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City cancels ice arena contract

JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Center Ice Management Inc., the firm that runs the year-old Novi Ice Arena, last week was given 60 days advance notice that its contract will be terminated by the city.

Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis notified Terry Seyler of Center Ice of the termination through a June 25 letter.

"There is nothing he can do to stop it. We in the meantime will be looking for alternatives as far as management and operations of the ice arena," Davis said.

The letter was sent after a closed meeting with members of the Novi City Council, city administrators, Community Clubs board trustees

"The city is all screwed up and they need a scapegoat."

Terry Seyler,
 President of Center Ice Inc.

and Davis.

In his letter, Davis cited low revenues after the arena's first year of operation and "numerous examples that demonstrate (Seyler's) inability to properly manage the Novi Ice Arena" as his reasoning for ending Seyler's contract.

The termination will be effective August 25.

In the letter, Davis wrote that "the revenues generated for the ice arena will not be sufficient to pay all direct expenses and all required debt service payments."

With the ice arena's \$302,000 deficit in less than one year of operations and other concerns, Davis said it was justified to notify Seyler his contract was up.

But, Seyler does not agree.

"The city is all screwed up and they need a scapegoat," he said.

Seyler has been involved with the ice arena from the very beginning and prepared the initial feasibility study for the facility.

The \$8.5 million arena opened in August 1998. Built with revenue bonds issued by the Novi Building Authority, the arena is under the control of the volunteer board Community Clubs of Novi, which includes a representative from Center Ice Inc.

Among the examples listed in the letter, Davis said the maintenance of the inside and outside of the arena was "deplorable." Specifically, he said, the grass outside was not cut and the interior of the building was a mess.

Security for skaters' property was also an issue.

"On or about May 23, 1999, the



Photo by HAL GOULD
 Coach Colin Dodunski teaches at Novi hockey camp.

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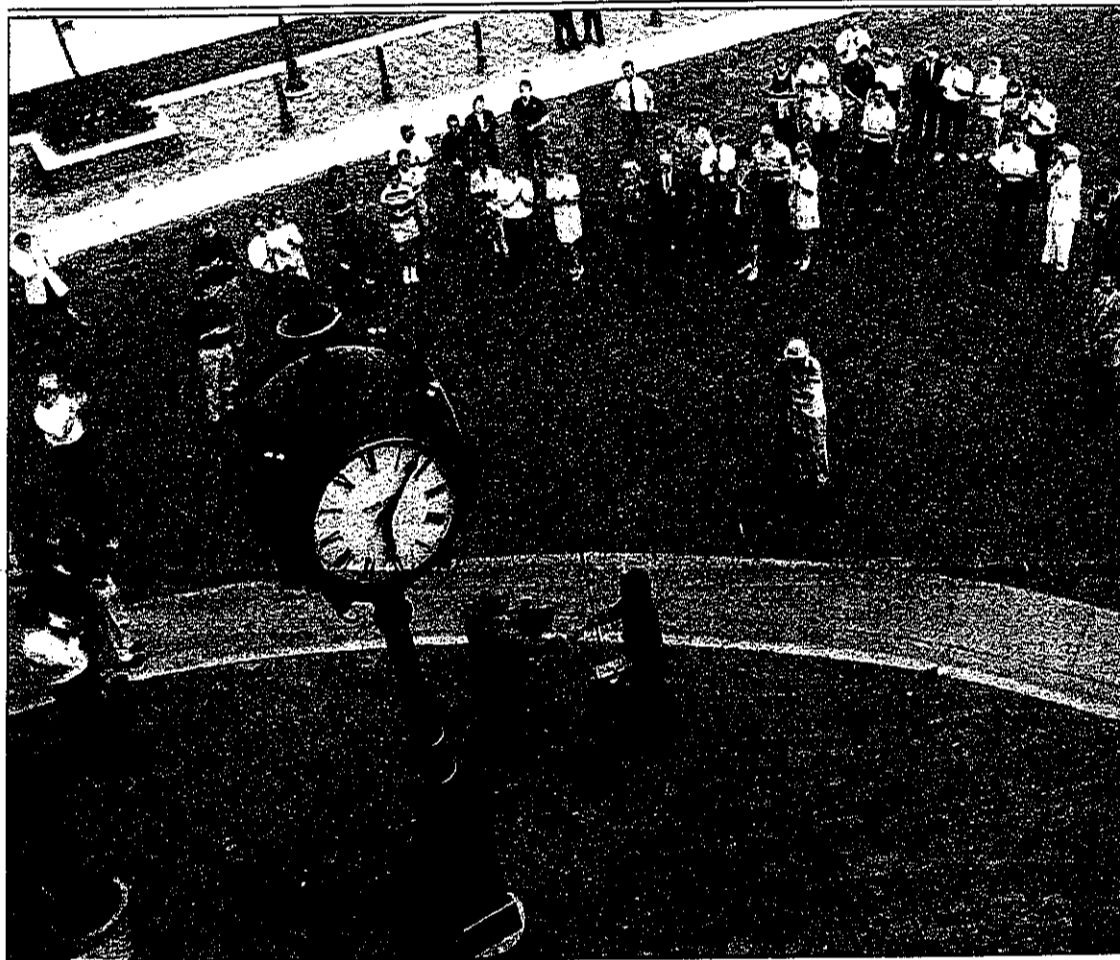


Photo by TOM HIBBELN

On behalf of the city, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford (just under the clock) accepts the gift from chamber director Lisa Willard.

Marking time

Main Street clock, bandshell are dedicated

JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Novi's downtown plan is a little closer to completion with the dedication of a town clock and ground-breaking of a band shell on June 23.

Donors, residents, Novi Chamber of Commerce members and

city officials were present for the ceremony when jurisdiction of the \$25,000 timepiece was delivered to the City of Novi.

"The Novi Chamber of Commerce is to be commended as the driving force behind this project," said Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, after accepting the clock on

behalf of the city.

Specifically, Crawford thanked the hard work of chamber members Blair Bowman and Kim Thomas Capello.

"They were the inspiration and drive for this project," he said.

The Main Street clock is located on the northwest corner of Main

and Market streets in the Evergreen III development. Patterned after an 1885 design by American clock makers The Seth Thomas Company, the structure was made by The Verdin Company of Cincinnati.

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Sandstone lawsuit will be appealed

JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

The Novi City Council has decided to continue fighting a judge's award of \$40 million to Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership.

The council made the decision to appeal the \$40 million lawsuit, rather than settle with the developer, after a closed session Tuesday night with the city attorneys. Oakland Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard gave Novi officials until today to decide if they want to work on a settlement or face his updated ruling.

He gave the same option to the developer.

"I think we have an excellent chance and we are going to win this appeal. There is little doubt in

my mind," said Council Member Bob Schmid.

If the \$40 million ruling stands and if the appeal does not succeed, Novi residents could face a 1.16 mill increase in city taxes for ten to 15 years to pay off the \$40 million.

According to Dennis Watson, Novi City Attorney, last week Howard drafted a new opinion based on Novi's arguments that Sandstone Development sold property for a higher cost than the developers said in the bench trial. If he believes this argument, Howard's original \$40 million verdict could come down.

But, before giving his opinion, Howard gave the two groups until today to decide if they would like

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Do road ragers need a big hug?

CHRIS C. DAVIS
 Staff Writer

You've seen them. Heck, you may even be one of them.

You know who we're talking about — the drivers who just plain lose it when they get caught in a traffic jam and take it out on everyone else later on.

The term "road rage" has been coined by psychologists and mental health specialists for that condition that overtakes people when they're in those less-than-ideal driving situations.

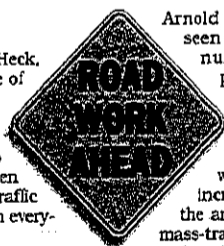
Not coincidentally, Northville counselor

Arnold Keller said he's seen an upswing in the number of cases of persons seeking help for the condition this summer.

"This makes sense when you factor in the increased population in the area and the lack of a mass-transit system around here," he said.

Keller said there are two major groups of road-ragers. The first, he said, is comprised of persons with severe problematic symptoms. Those persons

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National GOP award for Cassis

JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Novi's representative in the state house, Nancy Cassis, was named one of the top legislators of the year by the National Republican Legislators Association.

"I was so surprised and honored," Cassis said.

Cassis was nominated for the nationwide honor by Michigan State Senator Joanne Emmmons, R-Big Rapids. Her nomination was supported with letters of recommendation by Gov. John Engler and House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo.

The award is handed out to only a handful of legislators each year. Recipients are honored for their leadership.

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Photo by HAL GOULD

State Rep. Nancy Cassis where her hometown of Novi meets the part of her district.

Community Calendar

Thursday, July 1

Novi Rotary
The Novi Rotary Club meets at 11:00 a.m. at the Novi United Methodist Church at 4171 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbricht at 349-4294.

TOPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. 344-2669.

Novi Concert Series
The Novi Concert Series, a program of free outdoor entertainment, continues at 7 p.m. at Power Park at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Monday, July 5

Holiday closings
The City of Novi offices and the Novi library are closed for the July 4 holiday.

Tuesday, July 6

Optimist Club
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Civil Air Patrol
The Sligade Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Beautification Commission
The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information, call 347-0494.

Zoning Board of Appeals
The Novi Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Chess Club
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Novi Concert Band
The Novi Concert Band will not hold a rehearsal this week.

Wednesday, July 7

Seniors potluck
The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

Planning Commission
The Novi Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Lions Club
The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

SPARK
The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

F.E.M.A.L.E.
The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Janet at (248) 446-0130.

Thursday, July 8

Parks meeting
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Youth baseball
Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Novi Rotary
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Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 344-2167.

Novi Concert Series
The Novi Concert Series, a program of free outdoor entertainment, continues at 7 p.m. at Power Park at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Monday, July 12

ABWA
The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Gully at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Novi Library Board
The Novi Library Board will meet at 7 p.m. at the Novi library, 45245 Ten Mile Road. For information, call 349-0720.

Novi City Council
The Novi City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Cholesterol Screening
Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered prior to and during the Novi City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. by the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network. The screenings are outside the council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For more information call 477-6100.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters
The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, July 13

Garden Club
The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Civil Air Patrol
The Sligade Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

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After two years, city fires head of DPW

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The superintendent of Novi's Department of Public Works, Craig Smith, was recently terminated from his position.

Craig Klaver, assistant city manager, said the decision to let Smith go was because he was not "working out to our satisfaction."

Klaver refused to provide any more information on the matter. However, he did say Smith was still on his probationary period, which had been extended in September.

"To be fair, that is a complicated job. A lot of it is seasonal," Klaver said.

Smith was not available for comment.

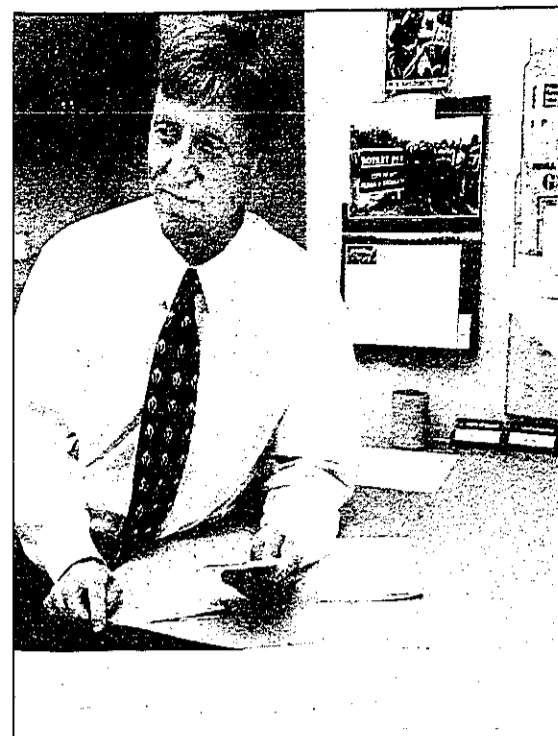


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ex-DPW Supervisor Craig Smith and city have parted ways.

Bruce Jerome, Superintendent of the Sewer and Water Department and Anthony Nowicki, Director of Public Services, will be looking after the department.

Water's fine at Lakeshore

By MELANIE PLENDA
Staff Writer

Lakeshore Park reopened its beach last week after an E. Coli scare shut it down for several days.

According to the Oakland County Health Division Supervising Sanitarian Steve Presby, the level of E. Coli was dangerously high, which was the cause of the closing.

This week he reports that the bacterial samplings in the water were at a count of four. This is down from the previous level of 2,265.

The standard E. Coli bacteria count for lake water is 300.

This dramatic reduction in the levels is good news to Lakeshore Park-goers especially with the temperature nearing 90 this week.

It is difficult to give an exact cause for the rapid growth and subsequent reduction of the indicator bacteria, the county sanitarian said. E. Coli is typically associated with fecal contamination.

There are many contributing factors and each beach has its own dynamic," Presby says.

The attention given to the rise to rapid increase of temperature, heavy rainfall, and human and animal loading.

However, he goes on to state that while these things are sometimes factors, they do not necessarily indicate that the levels will rise again.

Presby also points out that this strain of E. Coli is not the same strain as that found in contaminated or tank-rooked water.

This type of E. Coli is an indicator bacteria, it tells us of other types of bacteria that may be present and could pose a threat," he explained.

The type of E. Coli, H-157, found in meat is a variety that thrives in a meat-like environment. The other strain found in the Lakeshore Park water and at other beaches in the area is not harmful in and of itself.

"It warns us of the possible presence of other bacteria which may cause enteric (intestinal) diseases such as shigellosis, salmonellosis, or cholera," Presby said.

While nothing can be done to rid the lakes totally of bacteria, the E. Coli count was conducted during an annual check of the lakes by the Health Division. Weekly follow up checks will be administered throughout July.

Presby also invites anyone who is concerned about this problem to refer to the website for Oakland county at www.co.oakland.mi.us.

This will have an updated list of beach closings and reopenings. Anyone living on one of the lake shores can obtain a water collecting kit from Oakland County Health Services for future samplings.

For more information contact Steve Presby at (248) 858-1322.

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10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Happy Fourth of July
9:30 p.m. - Step 'n' More to the Groove: Argentine Tango

TUESDAY, JULY 6
10:00 a.m. - Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. - A Short History of Novi's Farms
11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Walter Owen
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12:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
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3:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
4:00 p.m. - (cont'l)
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5:00 p.m. - The Way, The Truth, and The Life
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6:30 p.m. - Community Connection
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7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies: Mortgages
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THURSDAY, JULY 8
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10:30 a.m. - chamber Spotlight
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Cut chain leads to theft of generator **Novi Briefs**

MISSING GENERATOR

A generator chained outside of a Novi man's house was stolen. The owner discovered that it was missing on Wednesday, June 23. It is speculated that bolt cutters were used to cut the chain. Once loose, the generator was allegedly dragged across the lawn and into the culprit's vehicle. There are no suspects in this case. The generator, when new, is estimated to be worth \$3,200.

PLANT KILLER

A 40-year-old female reported breaking and entering at Glenda's Garden Center in Novi. Unknown person(s) entered the glass greenhouse between 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 20, and 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 21. Though the main garage-type doors were locked the side windows were open to allow air flow in the greenhouse. On Monday, the doors were found unlocked from the inside. An empty bottle of the weed-killer Round-Up was found at the scene next to the marigolds, which were dead due to the application of the product. There was \$2,500 in flower damage.

THEFT

A 36-year-old woman reported the larceny of chemicals from Glenda's Garden Center around 5:42 p.m. Wednesday, June 23. The chemicals were used on a batch of unsuspecting marigolds a few days earlier. There are no suspects in this case.

Police News

MISSING MAIL

A 33-year-old man reported on June 24 at about 5:24 p.m. that he had not been receiving his mail. He then told police that he had found his mail scattered throughout the neighborhood. Police suspect that this is a juvenile mischief problem.

MIP

A 19-year-old girl was issued a Minor in Possession ticket at Fifth Avenue Ballroom in Novi Saturday June 26. According to police the girl was having an argument with her 21-year-old boyfriend when the officer approached. Thinking that she looked rather young, he asked her for her ID. She said that she did not have one.

The police officer pointed out to her that she would not have gotten into the bar without one. At which point the girl produced an ID belonging to a friend of hers, claiming that was her method of getting into the bar. After a search the officer located her real ID in her purse. Discovering that she was 19, he asked if she had consumed any alcohol. She said she had some. Her blood alcohol level was 0.17. She was arrested on a Minor in Possession charge.

STOLEN CAR

A 35-year-old man and a 41-year-old woman reported a stolen auto from the Extended Stay America Hotel. The female says that she is an employee there and that her car had The Club on it. Furthermore, there was no broken glass found at the scene and only herself and the man with her had keys to the vehicle and the club. There are no suspects in this case.

ASSAULT NON-AGGRAVATED

A 33-year-old male reported that he had received a blow to the back of the head while responding to a tenant call at Portsmouth Apartments. The man claims that he went to a tenant's residence because he had received a noise complaint about them. When he arrived two men were standing in front of the building. As the victim knocked on the door, one of the men came up from behind and punched him in the back of the head. According to the tenant whose apartment this was, she had just asked the young men to leave. They had been harassing her and calling her derogatory names causing her to ask them to leave. A warrant was requested.

LARCENY OF CARS AND "HUSTLER MAG"

A 35-year-old male, as well as the firms Southeast Power Electrical and Quick Send Delivery reported several thefts of cars in their parking lot June 24. Two suspects were seen searching a car near the back dock of the building. A witness yelled at the two, at which time they fled the vehicle. The witness then observed a company car parked near the building with its hazard lights on that looked like it, too, had been burgled.

There was damage to the unlocked car's radio. The employee of the CD player, a Cam Corder left on the side of the car, a golf club, a pair of headphones, and an issue of "Hustler Magazine" were also taken from the car. Five packages of Marlboro cigarettes were also reported missing from the Quick Delivery Service company car. Police later found the golf club, the headphones and the issue of "Hustler" located in the woods near the establishment.

The suspects are a black or dark tan male, 17- to 20-years-old with a thin build and about 5'8" tall. The other is also approximately 17- to 20-years old. He is described as being 5 feet 8 inches and having a thin build.

Persons with information on these cases are urged to call the Novi Police at (248) 348-7100.

Recycled boats

If you are buying a new boat this year, here is a great way to rid yourself of the old one, by donating your unwanted boat to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Cars Program, you will help the thousands of Michigan residents living with kidney disease. The Kidney Cars Program is year-round, fully licensed and insured program. Call 1-800-488-CARS, complete and return donor paperwork and arrange a pick-up date. The NKFPM will pick up your boat free of charge and acknowledge your gift for tax-deduction purposes. All proceeds raised by the Kidney Cars Program will benefit the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's programs and services. With one phone call to 1-800-488-CARS your boat can become a life-saver to Michigan residents suffering from kidney and urinary tract disease.

Graduated

Lisa Willard, executive director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, is a recent graduate of the Institute for Organization Management, held June 6-11 at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. The institute is a professional development program specifically designed to address the challenges facing chamber of commerce and association executives. Participants learn the latest techniques in membership development and retention, strategic planning, volunteer leadership development and fund raising, among other things.

Of weighty matters

In May, Novi Weighmaster Anthony Swope was granted permission to go on 21 extra patrols. On those patrols, he issued 74 tickets to vehicles that exceeded Novi's weight standards for roads and brought \$8,488 in fines into the city's coffers.

This serve's for kids

As part of the Michigan 50's Festival, the Novi Professional Firefighters Union Local 3232 and Mr. B's Farm are sponsoring the first Beach Burn Classic Volleyball Tournament on July 24-25. What's needed now are four-person teams (plus two substitutes) to take on the firefighters at Mr. B's Farm. The cost to enter the tournament is \$150 per team. All that money goes to benefit the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center and to send children who have been burned to camp. The tournament starts at 9 a.m. and runs through the night. For more information or to enter a team of your best volleyball players, contact Bob Carroll at 380-4386.

Letter that prompted police probe can't be found

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH Staff Writer

A spokesman for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office said this week, he isn't "100 percent certain" a letter that prompted the four-month investigation of a Northville man exists.

Richard Padzieski, chief of operations for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, said he isn't sure whether or not his office has a copy of the letter. Also, he couldn't confirm or deny that a letter even exists.

Deputy Wayne County Prosecutor Ray Walsh refused to answer questions regarding the letter this week. "Until all appeals are finished in a criminal prosecution nothing is available under the Freedom of Information Act," he said.

Michigan State Police are investigating Northville businessman Jim Nield for alleged-

ly using Northville School District equipment to support efforts by Families for a Better Northville.

The group had threatened the recall of township supervisor Karen Woodside, an assistant Wayne County Prosecutor, along with several trustees, if a lawsuit filed against Northville Public Schools pertaining to the construction of the new high school wasn't dropped.

The investigation was prompted by Walsh in early March. According to Walsh, who recently made an unsuccessful bid for election to the Northville school board, a citizen sent him a letter alleging Nield had improperly used school district equipment to prepare literature for mailings by Families for a Better Northville.

Walsh said he passed the information found in the letter to City of Northville Police

Chief Jim Petres. The report indicates all the information was taken by Petres via telephone.

Petres then requested the assistance of the Michigan State Police to conduct the investigation.

Neither Petres or the State Police investigator Detective Tim Heideaman remember seeing the letter, nor did they report ever interviewing the letter writer during the investigation.

Yet, Padzieski said in *The Northville Record* June 17 he "always requires a letter or something in writing for a complaint to be passed on to local authorities for investigation." And John O'Hair, Wayne County Prosecutor, said this week that his office "certainly would keep a copy" of such written complaints.

But Freedom of Information Act requests made by this newspaper to obtain a copy of

the letter have been denied by the state police because the case is still under investigation, state police officials said.

A copy of the letter from the Wayne County Prosecutor's office has also been requested. Padzieski said he is attempting to locate a copy of the letter.

The state police investigation has been delayed partially because Heideaman, the original investigator, was suspended for undisclosed reasons not related to the case.

As part of the initial investigation, Heideaman questioned Leonard Rezmierski, Northville Schools superintendent, and Thomas Gudritz, Northville board of education president, for an hour regarding the school district's policies and procedures for the use of equipment or services.

The investigation also included a trip by Heideaman to Nield's home where Nield was

requested to show receipts for printings, mailings and other related items to his involvement with the Families for a Better Northville Organization. Nield was able to produce copies of all receipts for the police and this newspaper.

The City of Northville police complaint alleges Nield used the "Northville Public Schools board office and used the services of board employees, used board copy machines and supplies and used the board postage meter to prepare, duplicate and mail literature regarding a campaign to recall members of the Northville Township board."

Nield, who is the husband of school board member Martha Nield, adamantly denies he did anything wrong and said that he believes the investigation to be "political retaliation" for his involvement with Families for a Better Northville.

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Northville says goodbye to pair of administrators

By CHRIS C. DAVIS

Administrators were being laid off as part of a restructuring plan. The Northville school district is preparing to merge with the city.

Northville Elementary School principal Kathy Morhous and assistant principal Christine Najarian were laid off as part of a restructuring plan.

Northville is a member of the Michigan Education Association. The district is preparing to merge with the city.

There are really two things I think about when I think of Northville. I remember that I came from a district (Harvard) that only had a small number of special classes, like art, music and gym. To come here and

Experience notwithstanding, Najarian said her fondest memories were of the students in the buildings she worked at. "You can never be down in the dumps when you're around kids," she said. "They keep you laughing. You can come into the building being sad about something at home, but five minutes after being there they have you smiling again."

Najarian said she would remain in the Northville area for now, but planned on doing some traveling. She said she'd also "fallen in love" with The Stampede in downtown Northville and would be frequenting the store in the near future.

Najarian's last official day at the school is June 30. In addition to Morhous and Najarian, Old Village School administrator Christine Clinton-Cali has also announced her departure. School board members



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Outgoing Northville school principals Kathy Morhous and Mary Najarian wave from the hallways of Winchester Elementary.

approved the hiring of Bentley Elementary School principal Cheryl Johnson to take over for Najarian. Replacements for Morhous and Clinton-Cali are still being sought.

Cops seek possible child abductor

By ANDREW DIETDERICH

Northville and Novi police are warning parents to be on the lookout for anything suspicious as area departments look for a possible child abductor.

Numerous tips have come in since the suspect and his truck description started to appear on TV and in newspapers late last week. None of them have led to the male yet though.

"We've probably received a couple of dozen tips," said Northville Police Detective Dave Fendel. "But we're still looking for any information that could help."

Novi Police Detective Todd Anger said his department has received several lead on the man as well. None have led to the suspect yet.

The vehicle the suspect is driving is an older model Chevy S-10 pickup truck that's red and possibly faded. A key identifying factor of the truck is the driver's side front fender that is a different color, possibly dark blue or black.

The male driver tried to entice six girls to his car June 20 in the Novi and Northville area. The man reportedly resurfaced in Wixom last Wednesday near 12 Mile Road and Napier.

Northville Township Detective Paul Sumner said the department has received a number of complaints about a man and truck fitting the description, including a possibly sighting in the Woods of Eldersy subdivision, but nothing has turned out to be solid.

"The biggest thing parents can do is brief their children about what to do if something happens," Sumner said.

Call Novi Police at 348-7100 with information on the suspect.

Losses in city lawsuits lead to higher insurance

By JEREMY MCBAIN

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But, because of the losses, the insurance pool had to raise its premium and deductible for Novi.

According to Klaver, MMLPP sent two quotes for the city to consider. One was for a rate with a deductible of \$75,000, the other had a deductible of \$100,000.

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The difference in the deductibles greatly influenced the cost of the premium. The rate with the \$75,000 deductible had a premium of \$349,998, while the \$100,000 deductible had a premium of \$299,727.

Noel's premium last year was \$267,825.

According to Klaver, the big insurance losses incurred over the last five years by Novi were due

mostly to defense costs from lawsuits. He added this expense is not atypical for a city.

Klaver said due to laws taking away municipal immunity from cities, cities have to defend themselves more and accumulate more costs.

"The private sector really doesn't want to touch municipalities," he said.

In Novi's case, when Klaver found out the city's premium was going up, he called a few insurers who all said they could not give a lower price than the MMLPP.

Klaver said in order to bring the insurance costs down in the future, the city is going to have to manage all lawsuits involving controversial issues more carefully.

"I would think council would review cases that drag on and they might think of settling more cases," he said.

Klaver added the high deductible would be a factor in this decision.

However, he was quick to add he does not believe this potential could open up the city to more lawsuits, because Novi would still actively fight frivolous lawsuits.

Njus named Deerfield Elementary's first principal



Deerfield Elementary's new principal will be Richard Njus.

Though Deerfield Elementary is presently that at the moment - a field - with just the ideas and visions of a new school being put into place, it already has a principal.

Richard Njus has accepted the daunting task of being the first principal in this brand-new school. However, he is no stranger to breaking new ground.

With 20 years' experience as a principal under his belt, Njus spent the last seven years at Bennet Woods in Okemos, near Lansing.

In 1993, he helped open this school, which prides itself on its alternative curriculum and

experimental year-round school program.

At Deerfield, he will bring much of what he helped to develop and learned at Bennet to the fore. One of his reasons for accepting the job in Novi, Njus said, was because he was,

impressed with its strategic plan for the district and Novi's excellent reputation.

This will no doubt make for a strong breeding ground for many of the new ideas Njus would like to implement.

Currently, in Novi for grades K-6, the curriculum stresses language arts based on reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Foreign language classes begin at the fifth grade level with

an overview of French, German, Japanese and Spanish. In addition, students gain exposure to music, art, physical education and the media center once a week.

Njus likes the basic curriculum, but already has plans for proposing some changes. He would like to see a full day for kindergarten students, which would include Spanish lessons.

These classes would continue through fourth grade, according to his plans.

He would also like to see what is called "multi-aged families," which is the integration of grades K-4.

He would also like to get as much input as he can from teachers, administrators, and parents throughout the district.

"We are not an island unto ourselves," Njus said.

"I want to push the envelope and be more innovative, while sharing and developing a team spirit."

Advertisement for the M108 tank. It features a large image of the tank and text: "IT WEIGHS 68 TONS.", "IT CAN CROSS A DESERT AT 40 MPH.", "IT CAN HIT A TARGET FROM 2.5 MILES.", "WITHOUT EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE, IT MIGHT NOT MOVE AN INCH." At the bottom, it says "ESGR EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE." and "Ad Council".

Advertisement for "INDEPENDENCE DAY BLAST!" featuring a table of tire prices. The table lists various tire models and their prices, such as "4 NEW TIRES! \$70-\$80", "NAME BRAND SPECIALS \$40-\$50", "PERFORMANCE RADIALS \$35-\$50", "MICHELIN \$40", "YOKOHAMA \$50-\$45", "GOOD YEAR \$45", "BFGoodrich \$40-\$90", and "EAGLE \$45". It also includes store hours and a list of locations.

Obituaries

MARJORIE L. KELLERHER

Marjorie Lorraine Kellerher, 78, died June 17 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was born March 5, 1921, to Carl R. and Edna M. (Porter) Erickson in Manistee, Mich.

A lifelong resident of Detroit, Mrs. Kellerher was a member of St. Francis Desales Church of St. Francis. She is survived by son, John Rabine of Detroit; daughters, Mary (Joseph) Gallagher of South Lyon and Patricia (Rudolf) Warren; sister, Dorothy Gale; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Kellerher was preceded in death by her husband, Francis, in 1974.

A private funeral service was held at the Karmans Cancer Institute, 41935 W. Twelve Mile Road, Novi, MI 48377-9939.

Library Briefs

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and closed on Sunday during the summer. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

READING DOWN UNDER
Sign-up for "Reading Down Under." This summer reading program for children in the fourth grade and below is now underway. The program includes storytimes, special events, and arts and crafts.

OUTBACK ADVENTURE '99
Kids going into the fifth grade and up are invited to sign up now for "Outback Adventure '99," featuring fantastic programs throughout the summer.

STORYTIMES
Storytime for three- and four-year-olds will be held Friday, July 2, storytime for children ages four to seven will be held Thursday, July 8. Each 30-minute session starts at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CLOSING
The library will be closed Monday, July 5 for Independence Day.

CRAFT PROGRAMS
We have two craft programs scheduled for Tuesday, July 6. Crafts for children in kindergarten and first grade will be at 1 p.m.; crafts for children in grades 2 and up will be at 2 p.m. There is a \$1 materials fee for each 45-minute program. No registration is necessary, but space is limited.

SING AND LAUGH ALONG WITH KEVIN
Children ages four and up are invited to join performer Kevin Devine for an hour of songs and laughter on Wednesday, July 7 at 1 p.m. No registration is necessary.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
The July selection for senior book lovers is "These Is My Words" by Nancy Turner. The senior group will meet Thursday, July 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Activities Room at the Novi Civic Center.

Knollenberg speaks

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield, will be the guest speaker at the Walled Lake Rotary Luncheon meeting.

His topic will be "Washington D.C. Update."

The luncheon will be held at noon, July 6 at The Links at Pewee, 8600 PGA Drive, Walled Lake.

For reservations, call Walled Lake Rotary President David Flammer at (248) 861-1200. The luncheon cost is \$8.

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Report: not enough computers for Novi students

By JENNIFER NOPRIS

Novi school district officials report to the state that the district is not providing enough computers for its students. The report, which is part of a larger study by the state Department of Education, found that Novi has one computer for every 10 students, which is below the state average of one computer for every 12 students.

The report also found that Novi has a higher percentage of students with access to computers at home than the state average. However, the district is still struggling to provide enough computers for its students in the classroom.

Novi school district officials say they are working to increase the number of computers in the district. They plan to purchase more computers and to use grants to help pay for the cost.

He added that he would like to see school districts begin teaching computer skills to elementary students and require that instruction through graduation.

"We really need to be sure that graduates of Novi have known competency in using technology. This is an opportunity to be a leader," the consultant told the board.

Childs said Novi schools offer a high quality education and a very capable staff. "The Novi School district is one of the finest school districts in the state of Michigan because they provide educational programs that meet the students' needs and the staff are very closely involved with the community."

Childs is looking forward to the implementation of new technology to enhance students' educational careers.

"It's a crucial part of the modern world," explained Childs, "so it is a part of the school."

Members of the school board had a favorable reaction to the ideas and suggestions Childs presented.

"It's been a revelation for all of us," said Assistant Superintendent Rita Traynor.

"It's so multi-faceted. I think it's something we need for the future of students in the district."

Dr. Emmett Lippe, superintendent, agreed that improving technology is an important step for Novi schools.

"I thought it painted a good picture of where we are as a school district. We want to make sure we stay on the cutting edge," he said.

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Northville counselor Arnold Keller demonstrates how not to grip your car's steering wheel.

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generally have other anger issues to work out in other arenas, such as home or work, he said, and also tend to be people with very few constructive relationships.

These, he said, are the seldom-experienced but nonetheless notorious cases where drivers may stab or shoot one another.

"They tend to be competitive people who want to 'beat' other drivers," he said. "They believe that other people who do things wrong ought to be punished. They have very punitive personalities."

Though such people are more dangerous to be around, they're fewer in number than the other kind of roadrager Keller mentioned: persons with a Type-A personality disorder.

"With these people, there's an ongoing sense of urgency about things," he said. "They feel as if they always have to be somewhere sooner."

Keller gave the example of such a person driving from Six Mile to Eight Mile roads. Under normal circumstances, the trip might take five minutes to complete. If a traffic backup or detour caused the commute to take any longer than the prescribed time, the driver would likely become excessively agitated, he said.

"We get people to deal with anger and rage to annoyance and disturbance. Those are more appropriate and acceptable emotions to have."

For example, Keller said drivers who find themselves in a construction zone behind a line of other cars may experience intense periods of anger. The properly-treated driver, he said, won't view the tussle with such a bitter outlook. Instead, it's an inconvenience, but an opportunity to listen to a favorite song on the radio or make a call to a business associate on a cell phone.

One effective technique Keller said he recommended to patients dealing with road rage was a combination of relaxation breathing and visualization of a peaceful setting. The treatment, he said, was effective, but needed to be practiced at home before a person would get back out on the road.

Keller said a few of the cases he has handled for treatment have been court-appointed. He also said road rage has not been recognized by the psychological community as a separate mental condition in and of itself. Rather, he said, it's a symptom that other anger issues may be present in a person's life.

Novi vows to appeal lawsuit

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This lawsuit started in 1995, over The Vista's development north of Twelve Mile Road.

The developers of The Vistas, Sandstone Associates, claimed the city ruined the project's chances of success by keeping Decker Road partially closed. In an agreement with the city, Sandstone financed the road through a special assessment district.

Howard's opinion was placed in a sealed envelope. If either one of the two sides does not want to settle, then Howard would stand his opinion and it would prevail.

Council Member Schmid said he firmly believes the lawsuit will be overturned in appeal. As for Howard's sealed opinion, Schmid said he believes the judge lowered the award slightly, but not enough to stop Novi from seeking recourse at an appeals court.

Watson said there is one more minor argument that has to be made before Howard's sealed opinion, Schmid said he believes the judge lowered the award slightly, but not enough to stop Novi from seeking recourse at an appeals court.

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 6. Get angry at traffic jams
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 9. Get angry at your passengers
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 7. Impatient when car ahead slows down
 8. Impatient if behind schedule on a trip
 9. Impatient driving in far right, "slow" lane
 10. Impatient with pedestrians crossing the street
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 2. Compete with yourself (to break travel time, etc.)
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 5. Race other drivers on thruways
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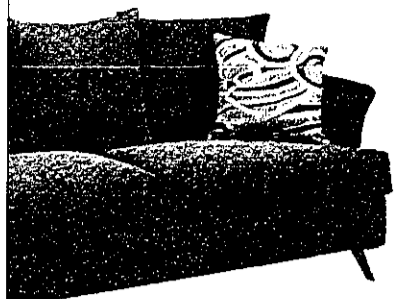
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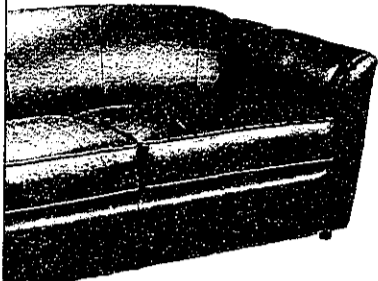
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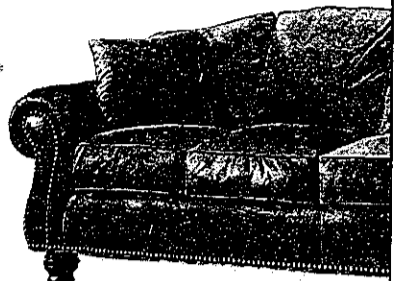
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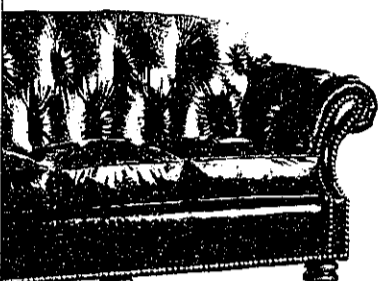
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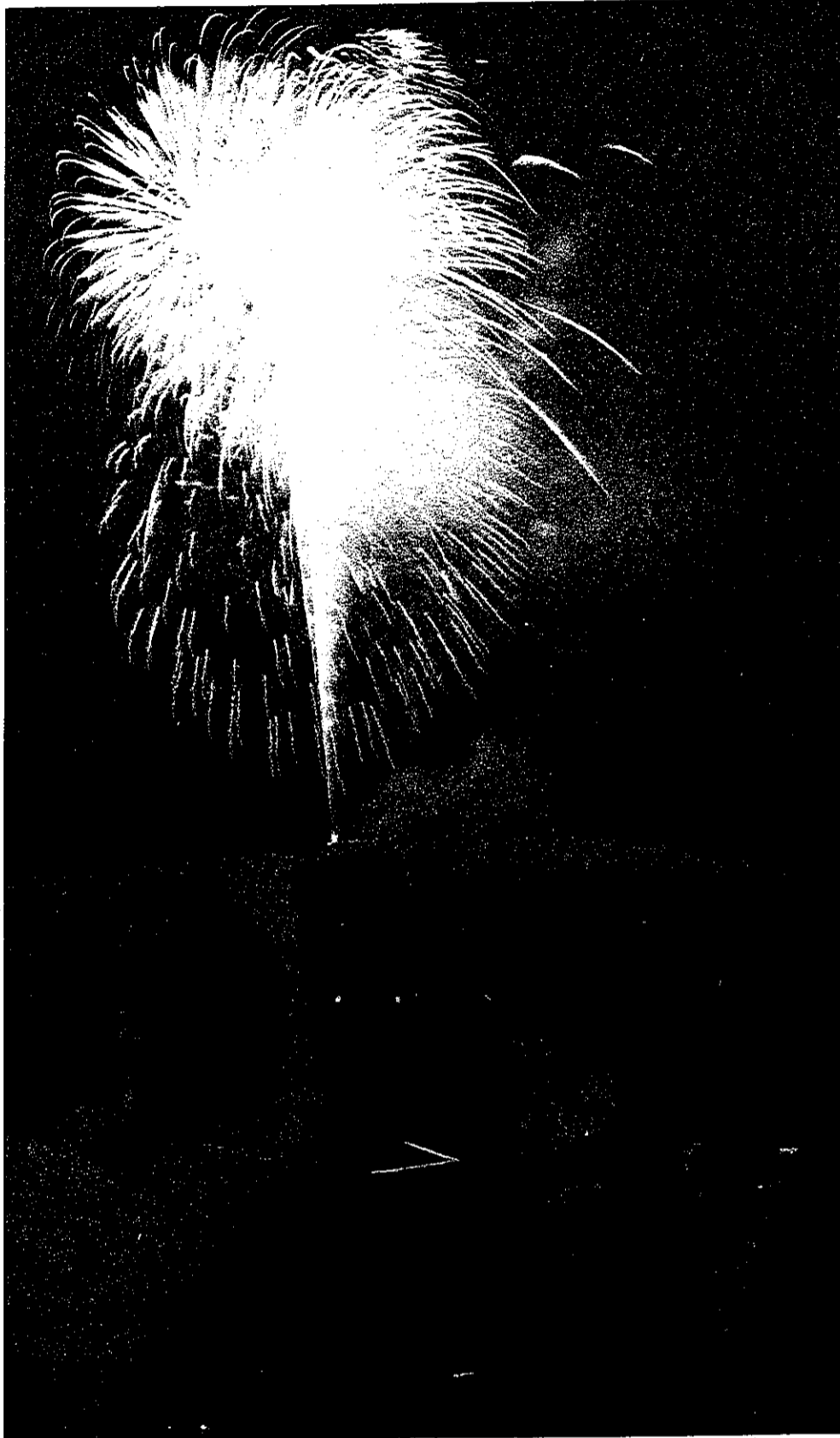
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Below and right: Residents enjoy a recent Fourth of July celebration. Photos by JOHN HEIDER



Celebrate!

Northville prepares for some grand Fourth of July fun

Northville, get ready for a good old fashioned Fourth of July fun this weekend.

Thousands are expected to visit Northville July 3rd for Celebrate Northville's annual Fourth of July festivities.

And as usual the day's events will begin with a parade. Though it appeared the century-old Independence Day parade through the streets of Northville might be in jeopardy earlier this year, parade organizer Shari Peters said the response of community members has given the event another crack at life.

Some 40,000 persons jammed Northville's streets last summer. The event gets underway at 10 a.m.

One important note: the Fourth of July parade will actually take place on the third of July, as Independence Day falls on a Sunday this year. For marchers and organizers, that means getting up early on Saturday.

"The residents have come forth like I can't believe," Peters said Monday. "We're getting an overwhelming response to this thing."

Deviating just a bit from the tradition of a single parade grand marshal, Peters said seven marshals have been selected from area elementary and middle schools, in step with the overall theme of the event — "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

"It's very child-oriented," she said. "Kids and families love it."

Three color guards will be posted at various locations along the parade route — one at the Northville clock, another at Northville City Hall, and a third near Community Federal Credit Union.

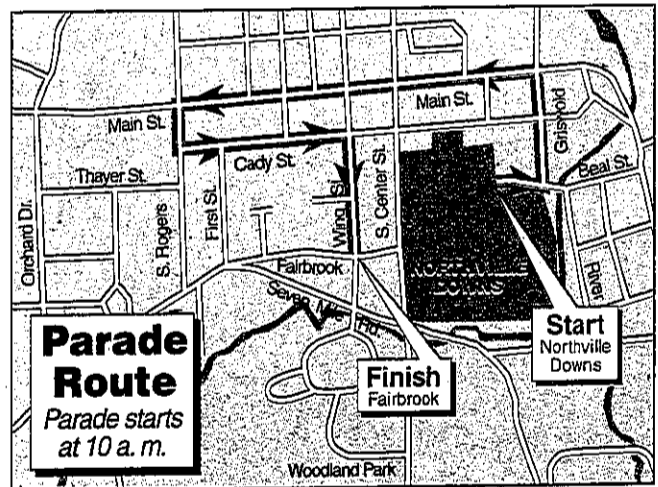
Another variation on traditions of old, Peters said, would be the participation in the singing of the national anthem at the beginning of the festivities. In the past, Peters said it's been not at all uncommon for parade-watchers to line up and seek out spots several hours in advance of the start of the parade, not participating very much in pre-parade activities.

With the anthem being incorporated into the program, Peters was hopeful greater participation would occur.

A bike parade will also take place, with the first-place winner being given a new bicycle, Peters said.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Northville Downs near Griswold, Peters said, and will wind its way through Main, Rogers, and Cady Street.

Mill Race Village will also host several Independence Day events throughout the day, and the highlight of the day will occur under darkness as BFI hosts the annual Fourth of July Fireworks, which are tentatively slated to begin at around 9:30 p.m.



Garden Club members enjoy project in full bloom

Kate Daniel, president of the Country Garden Club of Northville along with other club members met with Julie Herrin, library director, to dedicate the library's lovely perennial garden. The club began planning the garden in 1997 and planting in 1998. The garden's centerpiece is a Star Magnolia under which a brass hand-stamped dedication plaque was placed. Northville resident Bill Signorelli created the handsome plaque for contribution to the library.

Bill and his wife, Sheryl are frequent library patrons and avid gardeners. Julie Herrin told us that library patrons as well as library staff often take a few minutes to rest on a bench provided by the

club and enjoy the progression of colorful perennials as they work their way up through the rich earth.

Club members, organized by Julie Clary, maintain the garden

The garden includes Astilbe, Columbine, Holly, Carpet Roses, Shasta Daisies, Salvia, Viburnum, Clematis, Peonies and Delphinium, plus many others. Nestled comfortably among the plants is a sculpture of an overall-clad boy, reading a book while reclining on a stone bench

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bench. The project was developed for the enjoyment of the Northville community in general.

—Pat Zielke



Members from the Country Garden Club of Northville present a dedication plaque to the Northville District Library. Pictured are, bottom row from left, Julie Clary; second row from left, Shirley Kefhaber, Anne Penucci, Kate Daniel, Julie Herrin, Kathryn Novak, Carolyn Abramovich and Pat Zielke.



Looking for a breeze

An Orchard Hills Elementary School student does her best to keep her kite aloft during recent Kite Day activities at the Novi Sports Park.

Single professionals group hosts several summer events

Farmington Single Professionals - F.S.P. is a non-profit social group for singles ages 25-45 who share common interests and form new friendships.

VOLEYBALL IN THE PARK Every Tuesday, anytime 6:45 p.m.-dusk. Join us for several casual games of volleyball.

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Molly Burke (standing) will be taking her sisters Caitlin and Claire on a family vacation to Orlando, Florida after winning a magazine subscription contest.

Northville first grader wins school magazine sale contest

BETHANY WILLIAMS of Novi is participating in the 1999 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine from June 17-27 in Chicago, Williams in the class of 1999 at Novi High School.

The whole school was cheering, because nothing like this had happened in the school before," she said.

Burke, age 5, sold exactly one subscription, but doing so put her name in the hat. On May 19, Molly's mother, Chris, received a telephone call from the family's computer specialist requesting a conference.

"At first, I thought one of the kids was in trouble at school," Chris Burke said. "I told my kids before I went in that I had gotten this call and that if someone had done something wrong to tell me before I went in, but they all told me they hadn't done anything."

Indeed, neither Molly, nor her sisters Caitlin and Clare had misbehaved. In fact, the conference was to inform the Burke family that Molly's name had been drawn from a pool of some 600,000 persons for the grand prize — an all-expense paid trip to Disney World.

Later in the day, Chris Burke said a school-wide announcement of Molly's hitting the jackpot was made over the public address system.

"The whole school was cheering, because nothing like this had happened in the school before," she said.

Northville/Novi on Campus

ERIN C. VOGEL, a senior at Northwood University, has been named to the Dean's List for spring term. To achieve Dean's List recognition, a student must earn a 3.0 grade point average.

Named to the President's List for spring term at Northwood University was NICHOLE BORASHKO. Students receiving this honor must earn a 3.85 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Novi student JENNIFER LYNN FOX graduated magna cum laude from Michigan Technological University in May. Fox was awarded a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

Recently graduating from St. Mary's Preparatory, an all-boys Catholic prep school at Orchard Lake, were the following Novi seniors: SCOTT T. FRASER, DAVID J. KROZEK, MICHAEL J. KUEHN, RYAN T. MODICA, TED W. NAGORSEN, and JEFFREY P. ZIMMERMAN.

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Church Directory

For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248)349-1700

Table listing various churches including Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Church of Today West (Unity), Novi United Methodist Church, St. James Roman Catholic Church, and others, with their respective addresses and contact information.

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Advertisement for Sears Outlet Store featuring '15-50% OFF' on home appliances, with an image of a refrigerator and details about weekly specials.

Novi Rotary Club installs new officers at meeting

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

A reminder - the center will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. However, it will be open for many activities throughout the remainder of the month.

If you are a senior in the Novi area, the center offers many services including transportation. For \$2 one way, a subsidized cab will take you anywhere within the city limits. A special rate card is available by calling the office at 347-0414 for more detailed information or stop by and see her or staff members Dorothy Jarvis or Florence Callahan.

Also available at a nominal fee is the Novi Senior Card. Transportation will be provided to and from the center by activities, doctor appointments, etc. A 48-hour advance reservation is necessary. Please call 347-0414 Monday through Friday, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Late hour reservations may be made by calling this same number.

Meals are planned a month in advance; copies are available at the Novi Senior Center. Information rack included on the back of the menu are daily activities. This will enable you to make luncheon plans, invite a friend and enjoy lunch and planned activities for the day. One of the programs includes free blood pressure testing every Wednesday, from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Other free programs include a presentation on summer safety for seniors by a representative from the Novi Police Department on July 6, and a discussion of food safety with on-top extension special information available.

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Also provided at the center is the Novi Library Bookmobile which provides large print books to take home and read at one's leisure. In addition, the library staff each department provides books in the games room with no check-out necessary, and no time limit on returns.

These are just a few of the many services and programs offered daily at the center. Call center manager Jan M. Alpine at 347-0414 for more detailed information or stop by and see her or staff members Dorothy Jarvis or Florence Callahan.

NOVI PARKS AND RECREATION

New parks and recreation summer brochures are available at the Civic Center or Novi Library. If a brochure was not received in your mail, stop by for a copy and plan your summer activities.

If your plans include an "at home" vacation or if you expect out-of-town guests and are in the market for an inexpensive outing, consider swimming at Lake Shore Park and enjoy the facilities: tennis, basketball court, tennis courts, softball field, etc. There is no park entrance fee for Novi residents who have obtained a seasonal permit. If no permit, residents may enter by showing their driver's license and registration.

Two picnic shelters and two tents are available along with the following: frisbee, softball equipment including bases, volleyball set, badminton set, croquet, plus

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many more activities. For fees, call 347-0400.

Additional parks available in Novi are the Community Sports Park, Ella Mae Power Park, Rotary Park, Brooklawn Park, and the Spirit of '76 Park.

Also, mountain bike trails are once again available. Call the office for additional information.

Offered on page 7 of the brochure is a \$1 off waterpark coupon for admission to Red Oaks or Waterford Oaks Parks. Special attractions at Waterford Oaks include a children's water play-ground and group raft ride; also a wave-action pool and giant double waterslide. Red Oaks has a giant triple waterslide and wave-action pool.

Parks and recreation also offers special discount prices to many amusement parks and other summer entertainment: Cedar Point, Detroit Zoo, Sea World, Greenfield Village, King's Island, Crossroads Village, Six Flags, Great America in Chicago, or the Beat Waterpark in Cincinnati.

Stop by the recreation department or call 347-0400 for information. Have a fun and safe summer.

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

This year's CROP walk was the topic of discussion at the association's last meeting for the summer.

holiday. For anyone interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet available on the church bulletin board.

To be eligible for food, the yearly income for one person is \$12,000. An application and more information is available at the church. Many families who are recipients are senior citizens and single parents.

Once again, items needed are: packaged complete dinners, paper products, toothbrushes, tooth paste, canned fruit, or meat and fish products. Almost every church has either a barrel or basket for donations, which can also be dropped off at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

Installation of officers was recently held at the Country Epicure. Installing officer Lee BeGole installed the following officers for the coming year: Bob Lumbright, president; Tony Musu, president-elect; Keith Wilson, vice president; Tony Musu, recording secretary; Mav Sanghvi, corresponding secretary; Barbara Hill, treasurer; Bob Butten, foundation treasurer; Ted Mierth, immediate past president; Wayne Bullen, senior past president; and for directors, Louise Ott, Joe Carrier, Steve Muldoon, Vic Merritt, Mike Harris, and Steve Myers.

Among members receiving special awards were: Vic Merritt, Rotarian of the Year; Joe Carrier, Rookie of the Year; and Tony Musu, Service Above Self. Steve Muldoon was recognized for his work on the coming '50s Festival car raffle, drawing of which will be held Aug. 23. The car to be raffled is a red 1959 Corvette; tickets are \$5 or three for \$10 are available from any Rotarian. They will also be available at the festival. The local club was assisted by the Howell Rotarians when tickets were sold at their recent Howell Ballroom.

The group recently sponsored a successful golf outing held at Tanglewood; over 80 percent were in attendance. Proceeds from this activity will go towards the club's goal of providing a picnic shelter at Rotary Park, located on Nine Mile between Novi Road and Meadowbrook. Additional sponsors from the community, either donations or labor, to assist in this project would be greatly appreciated.

The Rotary has also sponsored a relief fund for the Kosovo refugees, under the direction of Mav Sanghvi, and has been pleased with the response from the Novi community. They were especially impressed with the check from the students at Novi Meadows who raised over \$3,000. Tim McNamara was a big help in this project.

Donations from those wishing to assist in the Kosovo project can either be sent to the Novi Rotary Club or The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clark. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

Weddings and Engagements



Todd Michael Moss and Rebecca Lee Williams

Williams - Moss

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams of Novi are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lee, to Todd Michael Moss, son of Martha Moss of Garden City, Mich., and the late Chet Moss. The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Novi High School and earned a bachelor's degree in 1993 from Central Michigan University. She is currently employed as an information technology consultant for Stokpa & Associates.

The groom-elect received his bachelor's degree from The University of Michigan-Dearborn and completed his master's degree in business administration at Wayne State University in 1997. He is currently employed as a supervisor for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. In addition, he is a lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

A January 2000 wedding is planned at Faith Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights where the couple met and currently attends.



April Stanford and James D'Antonio

Stanford - D'Antonio

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanford of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, April Irene, to Mark James D'Antonio, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D'Antonio of Brighton, Mich. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Divine Child. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1996 and was awarded a bachelor of arts degree. April is currently a sales consultant at Varsity Lincoln-Mercury.

The groom-elect received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Detroit-Mercy in 1995, and is now employed at Ford Motor Co. as a customer service manager.



Luke Briningstool and Mandy Jean Kelsey

Briningstool - Kelsey

John and Cherry Briningstool of Highland announce the engagement of their son, Luke, a former resident of Northville, to Mandy Jean Kelsey, daughter of Diane and William Holland of Lawton and the late David Kelsey.

The bride-elect graduated from Lawton High School and is currently pursuing a degree in education at Bowling Green State University.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Milford High School and Ferris State University. A July wedding is planned.



Rebecca Leigh Messer and Christopher J. Wall

Wall - Messer

Edward and Deborah Baker of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Leigh Messer, to Christopher John Wall, son of Edward and Evelyn Wall of Midland.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School and a 1996 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is currently a reporter for the Midland Daily News.

The groom-elect received his bachelor's degree in 1984 from Alma College; his master's degree in 1989 from Oakland University. He is a Kelly Global Learning Manager at Kelly Services in Troy. An August wedding is planned.



Kimberly Ellsworth and David Zawacki

Ellsworth - Zawacki

Lois and Bill Woodruff of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ellsworth, to David Zawacki, the son of Rosemarie and Terry Zawacki of Libertyville, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Northville High School, and a graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in secondary education. She is a substitute teacher for Novi Public Schools.

The groom-elect graduated in 1992 from Lake Forest High School in Illinois. He received a degree in aviation from Western Michigan University and is currently employed with Gateway Computers.

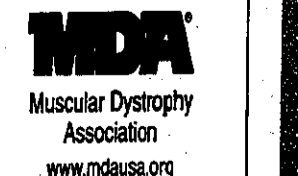
A September wedding will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.

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 Kind-hearted, active SWF, 35, is looking for an interesting SWM, 29-39, N/S, to share animals, travel and more. Ad# 3333

HE'S THE ONE
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COMPANIONSHIP
 Outgoing, retired, Catholic SWM, 66, 6'1", 200lbs., who enjoys world travel, golf, dining out and more, is seeking an attractive, Catholic SWF, over 48, to spend time with. Ad# 1579

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
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 Catholic SWPM, 36, 6'1", who enjoys spending time with friends, music, movies and outdoor activities, is interested in meeting a romantic, slender SF, 26-40, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 4617

KEEP IT REAL
 Good-natured, outgoing DWM, 43, 6', who enjoys movies, golf and more, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, 30-46, to share special times with. Ad# 4443

LET'S GET TOGETHER
 Gentle, caring DWCM, 50, 6'1", with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys travel, movies, music, dining out, singing in church choir and Bible study. He seeks an understanding and sweet SWCF, without children. Ad# 9255

WHY NOT CALL HIM?
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They feed off each other, and both are reaping the benefits of mutual success

Novi needed to win a few more one-run games. Northville needed a little help. But neither could get what they needed this year and "settled" for impressive finishes in the Kensington Valley and Western Lakes conferences.

Offensively, Novi was tops in the area. Jon Cervi and Brendan Hadley both hit over .471 and two Wildcats hit .387. On the mound, the Mustang duo of Andy Borda and Rob Reel were nearly unstoppable, combining for a 12-3 record and ERAs of 2.10 and 2.15.

Fill in the gaps with stars such as Evan Edwards and Tim Edick of Northville, A. J. Rowe of Novi, Bryan Watson of South Lyon, Chris Hardin and Shaun Houck of Lakeland and Matt David of Milford and you have yourself a team to be reckoned with.

HomeTown's first team has the perfect mixture of offense, defense and pitching. It has some big names, not-so-big names and names you didn't expect to see.

Bottom line: They're good, and several of them will be back next season.

Jon Cervi—Left Field
Novi Junior HomeTown's Player of the Year

When all was said and done, it was the bat of Jon Cervi that should have been the most feared in the Kensington Valley Conference, not Brendan Hadley's.

Cervi led the KVC with a .527 batting average, combining solid base hitting with power. He had eight homers and knocked in 38 runs. He scored a team-high 33 runs and also led the team with 11 stolen bases. One of the most impressive numbers of all was his six strikeouts in 91 at bats.

He was named first-team all conference by the coaches.

Tim Edick—Catcher Northville Junior
One of the driving forces behind Northville's impressive 17-6 record this season, Edick hit a team-high .466 and was second on the team with four homers. He had 30 RBI and was named to the all-Western Lakes Activities Association first team along with teammate Andy Borda.

"Tim was a major weapon for us both offensively and defensively for us," coach Mickey Newman said. "He blocks balls, throws out runners and calls a good game, defensively. He's a very hard work-

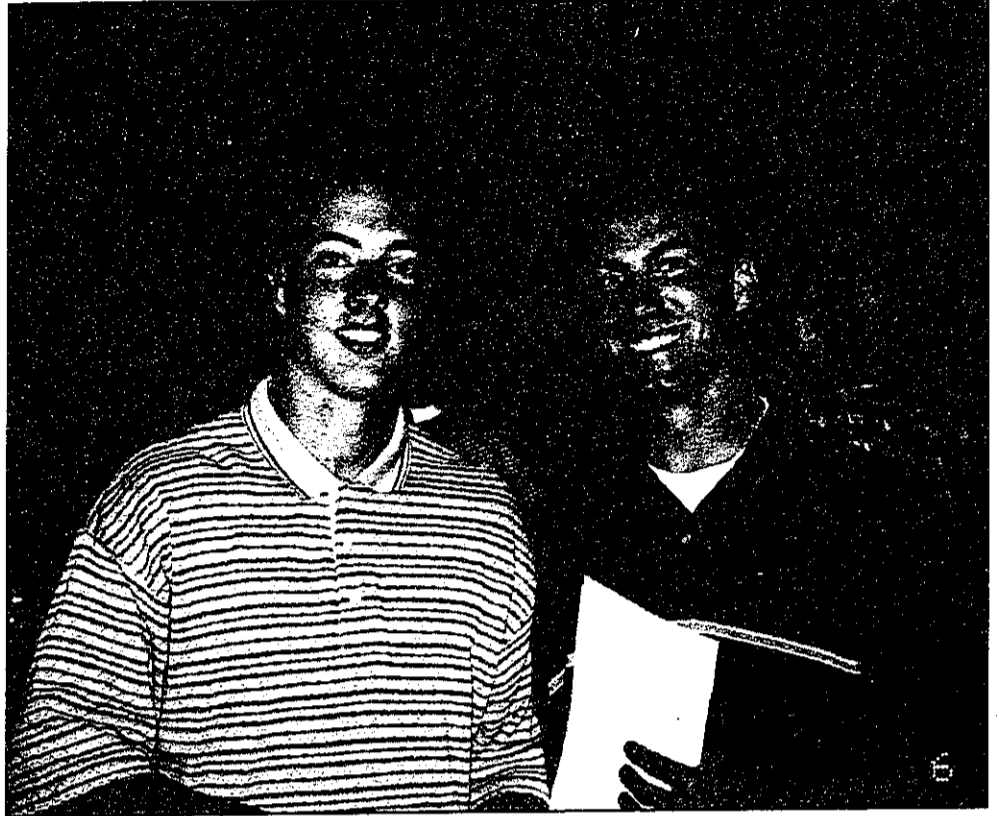


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Wildcats Jon Cervi (left) and Brendan Hadley had a combined .503 average and hit 18 homers between them, who is always looking to improve."

Bryan Watson—Center Field South Lyon Senior
Watson was an ideal lead-off hitter, thanks to his speed. — he was the area's leading base stealer and had two triples — and knack for reaching base — his hit .424 and had an on-base percentage of .489. As a result, he led South Lyon with 25 runs scored.

"He did a great job for us," South Lyon coach Mark Thomas said. "Watson always hustled. He was our team MVP."

Watson was named all-district and first-team All-KVC.

Brendan Hadley—Third Base Novi Junior
Giving credit where credit is due, Hadley was the most feared bat in the conference because of his merits a year ago. Last year he hit over .500 in his first year at Novi High School.

This year he maintained his high standards by hitting .471 and leading all area hitters with 10 home runs. Despite Cervi driving in 38 runs in the No. 2 slot, Hadley still managed to knock in 24 of his own.

Looking for numbers to back up the notion that he was the most feared hitter

in the league, one would have to look no further than the league-leading 27 walks he drew this season.

Chris Hardin—First Base Lakeland Sophomore
A first baseman, Hardin is halfway towards becoming a four-time all-area selection. This is already his second appearance on the team, having also made it as a freshman.

Hardin was Lakeland's best hitter, with an average of .361. The sophomore left-hander drove in 21 runs, scored 20 runs,

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Deary, Gauruder make HomeTown's second team

HomeTown's second team is loaded with speed and great athletes. If it were not for the tremendous hustle and determination of these athletes this season, all of the area teams would have struggled to win ball games.

From the catcher to the center fielder, this team would have given any track team fits this year.

Jason Rohraff—Catcher South Lyon Junior
Rohraff's savvy at catcher was invaluable to the Lions.

"He kept us in a lot of games," South Lyon coach Mark Thomas said. "He did a great job for us. He was a real leader behind the plate."

Thomas said Rohraff's arm will likely be put to use on both ends of the battery next season, as he expects him to put in serious time on the mound, as well.

Ryan Lewandowski—Catcher Milford Senior
A second-team All-KVC pick, Lewandowski was batting .355 until he got hurt.

"He was outstanding defensively," Milford coach Jason

Melynchek said.

Chris Deary—Shortstop Novi Senior
Deary provided senior leadership that was vital to Novi's success this season. He batted .387, led the team in doubles with 11 and was third in runs scored (21). He drove in 16 runs and was perfect in five stolen-base attempts.

In the post season, he was voted to the All-Kensington Valley Conference second team.

Ryan Tisher—First Base South Lyon Senior
Tisher suffered a knee injury during the last football season, but came all the way back to earn second-team All-KVC honors on the diamond.

"Ryan worked really hard to come back," Thomas said. "He hit the ball and played well at first base."



Chris Deary

Tisher's fielding average was over .900.

"Tisher's a good player," said Melynchek. "I thought really highly of him."

Jason Adler—Second Base South Lyon Senior
Though the Lions' season did not meet the success they had hoped for, you wouldn't know it by watching Adler play.

"He gave his all," Thomas said. "He didn't give up, regardless of how the season was going. He did a real good job for us. He's an astute player of the game."

Brian Boyes—Right Field Northville Junior
A speedy outfielder with power to the opposite field, Boyes had a knack for coming through with the big hit when it counted. Twice this year he had the game-winning RBI in the last inning.

Boyes hit .354 with 14 runs and 15 RBI batting in the No. 2 slot. He was a Western Lakes Activities Association honorable-mention selection.

"He's a fantastic athlete who flies around the bases," coach Mickey Newman said. "He's a



John Gauruder

clutch hitter who will be a main cog in next year's team."

John Gauruder—Left Field Novi Senior
Another on a quick second team, Gauruder hit .387 for the Wildcats (third best on team), and connected for three homers this past season.

He scored 17 runs while knocking in another 21 and was second on his team with 11 walks. Gauruder was one of four Novi players selected for honorable-mention status in the KVC.

Ben Keetle—Center Field Northville Senior
Probably the most athletic player on either team, Keetle used his athleticism to track down nearly every ball hit to him this season.

Nicknamed the "Radar," Keetle "Solidified our defense by

ALL AREA BASEBALL

First Team			
Name	School	Grade	Pos.
Jon Cervi	Novi	Junior	LF
Tim Edick	Northville	Junior	C
Bryan Watson	South Lyon	Senior	CF
Brendan Hadley	Novi	Junior	3B
Chris Hardin	Lakeland	Sophomore	1B
Shaun Houck	Lakeland	Junior	OF
Evan Edwards	Northville	Senior	SS
Matt David	Milford	Junior	DH
A. J. Rowe	Novi	Junior	P
Andy Borda	Northville	Senior	P

Second Team			
Name	School	Grade	Pos.
Ryan Lewandowski	Milford	Senior	C
Chris Deary	Novi	Senior	SS
Ryan Tisher	South Lyon	Senior	1B
Jason Rohraff	South Lyon	Junior	C
Jason Adler	South Lyon	Senior	2B
Brian Boyes	Northville	Junior	RF
John Gauruder	Novi	Senior	LF
Ben Keetle	Northville	Senior	CF
Kenny Gignac	Lakeland	Junior	P
Rob Reel	Northville	Senior	P

*Denotes HomeTown's Player of the Year

Honorable mention

Lakeland - Matt Van Gorder, Todd Holland
Milford - Ben Gale, Jeff Staniszeski, Jason Koczpyk
Northville - Matt Zumstein
Novi - Rusty Herbst, Derek Ormekian
South Lyon - Brian McLaughlin, Mike Clark

Hockey reclassifications benefit Wildcat team

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Because of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's recent decision to reclassify hockey teams into three equal divisions for the 1999-2000 season, there will be no district hockey tournaments this next year.

Instead, all teams will begin play in the regional round of competition on Monday, Feb. 28, 2000. With the reclassification in place, there will now be three divisions with 45 teams in each.

For Northville, Novi, Hartland and Lakeland, the news is good. Those four teams were the only current Division II teams among the 12 teams in their district and regional tournaments this past spring. All of the others are currently in Division I (1,524 students or more).

"I would suppose it's (division II) going to be easier," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "Anytime you're not playing an Ann Arbor Pioneer, you'd have to have a better chance."

"Personally, I like the (new) division we're in because it seems to have parity."

Novi will continue to play its regular Kensington Valley Conference games along with a competitive non-league schedule.

"That's something we've had to deal with and it's good experience anyway," O'Neill said. "I don't care what division you're in, once you get to the regional finals in the state playoffs, there's going to be some excellent hockey teams."

The upcoming season can begin Nov. 15, with the last regular-season game taking place Feb. 26, 2000. Teams may begin practicing Nov. 1 of this year.

1999-2000 ICE HOCKEY DIVISION II SCHOOLS

Due to the passing of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's recent decision to reclassify hockey programs into three equal divisions (1, 2, and 3) by a representative council. Below are the 45 teams in Division II.

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Deary and Gauruder land on HomeTown's 2nd team

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...steady center field," Deary said. "It seemed like I might be covering him."

Fenny Gignac—Pitcher
Lakeland Junior

...came in and always...
Strand said, "He had 40...
Gignac pitched and only 12...
Gignac had great control...
Gignac did a very, very good...
Gignac's record was 3-2, with...
Gignac coming against...
Gignac and against Novi's...
Gignac all-area pitcher, A.J....

Rob Reel—Pitcher
Northville Senior

...another of Northville's...
Reel said, "He had 44...
Reel pitched and only 12...
Reel had great control...
Reel did a very, very good...
Reel's record was 3-2, with...
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Reel all-area pitcher, A.J....



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Senior Chris Deary was fourth on the team with a .387 average and was honored by the KVC as a second-team selection.

...could've won all five,"...
Gignac struck out 25 and had...
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...had a tremendous poten-...
Reel finished the season 5-1...
Reel with an ERA of 2.15 with 44...
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Reel with six homers and 21...
Reel.

...and will continue to grow...
his coach said, "Rob has the...
ability to win games on the...
mound or at the plate."

Duneske honored as first-ever Don Sill recipient

At an awards banquet two weeks ago for the varsity lacrosse team, senior Joel Duneske was awarded the first-ever Don Sill Memorial Most Valuable Player award for his tremendous play throughout the 1999 lacrosse season.

Duneske was given the award, voted on by teammates, after earning second-team all-state honors this season. He led the team to a 9-6 record and a quarterfinal appearance against eventual state champion Detroit Country Day.

He, along with teammates Brian Ward, Travis and Jesse Posey, played in the state all-star game for seniors last Thursday. Their Blue team fell to the White team 12-9. Seniors Matt Cook and Aaron Harbin were scheduled to play in the game, but missed it with injuries.

Harbin and Garrett Safford were named honorable-mention all state this season.

Also at the team banquet, six other awards were handed out. Harbin won the team leadership award, Jesse Posey was the team's most improved player, Chris Kumpki won the scholarship award and Gary Heta won the sportsmanship honor. John Vehlewald won the teamwork award and Travis Posey was named the hardest working Wildcat.



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Senior Joel Duneske holds the plaque with his name on it.



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Cervi adjusts quickly to varsity life

Novi junior makes waves in first year on varsity, hopes to keep tide rolling into senior season

By DAN KITTLE
Special writer

A year ago, as the high school baseball season came to a close, all the attention and hype was surrounding the sophomore sensation Brendan Hadley. Achieving Dream Team All-State, the young third baseman received all the attention and press, while a classmate of his was busy quietly tearing apart opposing junior varsity teams.

The following season, the lesser-known player once again was left in the shadows of Hadley's hype. Even as he quietly overtook his teammate in virtually every major offensive category, this converted center fielder still received little attention.

But like a stealth cat slowly sneaking up on an unsuspecting mouse, Jon Cervi came from virtually nowhere to put together a phenomenal offensive season that rivaled the one Hadley put together a season ago.

Hitting .527 with eight home runs and 38 runs driven in, the junior also stole eleven bases in twelve attempts, demonstrating his all-around ability. His solid numbers were enough to land him a spot on the all-state second team, as well as all-area and all-KVC first team.

In districts, although his team couldn't make it past a tough Brighton ball club that ended up in the state quarterfinals, Cervi once again demonstrated his offensive prowess. In game one against Howell, he finished 3 for 3 with a home run and three runs batted in, while he hit another bomb in game two against Brighton, part of a 1 for 4 performance.

From the beginning of the year, however, it

wasn't apparent that Cervi would put up any kind of impressive numbers. Batting behind Hadley in the fourth spot as the team's designated hitter, the junior struggled through an early season slump at the plate.

Once he was transplanted ahead of Hadley in the order, he was able to really catch fire and get into a groove. After a brief, unsuccessful stint back in the fourth spot, he quickly moved back to second, where he remained for the remainder of the season.

"I was definitely satisfied with the season," said Cervi. "But the slump in the beginning of the year was frustrating. However, I hadn't played baseball in a year, so it's bound to happen."

By saying he hadn't played baseball in a year, Cervi pointed out that he indeed was one of the game's rarities: he only played high school baseball and refused to play during the summer, instead choosing to concentrate on football.

This dedication to football more than likely helped him, however, as he took the winter off to hit the weights and improve his strength. He credits much of what he accomplished this season to the diligence he displayed in the weight room in the off-season.

"A lot of it goes to weight training," he said. "Probably a lot was me not wrestling and having the whole winter for just lifting and getting a lot stronger."

"I've got to mention Hadley because he helped me with my swing. He put my hands up more and that really helped."

Overall, it was an extremely successful season for Cervi. The junior came from virtually



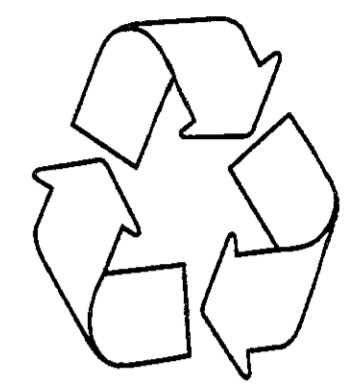
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Although he jumped from third, to fourth, back to second in the batting order, he still batted .527 with eight homers and 38 RBI.

nowhere to shine as one of the state's top players.

Leading a class of returning players that is sure to make some noise in the upcoming season, it appears as though Cervi is just one of the numerous reasons that Novi baseball has a very bright future.

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Novi's big three honored

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Hit seven doubles and three homers. Hardin was an all-district and second-team All-KVC selection.

Shaun Houck—Outfield
Lakeland Junior
 Houck, a junior, started the season at second base, moved to the outfield, and did some pitching along the way.
 "Defensively, he was one of the better outfielders in the league," Lakeland coach Aaron Strand said. "He did a little of everything for us."
 "Houck beat us pitching," Milford coach Jason Melynychek said. "All year he was solid at everything he did, not just in one particular spot."
 Houck hit .292 and had an on-base percentage of close to .500, all the more dangerous given Houck's 13 stolen bases. He had 16 RBI. Houck was a second-team All-KVC honoree.

Evan Edwards—Shortstop
Northville Senior
 An all-around athlete who made the first team last year and was a first-team hockey selection this past winter, Edwards was quite possibly the most valuable player on the Northville team.
 Offensively, defensively, he did it all at one of the toughest defensive positions on the field. As the lead-off hitter, he hit .446, drove in 24 runs while scoring 23 himself. He stole 22 bases as well. For his career, he hit over .440 and was a perfect 41 for 41 in stolen-base attempts.
 "He was extremely valuable to our ball club," Newman said. "He made the routine plays as well as some Major League type plays."

Matt David—Designated Hitter
Milford Junior
 Hurt much of the year, and batting well below the Mendoza Line nearly halfway through the season, David was on fire the rest of the way, peaking with a five-for-five performance in the Redskins' district win against Lakeland.
 A second-team All-KVC selection, despite his slow start David ended up hitting .355.
 "He led us in most everything," Melynychek said.

A. J. Rowe—Pitcher
Novi Junior
 His respectable stick wasn't what worried opponents. It was his devastating fast ball.
 Only a line drive off the shin of Rowe in the districts kept Novi from a district championship over Brighton. The Wildcats finished third in the KVC, thanks in large part to the arm of Rowe, who finished with a 4-2 record and an ERA of 1.80. He struck out 84 batters while

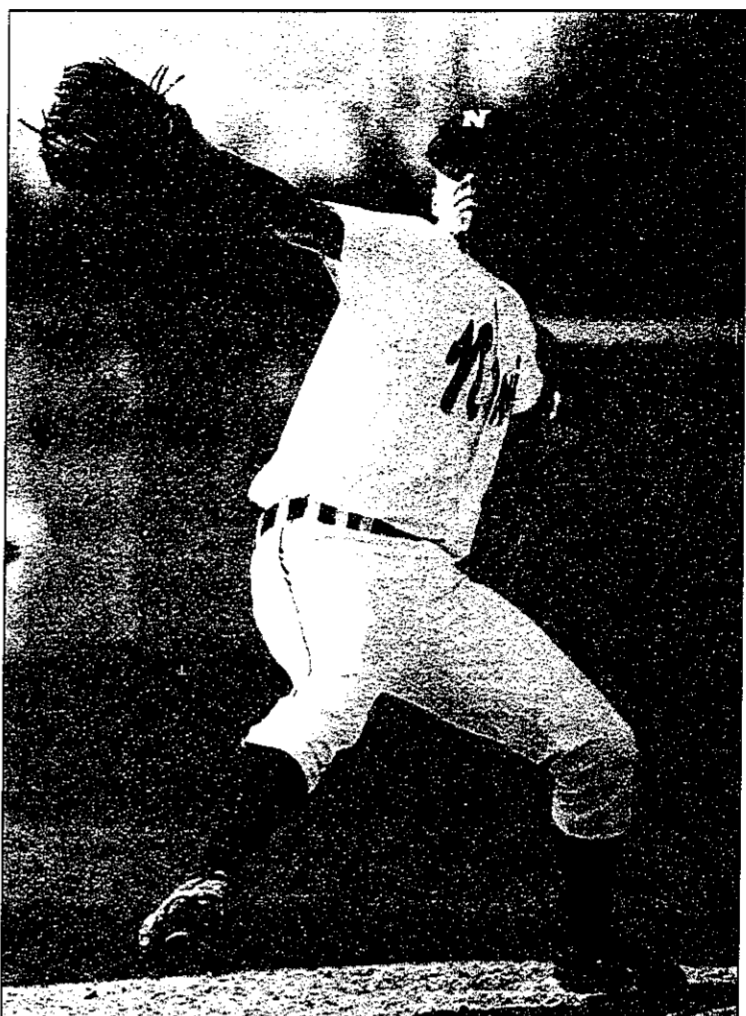


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A. J. Rowe earned praise from area coaches after going 4-2 with a 1.80 ERA in 1999.

allowing just 18 walks. He was as greedy as they come, allowing just 26 hits in 42.2 innings on the mound.

Andy Borda—Pitcher
Northville Senior
 Borda could do it either offensively or on the mound, but it was his 7-2 record and 2.10 ERA

that earned him WAAA first-team honors this season.

He had 70 strikeouts as the ace of the Mustang staff. From the plate, he hit .390.
 "He improved seemingly with every outing," Newman said. "Andy has outstanding control. He lived on the black, and dominated some games on the mound."

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Health Column

Industry needs to be regulated

I realize the truth about certain situations is not always well received. For example, how do these truths sit with you? "Lifestyle and eating habits alone will decide your physical appearance," or "there is nothing you can do to stop the genetic thinning of the hair on top of your head, or grow the hair back." (I am particularly in denial with this one.)



Chris
Klebba

I also realize we as humans do and will always look for the "quick, easy fix," the "magic solution" if you will. But if I hear one more advertisement about the latest super fat trapper, grabber, dissolver, or whatever pill that simply involves ingesting this magic pill and you will be on your way to the body you have always desired, I think I might lose it.

One cannot help to be bombarded with celebrities demonstrating these super pills on TV. Try to listen to the radio longer than 10 minutes without hearing one of the disc jockeys telling us by simply using these type pills, they have lost 20 pounds in two weeks. They are advertised in all the popular magazines, for sale in special kiosks in all the malls, over the Internet, etc., etc., etc.

The supplement industry is not regulated, which simply put means you and I could create a pill and market it any way we want. We could make any and all claims we desire. The need for regulation is a whole other debate.

but the need for more thought and investigation on what we put into our bodies and why, in my opinion, is not.

Human nature to seek the easiest solution, coupled with the overwhelming desire to look better, makes it easy to see how this situation has grown. I will openly admit I have fallen for the super shampoo or cream to add thickness to my decreasing crop of hair, and it is still decreasing. I mean, let's be realistic which option do you like for changing your body? Option A: Take a pill x times per day. Option B: Move more on a regular basis, add some resistance exercise at least twice a week, and alter your eating habits on a consistent basis.

Three problems to consider with Option A (which I know you chose):

- It does not work long term.
- If it did, 55 percent of the American adults would not be classified by the National Institute on Health as carrying so much extra poundage that their weight constitutes a serious threat to their health. If they worked we would all take the pills and have the body we want. It also goes against the way the human body functions. I mean, think about it...eat anything you want and take a pill?
- It places physical appearance above and separate from overall health and wellness.

Do we really want to look good above all concerns for our quality of life and health? Is it not a package to look and feel your best long term? Taking a pill and not creating a healthy lifestyle short circuits this equation. A pill does not address the fact that 60 percent of Americans feel stress is negatively affecting their health. A pill does not address the fact every day millions of older Americans become progressively disabled due to inactivity. A pill

does not address the fact we are moving less now than ever, sitting behind 500 channel super TV's and computers. It also does not address the fact the food industry spends billions of dollars encouraging us to eat more, drink more, and snack every chance we get. American restaurants compete on seeing who can offer the biggest and greatest number of helpings, the fullest portions, and the most gargantuan menus. Teaching our kids to "Super Size" everything for pennies more.

• This pill formula sends the wrong message to our younger generation. Our health care system is riddled with severe problems, spending 30 to 70 percent more on health care than any other industrialized nation in the world (almost \$4,000 per person per year). Ninety-eight to 99 percent of this spending is focused on diagnosis and treatment versus prevention and education. The message of pills versus lifestyle improvement to our young does not move us off this negative path. If we do nothing to change this health care trend, if we do not accept responsibility of our own health and set a positive example for our children, where will health care be in the next 20 years?

The answer for a better body has been, is now, and will continue to be Option B.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club. The Water Wheel is a specialty health club offering a customized combination of elite facilities, support, and guidance to create a unique, fun, fitness experience for adults at any fitness level. For more information, please call (248) 0449-7634.

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The basics of Sports Nutrition

Providence Medical Center, Novi Park: July 12 at 6 p.m.
This class touches on the basics of sports nutrition - fluid and nutrient needs, carbohydrates, protein and fat. \$10.

Facing the Challenge of Alzheimer's

Providence Medical Center, Novi Park: July 21 and 28, from 7-9 p.m.
This two-part series will include an overview of the disease, understanding the behavioral components of the disease and community resources available for caregivers and patients.

For further information and to register for all classes above, call toll free, 1-877-345-5500.

Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay. Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge. Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.

Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes are available. A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Child Health Clinics

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

Healthy Solutions Seminar

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks. All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

Blood pressure checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain the service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center. For more information call (248) 380-4225.

Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free. Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Poss and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause. For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28060 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming. Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

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