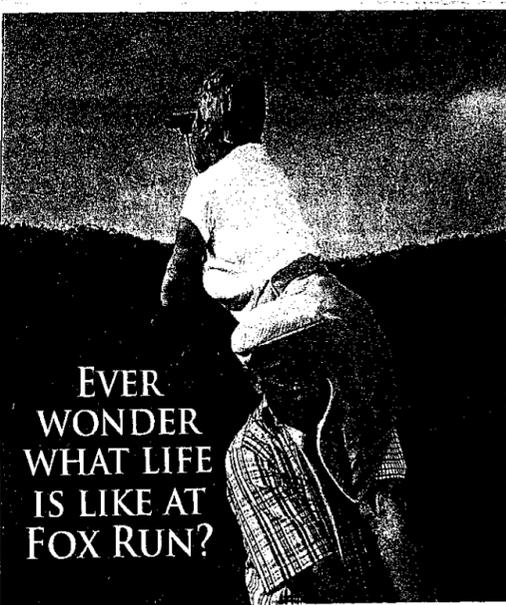
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Items of interest from Novi's City Council

- Council unanimously approved to award the contract for relocation and reconstruction of the old Township Hall to Biondo Design & Build, LLC in the amount of \$143,806. The relocation of the building in the 2008-09 fiscal year budget. Construction is scheduled to begin this month, with the building move completed in November, due to the construction of the new building beginning in late fall. The Township Hall, which is incorporated in the concept plans for Forest Park, will be placed on a new foundation and will have a 150-square-foot restroom addition. The building will also have new utilities and heating and air conditioning units installed.
- Novi's Economic Development Manager A. Toponov and Fire Marshal Mike Evans presented council with an overview of what the city's venture group "Hollywood Novi" is doing to make the city more film-friendly. With Michigan offering tax incentives to producers filming in the state, Hollywood Novi was established to recommend a series of ordinance and internal policy changes, encouraging motion picture and television filming activities in Novi. Some of the recommendations include, one main contact person from city staff, having clear and simple permits and presenting all costs to the film company up front. Council later unanimously approved the first reading of a filming permit ordinance that would provide standards for review and processing of applications allowing temporary filming at any location in the city. They also approved the first reading of zoning ordinance text amendments addressing the potential demand for permanent production facilities to be established in Novi.
- Council approved, by a 7-0 vote, to grant Thompson-Brown Realtors a one-year extension of the Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) Agreement for Oberlin Single Family Condominiums. The site plan for the residential community, located south of 11 Mile Road, west of Beck Road, was approved by council in 2006. The applicant requested a two-year extension, citing economic conditions and other unavoidable delays as the reason for the request. Construction of the 58-unit condominium complex has not begun and permits have not been issued.
- Council approved the Consultant Review Committee's recommendation for a one-year extension of legal services with Cooper, Shifman, Gabe, Quinn & Seymour. In 2006, council

NOVI CITY COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

City seeks input

The City of Novi encourages community members to share their input regarding the concept plans for Forest Park, located at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads.

Citizens can either fill out a comment card, located in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, fill out an online survey by visiting www.cityofnovi.org, or attend the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission meeting 7:30 p.m. tonight in council chambers at the civic center.

Fire Prevention Week begins Sunday

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, is Prevent Home Fires.

The Novi Fire Department will host its annual open house at fire station 1, 42975 Grand River Avenue, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 11.

The open house will include fire station tours, free hot dogs and pop, Jaws of Life demonstrations, a Fire Safety Smokehouse, the chance for children to use a real fire hose and meet Sparky the Fire Safety Dog.

From 1-5 p.m. Oct. 10, the public is invited to visit fire stations 1, 3 or 4. Fire station 2 is being remodeled and will not be open to visitors.

Enhance: Older adult newsletter

Enhance is a new comprehensive, quarterly publication geared toward older adults in our community. The newsletter will be mailed four times per year to anyone 55 and older. For those who did not receive the first edition of Enhance and would like to, call (248) 349-0416. Each issue will include information about safety, programs and classes, and will spotlight one of the city's dedicated volunteers who do so much for the senior programs and for the community. The Fall 2008 issue of Enhance can be viewed at www.cityofnovi.org.

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NOVI BRIEFLY

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) was the only state legislator to vote against the refundability and recently supported Senate Bill 1535, which would place a \$50 million yearly cap on Michigan's film credits.

"Out of 148 legislators, I was the lone voice of caution, but more of my colleagues are joining me in seeing how these dots are connected now," she said. "We need to get a grip and control the incentives as well as the refundability of these credits. Michigan cannot afford to unilaterally disarm itself from providing incentives and credits. But we have to have a balanced and fair policy."

Adler said the \$50 million cap would translate into only a couple of productions filmed in Michigan each year.

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established in 2003.

"The MPA was incentivizing commercial production in the state of Michigan," Adler said. "But with the new tax credit, he said everyone is now working on feature films."

CREDIT OR NOT?

According to the Michigan Film Office, the film production credit, which went into effect in April, is a refundable, assignable tax credit of up to 42 percent of the amount of a production company's expenditures, depending upon type, that are incurred in producing a film or other media entertainment project in Michigan.

Board Candidate Forum

The Novi PTO Interscholastic Council is sponsoring a Board of Education Candidate Forum 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Educational Services Building located at 25345 Taft Road. Three candidates are running for two board seats. Candidates are: Bruce Bagdady, Dennis O'Connor and Karl Wiaznisky. A member of the League of Women Voters will facilitate the forum.

NEF Second Annual Fun Run

Looking for a fun, healthy activity to do with the whole family and raise money for a good cause? The Novi Educational Foundation has just the thing for you. Bring your family to the Novi Meadows fifth-grade parking lot to run the Wildcat 5K Run or the One Mile Walk

on Oct. 18. Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. in the gym with the fun run beginning at 9 a.m. Kids are free and adults are \$20. Advanced registration is required for a T-shirt. Registration forms are available at the NEF Web site, www.novi.k12.mi.us/nef.

Novi High School Athletics Web site

The Novi Athletic Boosters have a brand new Web site at www.noviatleticboosters.com. The site is the source for upcoming Novi Athletic Boosters events, fund-raising events and Wildcat game schedules. The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wildcat student athletes at Novi high and middle schools. Proceeds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, training and so that more students can participate at a higher level.

On-site college admissions

The following schools have agreed to send an admission counselor to Novi High School this fall. Representatives will sit down with students to review applications, transcripts and test scores to provide an immediate admissions decision. To sign up for on-site admissions, see Michael Zelinski in the Student Services Center. Students must sign up at least one week prior to scheduled on-site meetings. On-site admission appointments are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Once an appointment is scheduled, students are responsible for turning in their completed paper application and fee (if applicable) to their counselor a minimum of three school days prior to their appointment time. Additional applications should not be

CLASS NOTES

submitted to the university.
 Oct. 16 - Grand Valley State University
 Oct. 21 - Central Michigan University
 Oct. 21 - University of Detroit Mercy
 Oct. 21 - University of Michigan-Flint
 Oct. 28 - Ferris State University
 Oct. 30 - Oakland University
 Nov. 6 - Eastern Michigan University
 Nov. 11 - Saginaw Valley State University
 Nov. 11 - Northern Michigan University
 Nov. 13 - Davenport University
 TBD - University of Michigan-Dearborn

All Sports Pass now on sale

The Novi Athletic Boosters are again selling the All Sports Pass, which entitles entrance to all regular season home games for the entire school year. Cost is \$50 for individuals or \$140 for a family pass. Contact Michelle Rydzewski at mrydzewski01@aol.com or visit www.noviatleticboosters.com for more information.

National Coney Island presents Take a Lion to School contest

From Oct. 7 through Nov. 11, six lucky students will win a classroom visit by a Detroit Lion player, including a special "winners" letter, autographed football, four tickets to an upcoming Lions home game, their faces on the Ford Field jumbotron, as well as other prizes and gifts. The contest is open to students in third-sixth grades by going online to www.nationalconeyisland.com to enter.



Fourth-grade students Joseph Towel, Bradshaw Grady and Albert Tan are weeding in front of Novi Woods Elementary School.



Micheal Malson and Joston Rodrigues do their part to help out at the fourth-grade clean-up event.

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NOVI BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The District and City are closer to solidifying a land-swap deal following the conclusion of last Thursday's school board meeting. After a discussion, including questions directed toward Novi City Manager Clay Pearson and Novi Community School District Athletic Director Curt Ellis, board members agreed they are close enough to a decision to allow superintendent Peter Dion to present the city with a refined proposal. The City is interested in acquiring the bulk of the district-owned Bosco Property at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads, in exchange for property south of Novi High School and the Wildlife Woods property behind Novi Middle and Deerfield Elementary schools.

superintendent for academic services, announced the district will be participating in Michigan's Growth Model Pilot. The program measures student academic growth in micro increments, allowing school officials the ability to see where a student falls on a testing continuum. Instead of plotting student success as a 1, 2 or 3, school officials will have the ability to see if students are a high 2, or low 2, for example. The growth model test, titled MI-Access, will be integrated with the MEAP into a single system reporting growth for all students. "It's just another piece of measuring AYP," Beels said. The scores will be analyzed for students in grades four-eight and in the subjects of ELA and math.

Superintendent Peter Dion announced Novi Schools is one of four districts chosen by the county to participate in a partnership with The Oakland County Economic Development Corporation and Oakland Schools to bring Chinese students to Novi to partner and live with a local family for the second semester of the 2008-09 school year.

he announced that after final review of event day totals, the district is down 98 students. Dion announced the recent lettuce ban impacting the country does not impact Novi schools and salad making resumed Monday after a precautionary ban was implemented earlier this week. The superintendent also said construction is progressing nicely at the three elementary schools and it has been decided the district will offer half-day and full-day kindergarten next year.



Have you filled a bucket today?
 Parkview Elementary School media specialist Jenny Kramer reads a book about "bucket filling" during an assembly on being kinder to fellow students. Parkview promotes the "bucket filling" protocol, which includes encouraging positive behavior, expressing appreciation, sharing good thoughts, helping out those who need assistance and making others feel special.

Lawrence Tech

The following students from Novi graduated in May: Paul Cook received a masters of engineering in manufacturing systems; Mohanmud Farhat received a bachelor of science degree in biomedical engineering; Monica Flores-Antezana received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering; David Kerstetter received a master in architecture; Ravindar Koorapati

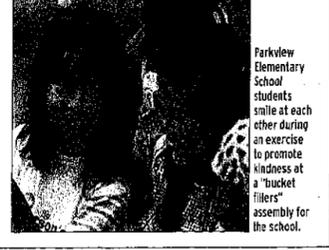
received a MBA; Dallas Odom received a bachelor of science in computer science; Daniel Rogers received a master of engineering management in engineering management; Nicole Sheppard received a MBA; Nupoor Shukla received a master of science in electrical and computer engineering; Sonia Tereszczenko received a bachelor of science in architecture; and Godwin Wede received a master of electrical and computer engineering.

ON CAMPUS

Thomas M. Cooley Law School
 Novi resident Michael Karas was named to the Dean's list and the honor roll in his second term of study at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and of Novi High School. He is the son of Mike and Pat Karas.

Cornell

Anthony Sabo of Novi collected a team-high nine tackles with 3.5 tackles for a loss, two sacks and a forced fumble for Cornell in the win over Yale last month. He spearheaded a defense that allowed Yale just 209 yards of total offense, including 129 yards on its first 16 possessions. Sabo entered the game with just two career tackles for loss, but notched a career-best 3.5 of the team's 11 tackles for loss.



Parkview Elementary School students smile at each other during an exercise to promote kindness at a "bucket fillers" assembly for the school.

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Attentive listeners

Visitors to the Novi Public Library watch an audio visual show by author Nancy Shaw during her September visit. Shaw is the author of the children's book "Sheep in a Jeep."

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IN OUR OPINION

Maintaining education excellence is a community cause

Here is what you had to say online after reading the Novi News.

MPAbot wrote:

As an aside to all this nonsense it should be known that Monday 20 through Friday 3 Oct. The feature film "Demoted" was on location in Senator Cassis's backyard. A bus-ramp was set up at Novi High School and they worked at Power Park. They paid for use of the park and the lot and no doubt used Novi and surrounding area businesses to purchase ice, gas, lumber and other items. I had an interview with the Novi News on Monday in this regard detailing incentives, caps and the parallel of Cassis not supporting this bill. Thursday when the paper came out - nothing at all was mentioned about a film shooting in Novi, which would be big news! It seems, the Novi News is a bit partisan and Cassis friendly.

Further... We'd be turning away several hundred million dollars more in permanent infrastructure, sound studies and editing facilities, that would generate millions more in economic activity.

MI filmmaker wrote:

Sorry, I wanted to emphasize that last sentence a bit more.

A cap on the film incentive will ELIMINATE jobs in Michigan.

The Michigan Film Collective has drafted a statement opposing this amendment, SB 1535, citing substantial reasons why it is bad for Michigan.

linked here: <http://www.michiganfilmcollective.org/ht4p://3/oxvns1rander.googlepages.com/SAAGFilmIncentiveCap.pdf>

Regarding SB 1535, an amendment to cap the film incentive:

MI filmmaker also wrote:

Senator Cassis, this bill's supporters, and the non-partisan Senate Fiscal Agency fail to acknowledge that much of the tax rebates are awarded to Michigan production companies, keeping the money in Michigan exclusively. They also fail to acknowledge that most if not all of each tax incentive rebate given to each production company - from outside Michigan and from within - is used in each firm's actual budget, thus returning this money to the citizens and businesses of Michigan.

Ultimately, rather than a loss of \$122 mil this year, the state is making money from outside companies AND cycling it within our economy through our own companies. The incentive is strengthening our film/arts industries, creating jobs, and returning taxes to the state.

A cap on the film incentive will not simply stall job growth - in fact, it won't simply eliminate job growth - it will eliminate jobs in the arts, namely the film industry in Michigan.

For many years, districts like Novi have enjoyed healthy growth, allowing budgeted revenue to keep pace with the demands of running a successful program.

Michigan public schools receive the largest portion of their funding through state per-pupil foundation allowance, or a specified dollar amount for each child enrolled.

But unfortunately, tides have turned. The depressed economy and floundering Michigan market have left districts facing declining enrollment and further, less money to work with.

During the Oct. 2 board of education meeting, superintendent Peter Dion stated the district is down 98 students. "We've seen a decline, which is disappointing," he said.

This means the district is out about \$858,000 - an amount it would like and needs to see because the bottom line when dealing with schools often means quality education.

This is a problem. And this isn't just a district problem either. This is a community shortfall, too.

Fiscally abundant schools mean increased property values and a stronger, more vital city.

So how can you help? We urge all residents to become more involved in how their neighborhood school fares and attend school-sponsored activities.

On Saturday, Oct. 18 the Novi Educational Foundation will host a fun-run at Novi Meadows, an excellent opportunity to bring the family out for an enjoyable afternoon with just a \$20 contribution. And, yes, there is also a walk.

Another notable group out and about is the Novi Athletic Boosters, which recently hosted a tastefest during a Novi home football game.

The list of opportunities is endless, if you have the time, money or inclination.

During hard economic times, a sense of community is important to muster and we encourage all capable residents to lend a hand and help our district continue to grow and prosper at the level of excellence we've enjoyed.

LETTERS

O'Connor and Bagdady for school board

I've been following Novi School Board issues heavily for many years now. After reviewing all of the information on the candidates in preparation for the upcoming election, I can say that I'm totally impressed with both Bruce Bagdady and Dennis O'Connor.

Bruce Bagdady (www.brucebagdady.com), is a 10-year incumbent with an impeccable record for honesty, critical thinking and fairness on complex school issues. He has been a credit to the board, and he deserves to represent us for another four years.

Dennis O'Connor has more experience and qualifications than any other candidate on the ballot. He has served on numerous school committees including the Long-Range Planning Committee and the School Redistricting and Facility Utilization Committee. He was an active member of both the Athletic Boosters and Band Boosters over the past 10 years. He currently serves on the Community Education Advisory Council. He has published a four-point plan (www.dennis-oconnor.org) to help our school district grow and prosper. He has set-up strong priorities. He's looking out for us and for our children.

We need this type of critical thinking on our Novi Board of Education. Please join me in supporting Bagdady and O'Connor at the Nov. 4 general election.

Willy Mena
Novi

Questions about park plan

I was impressed with your impassioned Sept. 4 editorial regarding the economic pain surrounding Labor Day, in which you stated, "It's going to require a complete change in attitude from state and local government" in order for times to get better. But, I have since been disappointed by the lack of

consistency in the News.

Your editorial last week, encouraged all residents, including those passionate about the cause of preservation and reuse, to utilize one of the three options offered by the City to help shape the future of the former Puerst Farmstead, even though their voices did not count and the democratic process did not prevail.

In the middle of this enormous economic crisis, should residents and the News become enthusiastic about any park plan with out first questioning how the City intends to pay for it? Does the City intend to use the "Rainy Day Fund" at the expense of jeopardizing essential services, or approve/ask for a tax increase?

The Oakland County Equalization Division recently stated that declines in residential home values are expected to be in the double digits in the coming year, and the City's finance director recently stated that the property tax revenue for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, may be lower than anticipated as a result of tax tribunal cases.

In light of this bad news, is our local government changing its attitude, or continuing "business as usual," and is the News going to be a part of the solution, and hold our local government accountable to practice what this newspaper so passionately preaches?

Laura Lorenzo
Novi

Support Capello for County Commissioner

I am writing this letter to express my support for Kim Capello for County Commissioner, and encourage all voters in his district to do the same. Kim has been a long time supporter of Novi and the surrounding community and is passionate about doing what is best for people. He shares the same values and

principals that should be important to all families and voters. Kim understands the importance of a fiscally sound and balanced budget approach to government operations, while at the same time supporting vital community programs such as parks and recreation; roads and infrastructure; responsible development; and protection of our natural resources.

Given Kim's experience on both the Novi Planning Commission, City Council and as Mayor pro tem, I can think of no better choice than Kim Capello to take this experience and put it to work at the county level. For these reasons, I am supporting Kim and would encourage everyone else to do the same.

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, please vote for Kim Capello for Oakland County Commissioner.

Kimberly Miller
Novi

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Public wants major reforms from state government

Michigan government works badly and needs a major overhaul - but you might think the prospects seem dim indeed. After all, the "Reform Michigan Government Now" fiasco ended last month with the courts ruling the complex amendment off the ballot.

But it is clear that our state's top business leaders are overwhelmingly convinced that something needs to be done - at least according to a statewide summer poll recently taken for Detroit Renaissance, the high-powered business leadership group.

The vast majority - 87 percent of those responding - say our political leaders have done only a fair to poor job of balancing the state's budget and setting clear spending priorities.

Almost as many - 81 percent - believe lawmakers are taking short-term tax and spending decisions that promote their survival in office from year to year, rather than working on policies that promote Michigan's long-term prosperity.

This is hardly surprising. The poll was taken in late July, when the memories were still vivid of last fall's near-meltdown of state finances, caused in part by an inexperienced, term-limited legislature.

Politicians are human beings, just like the rest of us. And it's simple human nature to try to duck unpleasant stuff, which for lawmakers in



Phil Power

Lansing means unpopular, but necessary votes.

So term-limited legislators all too often kick the can down the road by leaving the tough votes to their successors.

The poll also shows deep and grim pessimism about our future. More than four out of every five Michigan voters think the state is on the wrong track, and 74 percent think Michigan's economy will either stay the same or get worse next year.

So it will come as no surprise that a solid majority - 56 percent - wants major structural reforms in Lansing. Yes, but what kind of reform?

Remarkably, a half-dozen ideas all got majority support among all demographic groups surveyed:

- Save money by finding other means of punishment for non-violent offenders, other than going to prison (79.3 percent).

- Increase state employee health care premiums (74.5 percent).

- Change the retirement system for new teachers (74.1 percent).

- Increase state employee health care deductibles and co-pays (72.5 percent).

- Impose small co-pays for Medicaid-related health services (63.3 percent).

Release some non-violent offenders from prison before their normal parole date (58.8 percent).

Our basic problem is this: Michigan's state budget has suffered from years of chronic "structural deficits." That means the system is built so that the state spends more money on programs and services than it takes in from various taxes.

Worse, these costs are bound to increase faster than any revenue gains arising from a more prosperous economy.

Although the legislature raised both income and business taxes last year to overcome the \$1 billion-plus structural deficit that then existed in the General Fund, it was a temporary solution. Virtually all experts predict that structural deficits will return - with a vengeance. Left unresolved, it could reach \$10 billion by 2017!

Tricia Kinley, the tax expert at the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, agrees. In a July article in *The Detroit News* commenting on "quiet" budget agreements this year in Lansing, she wrote: "We could spin our wheels all day long trying to pursue major reform in Medicaid costs, prison costs and pension reforms."

But until we "turn off the faucet" of spending increases (at least turn it down) the Legislature and administration will not be forced to come

together and do what's right for the long-term health of our state's financial and budget situation.

When asked what to do about the continuing budget problems, there was much greater diversity: Some 61 percent polled were in favor of solving the problem solely by raising taxes.

Another 21.3 percent preferred to solve the problem entirely by reducing state spending. But a solid majority, 56.4 percent opted for moving toward serious structural reforms in state government.

And when it comes to the voters, the sentiment is near-unanimous. An amazing 95 percent say reform is personally important to them.

Incidentally, the poll was taken by the Chicago-based Glengriff Group, Inc., for Detroit Renaissance, a group of top-level business executives in southeastern Michigan. Though it has been around for many years, in recent months Detroit Renaissance has spurred itself to become a major policy mover and shaker, under the leadership of President Doug Rothwell and Domino's Pizza CEO Dave Brandon, chair of the Renaissance board.

Rothwell is blunt about the poll results: "The people of Michigan are ready for major reforms in the way government works and spend money. Year-to-year budget cuts and tax

increases are simply making matters worse. We can't continue to postpone the inevitable: Michigan cannot work the way it has for the past 50 years, because we simply don't have the money we used to have."

And Lansing, take note: This poll provides solid support for an ongoing effort to use the "lame duck" session of the legislature - that between Election Day and the end of the year - to push far-reaching structural reforms of Michigan's government.

I can't help but be mildly encouraged by all of this. We've got a long way to go, but maybe, just maybe, that glimmer you noticed this morning was, at long last, the first light at the end of the tunnel.

The full text of the Detroit Renaissance poll can be accessed at http://thecenterformichigan.net/blog/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/reform_poll.doc

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Exercise your right to vote - or liberty is history

There is a virus in the air that is infecting the foundation of our state and nation. That virus is voter apathy. Less than twenty percent of the registered voters in Michigan voted in the recent primary election.



Tom Watkins

Anyone who is eligible to vote should be registered to vote in the Nov. 4 general election. Everyone who is registered to vote needs to understand the candidate's positions and the various ballot issues. Then, they need to

VOTE in the upcoming general election on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

In far too many past elections at the local, state and national level - the voter turn out has been so low to be as pathetic as it is unacceptable. It does not bode well for our democracy or for our state.

Where are all the patriotic citizens who draped themselves in red, white and blue after terrorist attacks threatened our country on Sept. 11? There is no more profound expression of patriotism than exercising one's right to vote.

We are reminded that in the beginning, only white men who owned property could vote. African

Americans were kept from voting for most of the 20th century by discriminatory laws. And women were granted the right to vote in 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution barely passed. In 1971, the 26th Amendment lowered the legal voting age to 18.

As a former Michigan's Superintendent of Public Instruction, I believe that our role as educators is more than just teaching the three "R's" - reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic. It must also include a fourth "R" - responsibility. If our free society is to remain free, each of us must be an involved participant in the democratic process. If we fail to do so, the

liberty we cherish could become history.

Democracy is not a spectator sport. We need to engage every citizen to preserve and strengthen our democracy. One person can and often does make a difference. George W. Bush squeaked by Al Gore in the 2000 presidential election. John Engler won the 1990 governor's race against Governor Jim Blanchard by only 17,000 votes with a come-from-behind, upset victory. In 1960, Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy experienced an extremely tight race. These are reminders of how much each and every vote counts. Yes, a single vote has changed history.

As Edward Everett Hale said, "I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. And by the grace of God, I will do."

You can and should exercise your right to vote. Make democracy work for us all. People around the globe are dying to vote. Vote - or liberty is history.

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City of Novi Fire Department Open House... TIME: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday... LOCATION: Novi Fire Department Open House, 10000 Novi Road, Novi, Mich. 48240

Concert of Northville and Novi Community Groups... TIME: 6:30 Social, 7 p.m. Program... LOCATION: Novi Community Center, 10000 Novi Road, Novi, Mich. 48240

Energy Efficiency Tour... TIME: 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18... LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 49175 W. 13 Mile Road

BULLETIN BOARD

DEALS: DTE Energy offers this free forum to help home and business owners learn how to save money on their energy bills... TIME: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18... LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 49175 W. 13 Mile Road

Cherry Creek "Step In" Fall... TIME: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17... LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 49175 W. 13 Mile Road

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant funds... TIME: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, October 20, 2008... LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 49175 W. 13 Mile Road

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Oakland County seen as recession resistant, but not recession proof



Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson addressed members of The Engineering Society of Detroit in Novi Wednesday, highlighting initiatives to lead the county through difficult economic times. Among the initiatives Patterson outlined at the Rock Financial Showplace include maintaining a A.A. bond rating for nine years, saving the county millions of dollars a year, and the establishment of a two-year rolling budget, a financial model Patterson said is being worked on the 2011 budget.

EMERGING SECTORS PROGRAM

The Oakland County Emerging Sectors program identifies industry and technology sectors with high growth rates and seeks out businesses in those sectors that might be ready to expand into Oakland County. 1. Advanced Electronics & Controls 2. Advanced Materials & Chemicals 3. Alternative Energy & Power Generation 4. Automotive R&D 5. Biotechnology 6. Communications & Information Technology 7. Financial Services 8. Homeland Security 9. Medical Devices & Instrumentation 10. Micro/Nanotechnology 11. Robotics & Automation 12. Venture Capital

64th Annual "Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show" October 10, 11, 12, 2008 Hosted By: The Michigan Mineralogical Society

Some highlights of the Show are the many fabulous museum and university exhibits, one being from the Smithsonian Institution, and the excellent dealer and private collector displays and educational displays. Back by popular demand will be Joe & Tom Kozlowski's excellent display of brilliant cut diamonds, rubies, sapphires, emeralds, and more.

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University Medical Society; University of Michigan... PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS: Hill Auditorium...

LOCATION: Hill Auditorium... TIME: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18... LOCATION: Hill Auditorium...

LOCATION: Farm Center... DETAILS: Take a horse-drawn hayride to and from the pumpkin patch...



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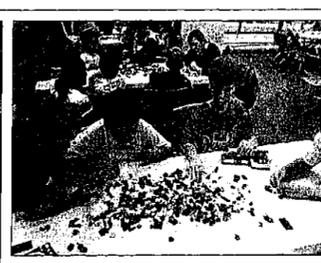
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Chambers of Commerce... LOCATION: 41575 W. 17 Mile Road, Suite 201... DETAILS: The First Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site and involvement with local clubs.



Lego my playground... Jaxon Pecora, 8, works on a creation during a Monday night Lego Club meeting at the Novi Public Library.



So many pieces! With piles of plastic interconnecting bricks in front of them, attendees of the monthly Lego Club meet at the Novi Public Library on a recent Monday evening.



Fashioning a feathered friend... A Lego bird creation greets attendees at a recent Lego Club meeting at the Novi District Library.

Novi Practices in Online Education Symposium... TIME: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24... LOCATION: Hoban College, 41500 Courtbrook Road...

Novi Public Library... LOCATION: 42245 W. 10 Mile Road... HOURS: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday...

Novi Area Chamber of Commerce... Since 1963, the Novi Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as Westland's Regional Chamber, serving the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Ridge Lake, Ridgeland, Wilson, Wolverine Lake and White Lake.

Business... Oakland County Business Workshops... LOCATION: Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph Road, Waterford... CONTACT: For location specifics and pre-registration please call (248) 850-0783...

Start a Business... TIME: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16... DETAILS: For anyone thinking about going into business, participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business.

Novi Rotary Club... TIME: 6-9 p.m. every Thursday... LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 N. 10 Mile Road... DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information: novirotary.org

Women in the Family Business Affinity Group... TIME: 6-9 p.m. every third Thursday of every month... LOCATION: Hoban Business Leadership Institute (Hoban Women Who Own), are partners in our work for family business...

DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program which includes raising money for scholarships... CONTACT: abwa-novi.org

Novi Public Library... TIME: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of each month... LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council Chambers... DETAILS: General meeting of the entire Library Board. Broadcast live on cable channel 13.

Novi Area Chamber of Commerce... TIME: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18... DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program which includes raising money for scholarships.

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Independence Village of White Lake (248) 360-7235 • www.seniortvillages.com... My mother lived alone in the same home for 40 years. After my father passed away it became very difficult for my mother to maintain the house and climb the stairs. Although the never complained, I worried constantly about her safety. I wasn't until she fell that I took action. I had called her several times that day to check on her and got no answer. Finally, I drove the 22 miles to her house. I walked in and was horrified to find her in pain on the floor where she laid for most of the day. Mom and I decided then it would be in her best interest to move to the Retirement Community near my home, Independence Village of White Lake. What a wonderful change this was for my mom. She has made so many new friends and has a whole new outlook on life. Her private apartment home is beautiful and we had fun decorating it together.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Citation announces corporate restructuring to address emerging markets and remain competitive

Citation Corp. announced last week in Novi it will immediately implement a corporate restructuring program designed to increase the company's focus on emerging markets and right-size capacity to meet customer demand. As part of its restructuring, Citation has reorganized into two business units - industrial and transportation - and will eliminate 18 percent of its corporate salaried workforce. "The purpose of the reorganization is to align our manufacturing plants with the key markets they serve to drive focus and capitalize on synergies," said Doug Grimm, chief executive officer for Citation. "We continue to see growth prospects in global infrastructure such as rail, wind energy, agriculture and construction where Citation is uniquely positioned with the right mix of manufacturing assets and experienced people." To meet these restructuring objectives, Citation is also announcing the closure of its Lufkin, Texas, foundry. The closing is in response to decreased automotive industry demand and to meet its long-term financial objectives of remaining competitive in today's market. The plant is scheduled for closure or sale by March 2009. Citation will work closely with customers on a transition plan. The company began reducing capacity at the facility in August by transferring a select group of products to its Brewton, Ala., foundry, which has similar equipment. This initial consolidation will be

complete in October. "After further assessment and the continued lower production demand, we have made the difficult decision to close our Lufkin facility," said Cary Wood, chief operating officer for Citation. "The closing ensures Citation remains a viable and competitive player in the castings industry and positions us for future growth in the transportation market and other growing sectors of our business." Citation currently employs 35 salaried and about 340 hourly workers at its Lufkin facility. Affected employees will receive job counseling through the local Bureau of Workforce Development and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. "Citation will continue to pro actively make decisions that support our positive business transformation, which is strengthened by our strong shareholder support, delivered balance sheet and our diverse customer base," said Grimm.

Citation is a privately held corporation headquartered in Novi. Citation employs 2,600 employees in Alabama, Texas, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina and Wisconsin. The company designs, develops and manufactures high-quality cast, machined and assembled components for the industrial and transportation markets.

NTC becomes wholly-owned subsidiary of Komatsu group

It is described as a "synergy effect" that leverages the R&D and product development strengths of two companies on the leading edge of innovation. Komatsu Ltd. and Nippon Toyama Corp. (NTC) announced in Novi a merger

of the two companies. NTC becomes a wholly-owned subsidiary of Komatsu making the entity the world's third largest metal processing machine manufacturer based on 2006 sales revenues.

The new name, Komatsu NTC Ltd., is legally takes effect October 1, 2008. A combined branding effort is also scheduled to be unveiled in Japan where NTC has been headquartered for over 50 years. While these changes also benefit NTC's North American operations, the Novi, MI-based NTC America will retain its existing name and marketing focus.

In addition to expanded resources and capabilities, the merger is expected to result in improved sales and efficiency of 30% as a result of expanded distribution channels and resources.

"We are very excited about this new business arrangement for NTC," said Ryoichi Horiike, general manager of Komatsu NTC Ltd. in Japan. "It brings our expertise and capabilities to an entirely higher level in the industrial machinery business. This association is a perfect synergy for both companies."

NTC is a leading global supplier of high performance Machining Centers, 3 & 5 axis Laser Systems and Grinding Machines. NTC is also the number one supplier to the automotive industry for automated flexible agile transfer systems throughout the world. Founded in 1950, NTC, headquartered in Japan, has nearly 800 employees across the world in Asia, North America and Europe.

The machining center division, NTC Machine Tool, provides highly productive and reliable machining centers for the automotive, health care and aerospace industries. For

more information on NTC and NTC Machine Tool, please visit www.ntcamerica.com and www.ntmc.com, respectively.

Komatsu Group is based in Tokyo, Japan and has 208 subsidiary companies that focus on its core business initiatives in the manufacture and sale of construction and mining equipment, utilities and industrial machinery.

Local bake shop creates the "Cupcake Vote" to spice up presidential campaigns

Lisa Dodge, owner of the Buttercream Bakeshop in Wixom, already made her personal contribution to the political process by means of monetary donations, but she wanted to help those in her community to do the same so she created the "Cupcake Vote."

In August Dodge began baking cupcakes each day with the intent of donating a portion of the proceeds to the Democratic and Republican parties. Writing on half of the cupcakes reads Obama while the other

half says McCain. For each cupcake sold Dodge donates 25 cents from each purchase to the applicable political party.

Each week Dodge bakes a few dozen cupcakes specifically for the Cupcake Vote. The treats are available in chocolate or vanilla and are topped with Dodge's own homemade vanilla buttercream frosting.

Established in May of 2006, the Buttercream Bakeshop became a part of the new Wixom Village Center located at 49046 Pontiac Trail just east of Wixom Road.

TDS Metrocom named a top place to work in metro Detroit

For the second year in a row, TDS Metrocom was named one of Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For by the Michigan Business & Professional Association.

"It's an honor to be named one of the area's best employers," says Dave Wittwer, chief executive officer and president of TDS Telecommunications

Corp. "We take great pride in offering employees a dynamic, fast-paced work environment that's both challenging and rewarding."

To be selected a 101 Best & Brightest Company, entrants provide details about their efforts in the following areas: employee communications, community initiatives, compensation and benefits, diversity and multi-culturalism, employee education and development, employee engagement and commitment, recognition and retention, recruitment and selection, and work-life balance.

What makes TDS one of the best places to work, according to Cathy Stonkowski, TDS' local market manager, is an empowering environment where employees can determine actions that will delight customers.

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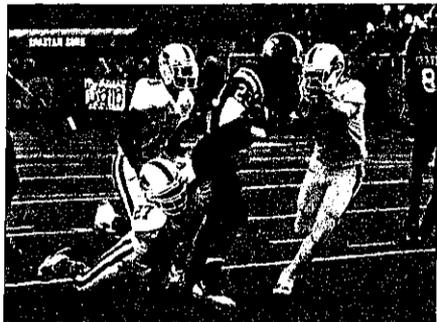
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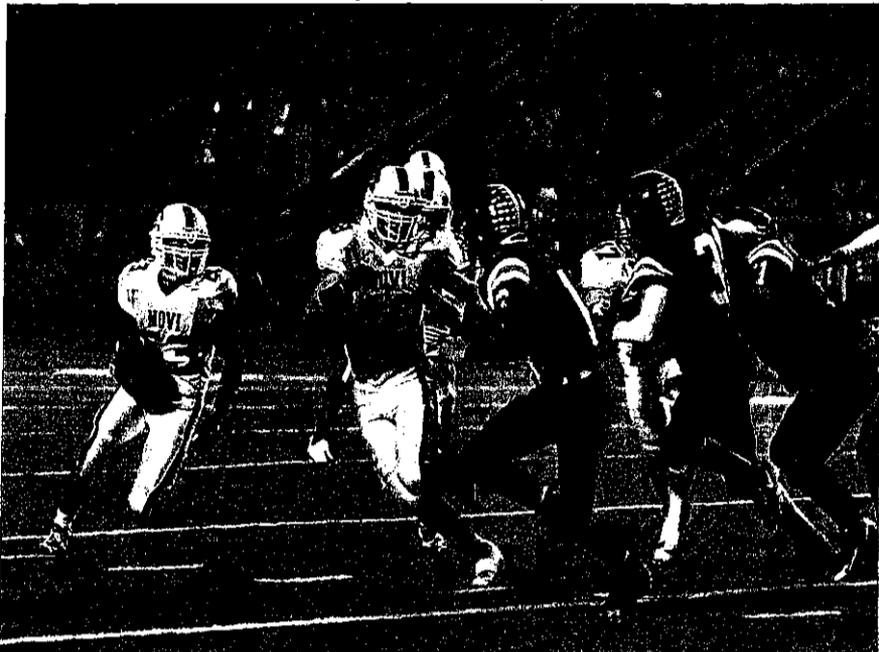
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Baseline battle has huge implications



Novi's Krister Engja holds on as Kody Tipton looks to finish off Stevenson's Austin White during Novi's win.



Novi's Paul Favorite begins to head upfield against Stevenson. Favorite scored the final touchdown and go-ahead two-point conversion in a 28-27 win.

Jug, KLAACentral, chance at conference title on the line

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Baseline Battle for the Jug hasn't meant this much in a long time.

Novi and Northville will be battling for the Jug, the divisional championship and the right to compete for the conference title Friday night at Northville.

Novi has owned Northville since its last loss in 2000. Head coach Tab Kellepourey

BASELINE BATTLE

Who: Novi (5-1, 4-0) vs. Northville (3-2, 3-1)

Where: Northville's Hillside Field

When: 7 p.m. Friday

hopes the Jug stays in the halls of Novi.

"It should be a good ballgame. It's about a 37-year history," Kellepourey said.

"They're a good squad and a good team. They know us and

we know them. We're looking forward to it."

Novi will work the offense by using the spread attack that

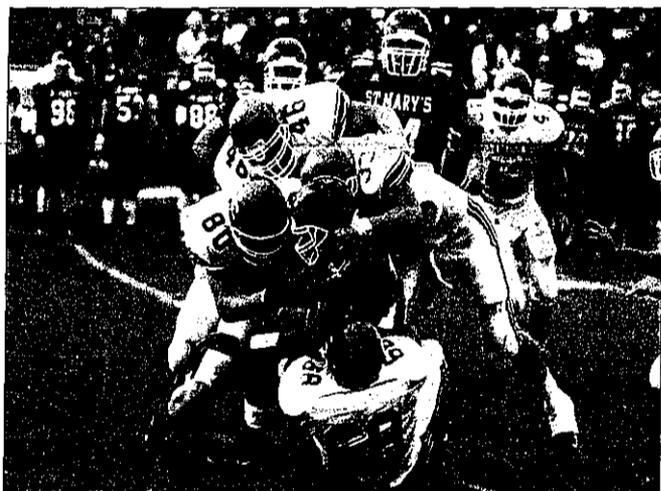
has shown the ability to work through the air and on the ground.

Paul Favorite had a huge

game against South Lyon, going for more than 150 yards and four scores. He showed the ability to get tough yards

on the touchdown and more importantly on the two-point

Please see **BATTLE, B2**



The Shamrock defense sacks the Orchard Lake St. Mary's quarterback.

CC pulls off huge victory

Win puts Shamrocks in hunt for CHSL title game

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The situation was exactly the same as last year, and the Shamrocks followed the same script.

Catholic Central held off a late Orchard Lake St. Mary's

HIGHLIGHTS

Rushing: Palazeti 15-90, Capatina 14-46

Passing: Landry 10-21-154

Receiving: Jakubik 1-61, Palazeti 4-51

charge to get back in the win column last Saturday, 14-7. The road win keeps alive CC's league title hopes.

"Just like last year, it was a game that was very important to win," Shamrocks head coach Tom Mach said. "I call it mental toughness."

"I think it's going to help us

in our play and confidence."

Niko Palazeti scored from a yard out with for a 14-7 lead with 43 ticks left on the clock.

The Eaglets worked the ball downfield before setting up just outside the red zone area for a final play. The Eaglet quarterback took off downfield and Jon Savakus knocked him out of bounds just two yards short of the end zone.

"These last three years implanted a lot of grey hairs in my head," Mach said. "Every single game seemed

Please see **FOOTBALL, B2**

Wildcat field hockey squad impressive as new program

SUBMITTED TO THE NOVI NEWS

The Wildcats went 2-1 last week in field hockey action.

Novi started the week with a 5-0 win against Farmington United. Trinity Louis had three goals, with Christine Zugaro and Amanda Pastoor adding a goal each. Katie Safford and Sara Johnston shared duties in goal for the shutout.

On Tuesday, Novi hosted Birmingham Marian and fell 4-0. Marian was last year's runner-up in the state championship game and remains one of the state's top teams. The Novi defense did a good job of limiting Marian's chances, but the high powered offense found enough room to rack-up four goals against the Wildcats.

Novi finished the week with a 7-1 win at Ann Arbor Skyline on Thursday. Tia Faraon and Louis led the scoring with two goals each. Natalie Paul, Nikki Greenhalgh, and Katie Murphy each added a goal to round out the scoring.

Despite being a new program at Novi, the Wildcats have posted a 5-7 overall record and 5-2 division mark under head coach Amy Kilgore and have established themselves as a contender despite being an upstart program.

The Wildcats have five



The Novi girls field hockey team gets off a shot.



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Late gamble pays huge dividends

Wildcats average playoff loss, knock off Stevenson 28-27

BY JEFF THEISEN
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Novi took a gamble and it paid off with a 28-27 win Friday at Livonia Stevenson. The Wildcats pulled within 27-26 after a Paul Favorite 6-yard run with 1:41 left in the game.

Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey sent his kicker in to tie the game, but the Spartans jumped offside on the attempt. The idea to go for two crept in, and Kellepourey sent the goal line offense back out.

Favorite got the handoff and

HIGHLIGHTS
Rushing: Favorite 20-94 (2 TD, 2 pt conv.), Bellamy 10-85
Passing: Bellamy 8-14-113 (2 TD)
Receiving: Donatto 2-49
Bradford 3-36 TD

after being hit around the 2, kept his legs churning and bulldozed into the end zone to give Novi its only lead of the game.

"Sometimes we gamble like that," Kellepourey said. "We were behind at halftime and the kids really fought hard. To the credit of these young men from Novi, they never gave up."

It came down to the two-point conversion. I think that had a lot to do with that thing called momentum."

Up to that point, the Spartans held the lead from the opening drive.

Jacob Gudeman capped off a five-minute drive to open the game with a 1-yard plunge.

The lead grew to 13-0 when Wade Stahl ran it in from the four with 8:11 left in the half. The extra-point attempt was tipped and came up short.

Favorite got an 8-yard run with 3:47 left in the half, but the point after was wide, leav-

ing the Cats down 13-6. Austin White broke free for a 63-yard run two plays later, and the Spartans looked in complete control up 20-6 at the half.

Novi changed the momentum by starting the second half with a drive that lasted 7:01, finished off by a 19-yard scoring pass from Chris Bellamy to Brandon Bradford.

White led all rushers with 157 yards on 18 carries. Add two catches for 32 yards and he finished just shy of 200 total yards.

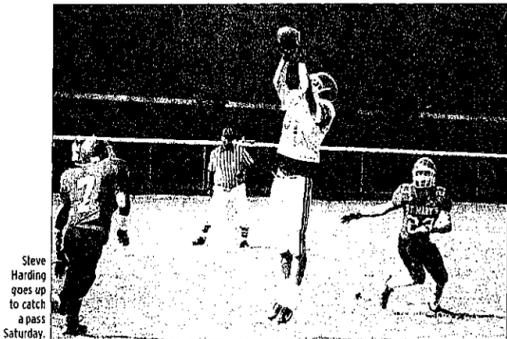
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and two scores while rushing 10 times for 83 yards. Gudeman went 9-for-14 for 140 yards and picked up 25 yards on five carries.

Favorite led Novi with 93 yards on 20 carries. But none were bigger than his final carry for the two-point conversion.

"I got hit at about the three. I'm like, 'I'm fighting to get in. They are not taking me down here,'" Favorite said. "The blockers were absolutely phenomenal tonight."

"This was a big game."



Steve Harding goes up to catch a pass Saturday.

Shamrocks look to keep momentum going

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

It was at this point last year the Shamrocks figured out how good they really were.

Head coach Tom Mach can only hope for the same kind of ending, as CC rolled all the way to the final four after beating Orchard Lake St. Mary's in 2007.

"I hope we can keep it going," Mach said. "It gives us a good kick of adrenaline."

The Shamrocks look to keep momentum rolling as the Irish come to Shamrock land 7 p.m. Saturday.

Should CC win its next two games, the Shamrocks will have a shot at knocking off DeLaSalle for the Catholic League crown.

Despite being 1-2 in the league, the Shamrocks are

SATURDAY'S GAME
Who: CC (3-2) vs. Notre Dame Prep (2-4)
Where: Catholic Central
When: 7 p.m. Saturday

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34-20 decision to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard last week. The Irish have a new coach this year, and Mach said he hadn't had a chance to see much film on them as of early in the week.

Mach expects his team to go out and do what has gotten them into the position they are in-play every play hard.

"Now that we're at the point where we want to be and we achieved something that I thought was great, we can't go backwards. We want to go forward," Mach said. "We want to use that momentum to get better each day."

The next 48 minutes is important for us to improve and keep taking us to where we want to go."

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FOOTBALL

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to go right down to the wire. Fortunately, this time, it worked out in our favor."

The Eagles found the scoreboard first on a 21-yard pass in the second quarter for the lone points of the first half.

Catholic Central wasted little time getting on the

board in the second half. John Jakubik scored on a 61-yard pass from Sam Landry just 18 seconds into the third quarter.

"The defenses took over until the final seconds, setting up the wild finish."

"We base our reputation on our defense most of the time," Mach said. "Our coordinator Dan Anderson is doing a great job with our defense."

"To hold St. Mary's to

seven points is a great achievement. They're a very explosive team."

Landry had a big day throwing, completing 10-of-21 passes for 154 yards and one score with two interceptions.

Palazzi led the ground attack with 90 yards and a score on 15 carries. Anthony Capatina ran for 46 yards on 14 carries.

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Novi freshmen continue march against Stevenson Spartans, 46-6

STORY SUBMITTED TO THE NOVI NEWS

The Freshman football team turned an otherwise cool and rainy afternoon into some fast and furious action as the Wildcats posted four touchdowns on their first five touches of the football en route to a 46-6 victory against the Stevenson Spartans.

Brandon Watkins got the momentum started for the Cats with a 54-yard score off a quarterback keeper on the option. A Stevenson punt on the next possession was fumbled by Adam Hayes and returned 62 yards.

Derek Ince picked off a pass on the second play of the next Stevenson possession to set

up a 14-yard Watkins to Zach Vida touchdown pass. After the kick off to Stevenson, and a four-and-out series, Giordani Albuerno got the pitch and closed the 46-yard distance to goal line for the fourth touchdown of the first quarter and a 26-0 lead.

The second quarter was evenly played until Cormac Littleton's extra-effort running handed him in the end zone for a score. The Spartans offense showed some flare with a hook and ladder pass play to get them on the board as the first half ran out.

This would be the Spartans' only score of the game against Novi's swarming defense which saw 26 different Wildcats involved in tackles. The take

down leaders were Alex King, Lance Lilla, Zach Massarant and Chris Diacomo. Watkins added one more interception to the Novi count.

Second-half play was exchanged back and forth until the Cats lit up their tail in the fourth quarter to score in two successive possessions.

The first score was a pitch around the left end to Haynes for 63 yards behind down-field blocking. On the next possession, it was Littleton again, this time for a 43-yard scamper.

Novi extends their season record to 6-0 as they prepare to defend the freshman pride in next week's game against Northville 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Novi High School.

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conversion against Stevenson late last week in Novi's 28-27 road victory.

Quarterback Chris Bellamy is a dual-threat to run or pass.

Brandon Bradford, Will Mikkelsen, Brandon Bryant and Andy Donatto have all proven to be capable receivers with deep-threat abilities.

But big games are usually won with defense. Both defenses would be considered underdoged, but they've also shown the ability to get the job done.

Kellepourey knows his team will bring a lot of confidence into Friday's game riding a five-game winning streak and sitting just one win away from automatically qualifying for the playoffs.

"These young guys that we have, they're coming to age," Kellepourey said. "We weren't this same team at the beginning of the year, but they've improved week by week with week and sometimes play by play."

Both teams allow an average of just more than two touchdowns a game. Throw out the crazy numbers both teams put up against South Lyon East, and the offenses are very similar at more than 20 points a game.

Last year's game saw Northville put it all on the line, despite having just one win all year. The Mustangs led late, but a Novi rally turned things around for a 27-24 victory to keep the Baseline Jug.

"Things are very different this year for Northville football. Head coach Matt Ladach has the boys playing hard and winning. The Mustangs started the year 3-1 before a loss to 21-7 Livonia Stevenson gave Northville its first loss in league play.

Last week, Northville put itself in position to compete for the divisional crown with a 20-14 victory against Salem, despite playing without its starting quarterback.

"It would mean a ton to our program to win this game," Ladach said. "The pride both schools take in winning this

game is greater than any rivalry I have ever been a part of."

The Mustang offense is led by Matt Kreager at quarterback and a stable of capable running backs. The Mustangs aren't opposed to doing things on the ground or in the air.

Kyle Galdes, Brett Smith and Kreager are the headliners in the backfield.

Tight end Ryan Gerbliek and wideouts Aaron Brown and Kris Baumgardner have been the go-to guys through the air.

"The division championship means a lot to our team. We never won a division championship in the Western Lakes," Ladach said. "It would be a huge accomplishment for our program to win a division title in the first year of the KLAAs existence."

Friday night should be a rocking game at Northville as playoff hopes will be on the line for both teams.

Kickoff is 7 p.m., but the good seats will be long gone by then.

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Novi tennis wins school's first KLAAs Conference title

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SWIMMING
Novi swimming took care of Salem 107-79 before finishing fifth at the Oakland County meet last week.

The fifth-place effort was the Wildcats' best finish in years.

The meet featured 36 high schools with 40-50 entrants in most events.

Kerry Abel highlighted the meet by defending her championship in the 100 butterfly, finishing in 58.62.

Other top performances included the 400 freestyle relay team of Lauren Kalinosky, Meredith Cote, Rebecca Berman and Abel placing second in 3:41.45; Kalinosky placing third in the 100 backstroke and sixth in the 200 individual medley; Berman placing fourth in the 500 freestyle; Cote placing fifth in the 200 individual medley; the medley relay team of Ashley Bush, Kalinosky, Mary Anolik and Berman placing fifth; and the 200 freestyle relay team of Abel, Annalisa Morgan, Bush and Cote placing eighth.

Highlights against Salem included Cote with wins in the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke; Abel in the 50 free and Kalinosky in the 100 backstroke. Also winning were the 200 medley relay team of Bush, Kalinosky, Abel and Berman, along with the 400 freestyle team of Abel, Kalinosky, Cote and Berman.

The Wildcats face Stevenson 6 p.m. tonight at home in a meet that should decide the Central Division dual meet champion.

line in 19:37 to finish eighth. Abby Chandler was next in at 20:19 for 22nd, followed by Brooke McMahan (30th, 20:32), Kelsey Hodge (32nd, 20:41) and Laura Sheeran (108th, 22:15).

"This team is the best team that I've ever had," head coach Marsha Resi said. "Maybe not in regards of talent, but in teamwork. It's kind of fun to watch."

"Ele Robinson has been one of the best leaders."

NOVI BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
The Wildcats ran to a fourth-place finish at the massive Oakland County meet Oct. 4 at Posson Hollow in Kensington Metro Park.

Catholic Central won the meet with 68 points, followed by Lake Orion (91), Milford (154) and Novi (166).

Mike Blaszycki led the charge with a seventh-place finish in 16:35.

Rounding out the scoring for Novi were TJ Butler (27th, 17:16), Alex Minghine (30th, 17:22), Dan Egner (38, 17:28) and Joe Schubring (64th, 17:53).

SOCCER
The Wildcats tied South Lyon 2-2 Oct. 2.

Novi scored the first two goals in the first half. Garrett Gauruder scored off a Roland Ruzburg corner kick, and Chase Jaborri notched a goal on a through ball from Gauruder.

The Lions bounced back in the second half and got two goals in the final 20 minutes for the tie.

GOLF
The Wildcats edged South Lyon 186-191 to end the regular season league duals.

Megan Henry matched her career high and tied for medalist with a 42. Rounding out the scoring were Natalie Krick (46), Kelli Timar (48) and Stephanie Hrit (50).

The Novi JV also won, 206-234. Brooke Collins was low for Novi with a 49. Kathleen Koumen was next with a 50.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
The Novi girls cross country team placed fourth out of 32 teams at Saturday's Oakland County meet at Kensington Metro Park in Milford.

Troy won with 111, followed by Clarkston (114), Rochester Adams (163) and Novi (200). Elle Robinson carried the



The Shamrock tennis team celebrates winning the CHSL tournament.

Shamrock tennis claims CHSL title

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central tennis claimed the league tournament with 40 points, getting past Brother Rice with 36. U-D Jesuit was a distant third with 20.

The Shamrocks qualified for the finals in all eight flights.

Winning titles were Joe Dubak at No. 1 singles, Jack Snyder at No. 2 and Eric Gulndi at No. 4.

Doubles wins came from No. 2 Kevin Hodges and Zach Wisniewski.

Finishing runner up were Willy Wilson at No. 3 singles and the No. 1 doubles team of The Kim and Brandon Kosinski, the No. 3 team of Nick Patrucci and Robbie Gulndi and the No. 4 team of Derek Turowski and Patrick Bowers.

Ricourt, Nick Kristock, Brandon Hess and Jon Malacko tallied the goals. Earning assists were Edwin David, Joe Bellino (2) and Kristock.

Wes Harding made three saves in goal for the win.

Against U-D, Hess scored a pair to lead the Shamrocks to victory. Bellino notched the other goal. Josh Gatt (2) and Mike Tokacz earned assists.

Harding made seven stops for the win.

The Shamrocks finished off a three-games-in-three-nights run with a 2-1 loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer on Friday.

Pioneer scored two early goals before Hess scored off an assist to Gatt, but it wouldn't be enough.

"I think the three games in three days caught up to us a bit, but I was overall really pleased with our effort," head coach Joe Nora said. "We just need to be a little more focused in the first 10 minutes."

On Monday, the Shamrocks made it to the CHSL finals with a 3-1 win against Brother Rice.

Brad Laaki scored the lone first half goal with an assist to

Gatt.

Gatt pushed the lead to 2-0 off an assist from Hess.

Rice pulled within 2-1 off a header from close in, but Gatt took a through ball from Laaki and scored the final tally in a 3-1 victory.

The CHSL finals were yesterday. Check online at hometownlife.com to see who won.

CROSS COUNTRY
The Shamrocks ran to an Oakland County title Oct. 4 at Kensington Metro Park.

The Shamrocks finished with 68 points, well ahead of second-place Lake Orion with 91. Milford (154) and Novi (166) rounded out the top four.

Ricourt Gattino finished fifth overall in 16:57. Alex Toloff wasn't far behind, taking 11th in 16:43 and John-Paul Zebrowski just one second back in 12th.

Andre Garcia-Garrison placed 18th in 16:57 and Austin Zebrowski closed out the scoring in 22nd (17:06).

The meet featured 39 fall teams and two partial teams.

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Bobcat JV can't solve Falcon defense

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In what was billed as a classic defensive battle of the unbeaten Sunday afternoon at Novi Middle School, the Junior Varsity Novi Bobcats came up just short, 7-0, to Livonia.

Despite a few flashes of speed, the game was defined more by the sound of pads cracking and images of young runners getting up slowly from the turf, than by long runs and big passes.

As the first half dwindled, the empty scoreboard told the story of a game in which both teams combined for a meager 175 yards of total offense.

On the offensive front, the Bobcats did show a few flashes of what kept them undefeated heading into the game.

On a dramatic fourth-and-8 play from their own 41, Novi's Jack Pinkerton managed to get free of the Livonia defense long enough to rack up 19 yards and a Novi first down. Jeffrey Baker also provided a

few thrilling moments during the closing minutes of the first half, willing his way down to the Falcons 8-yard line thanks in part to a 20-yard run.

Paydirt, however, again eluded the Cats as a Billy Ulle-to-Baker pass fell incomplete on fourth and goal.

The Novi defense turned in a fine performance, limiting the Falcons offense to only 82 yards for the day. Leading the defense was Andrew Schroeder with five tackles, Jack Pinkerton with four, and

Jack Twomey with three.

The only score of the day came when the Livonia Falcons successfully capped a 37-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown run and successful point after in the fourth quarter.

Although the Bobcats would flirt a few more times with the end zone before the day was through, there would be no celebrating this week for the defending Superbowl champions. The JV Bobcats face off



The JV Bobcat defense gets in for a sack against Livonia.

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