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Rouge River Dance

City works to clean up water

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Novi is doing what it can to help clean up the Rouge River, which is notorious for its pollution in the 1960s and 1970s.

As the city at the head of the Rouge River, Novi has been working on several programs designed to reduce pollution through the reduction of storm water runoff and stream-bank stabilization efforts, said Data Management Specialist David Maurice, who is heading up the projects.

"Novi has a very good head start. We are a couple of steps ahead of everybody," Maurice said.

"Our water quality is really good up here."

Cathy Bean, Rouge Remedial Action Plan coordinator for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said Novi has been doing quite a few things to help the Rouge River recently.

"I think Novi has been doing an adequate job, as well as the other partners cleaning up the Rouge," she said.

With its wetlands ordinance and

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Police look into killing of donkey

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

A 12-day-old black donkey was killed Aug. 26 at a Fourteen Mile Road farm.

The foal's head was completely smashed when the owner, Sharon Windsor, found it. According to Carol Geake, a Northville veterinarian who examined the donkey, it appears the animal, which comes from champion stock, was killed by blunt trauma to its head.

Windsor has sent the body to Michigan State University for further testing.

"It's pretty sad. I saw it the day it was born. It was pretty hard to see it in this condition," Geake said.

Windsor said that at approximately 10:30 a.m. Aug. 26, she put her herd of donkeys out into the pasture. She left her home and returned around 4 p.m.

At approximately 7 p.m., she rounded up her donkeys and noticed several of them were miss-

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Seventh grade social studies teacher Pete Cemat helps student navigate through school day.

'The first day went extremely smoothly'

Kids use maps in new school

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

The doors are open. The 1999-2000 school year's bell has rung and seventh and eighth grade students have a place they can call their own, as the new Novi Middle School is primed for education.

With 920 students all entering their \$26 million plus school at once, preparation and last minute adjustments were to be expected during the hectic first days of a new semester.

"Monday was the first time the children were able to set foot into the new building," said Principal Milan Obrenovich.

"I am impressed by how the children responded. The first day went extremely smoothly."

The fluidity of the first day can be traced to the last-minute work Obrenovich and his staff carried out in getting the school ready for the first day of school.

"We wanted to have the building ready for the parents and children — so we didn't allow them to access the building until Monday," Obrenovich said.

"We all worked hard up through Sunday getting the building ready for the first day of school."

To make the first day transition easier for the kids, staff met the children in the buses and out in front of the building, then pro-



Novi Middle School students take the grand tour on Monday.

ceeded to escort them into the smaller gymnasium for an introduction.

Obrenovich said the two grades were then separated where appropriate announcements and teacher introductions were made.

After the introductions, teams of 112 students were formed with four teachers.

While in the team settings, groups of 20 were escorted throughout the building to see where counseling offices, lockers and other student-related amenities were located.

"At the end of the day everyone

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Suburban skates with ice rink deal

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

It's a deal.

After smoothing out some rough spots, the Novi City Council and Suburban Arena Management have agreed on a final contract transferring managerial control of the Novi Ice Arena to Suburban.

Last week the Novi City Council approved a contract with Suburban, with several concerns to be addressed. The council's and Suburban's concerns were hashed out in a meeting Monday morning between Suburban President Tom Anastos and city officials.

The results of these negotiations were then approved by the council in a special session Monday night. As of Tuesday afternoon, Anastos had not seen the approved official contract.

"Assuming what I heard is the case, I think we are prepared to move ahead," he said.

Anastos's concerns came after the Aug. 23 council meeting. He said council members talked a lot about what they wanted to see in the contract, but did not get to his business plan.

He said the contract was only part of the deal and he wanted to make sure issues in the business plan were addressed before he

went forward.

"I look at it this way, when I walked out of the council meeting (Aug. 23) there wasn't a deal in place. There were proposed changes. In addition to that, issues that I brought to the floor (in the business plan) hadn't been addressed at the council meeting," he said.

"I expressed to the city, in order to move forward, the issues of the contract and the business plan needed to be addressed."

His main issues were the Pro Shop, specifically the poor quality of the skate sharpener, and the lack of accounting software.

According to City Manager Ed Kriewall, another issue of importance was who Anastos was dealing with at the city level.

"He wanted to make sure he was dealing just with Dan Davis (Director of Parks and Recreation). We assured him that Davis is the only person he was going to deal with," Kriewall said.

These points were added into the contract Monday night. The contract was changed to include a budget for a new skate sharpener and the software, as well as a capital reserve. The capital reserve will give Suburban the needed

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Lawsuit delays rebuild of Grand River bridge

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

The fight between the City of Novi and the Adell Brothers Children's Funded Trust has caused another construction delay.

Due to the impending lawsuit between the city and the Adells over the proposed taking of Expo Center land, the Oakland County Road Commission was forced to delay reconstruction to next summer of the 1920s-era CSX bridge on Grand River Avenue, just west of Novi Road.

"It was originally scheduled to do this year, but moved in part to coordinate with the City of Novi project. It would make sense to do these projects together," said Craig Bryson, spokesperson for the Oakland County Road Commission.

The road commission will be completely reconstructing the bridge from April to November next year at a price of \$3.2 million. Grand River Avenue will be closed for during the work.

Earlier, the road commission planned to tear the deteriorating structure down in fall 1998. The price tag then was \$2 million. When done, the work is expected to take a full year and convert the

bridge from four lanes of traffic in nine-foot wide lanes to five, 12-foot wide lanes. This would be the biggest road project the county has undertaken.

However, the Adells — owners of the Expo Center property — filed a lawsuit against the City of Novi over the proposed condemnation of some Expo Center land for a road spur. The spur is part of the Crescent Boulevard project, also called the ring road. This road is expected to ease congestion at the Novi Road and Grand River Avenue intersection.

The Adells say the spur is nothing more than a driveway for the neighboring Progressive Tool on Grand River, while the city says there is no other way to engineer the road without the spur.

City Manager Ed Kriewall said without the spur, Progressive Tool would lose all access to any road after reconstruction of the Grand River bridge, adding that the Expo Center is also planning on building a parking lot next to the spur, thus making it useful to another business in the area.

"No other design than this makes sense," Kriewall said.

Once the bridge is torn down,

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Mega-crowd shows up for Megadeth

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

Hundreds of heavy metal rock and roll fans lined the sidewalks Saturday of Novi's Best Buy store, transforming the mega-store parking lot into a concert-like setting.

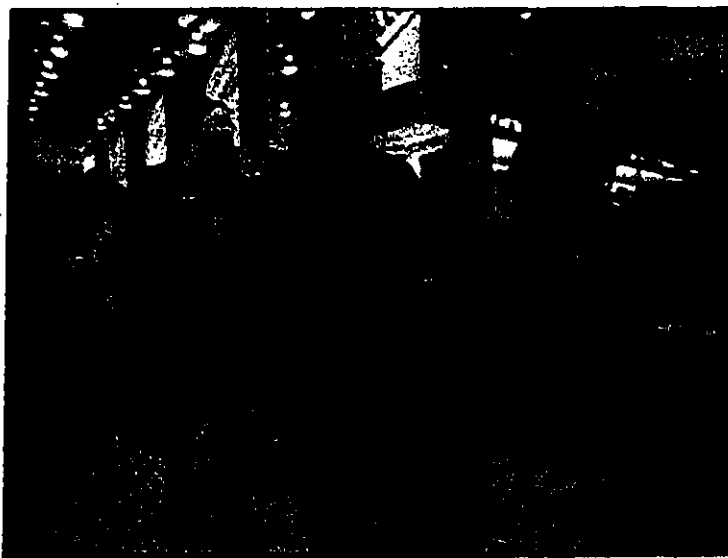
And mega is the key word here. The occasion was a breeze-through town by music icons Megadeth — live for the fans to meet and greet.

"The band is completely awesome," said Jenny Wirtz, 21, of Troy.

"I was able to meet them last year and can't wait to see them again."

Best Buy District Media Manager Gary Cole said Megadeth has been visiting Best Buys in different cities across America promoting Tuesday's release of the band's new compact disk, "Risk."

As part of the promotional tour, the band met with thousands of



Damon Hamms, Leann Peters toted guitars for autographs.

fans, signed autographs and gave away a Jackson V guitar signed by the four members of the band.

Lined up with magazines, T-shirts, pictures, guitars and cameras, the fans eagerly waited out-

side the Haggerty Road Best Buy anticipating their opportunity to meet their rock and roll heroes.

"This is a dream come true," said guitar winner Steve Wallag of Dearborn Heights.

"I have been in line for about 15 minutes — then I was one of the 10 people chosen to move ahead of the line and possibly win the guitar."

"I have never won anything before, this is incredible," Wallag added.

"My birthday was Friday. This is just perfect."

A little luck had Wallag meet the band first, but a hard-core fan like Mike Kowalski of Allen Park prepared for the autograph-signing by spending the night at the front door.

"I am a real big fan so I came out here about 9 p.m.," Kowalski said.

"I have seen the band five times

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Community Calendar

Monday, Sept. 6

Labor Day
City offices closed. Lakeshore Board open from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7

Seniors Meeting
The Novi Senior Center will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the community center of the Novi Civic Center.

Lakeshore Park

Lakeshore Park closes today for the season.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Novi Zoning Board of Appeals meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For information, call 347-4115.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Fair Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2939.

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 344-0608.

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 Tom Sammler, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

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.

Thursday, Sept. 9

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lumbright at 380-6509.

TOPS

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

Novi Parks and Recreation Commission

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For information, call 347-6400.

Monday, Sept. 13

Library Board

The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building, 45245 Ten Mile Road. For information, call 349-0720.

Novi City Council

The Novi City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For information, call 347-0460.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

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Northville School Board

The Northville School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street. For information, call 349-3400.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Novi Senior Variety Show

The Novi Senior Variety Show will be held at 12 noon today at the Novi Civic Center. Lunch will be served. For information, call 347-0400.

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.

Novi Planning Commission

The Novi Planning will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Thursday, Sept. 16

Novi Senior Variety Show

The Novi Senior Variety Show will be held at 12 noon today at the Novi Civic Center. Lunch will be served. For information, call 347-0400.

Youth baseball

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

Fountain ahead

City creates park at Grand River, Novi Road

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Novi's plans to place a fountain on the corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue are a splash and some big bucks away from a reality.

In a special meeting Monday night, the Novi City Council reached a consensus to go forward with a plan to place a \$350,000 fountain on the northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue and create the Novi Millennium Park. The site was the previously the home of an Amoco gas station.

"This would be a focus for the entire community. We are really taking an old gas station and reclaiming it for the community," said Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall.

The fountain is composed of three water jets shooting water up to 12 feet in the air on a platform raised about eight feet above a lower pool of water. The lower pool will have six additional "bubbler" jets that can shoot water about six feet in the air. The entire structure

will be illuminated and have the City of Novi symbols adorning it.

During the winter the jets can be turned off, and the park area can be used for winter activities, such as Christmas light displays.

The highly-visible corner has undergone an extensive environmental clean-up. In the early 1990s, it was cited by the Department of Environmental Quality for leaking underground storage tanks, the result of many decades of gas station operations on the land.

Kriewall said the park the fountain will be located in will be completely developed and paid for by AETNA, which is building three new businesses nearby in Novi Town Center.

AETNA will also pay for all maintenance costs to the fountain. In addition, AETNA will donate about \$40,000 to the fountain itself. The city must pay for the rest.

This deal was made by the city with AETNA. In exchange, AETNA was allowed to expand the Town Center's site plan to add restaurants and a store to the site.

According to Kriewall, the additional cost to the city can be raised through the sale of brick pavers that will surround the fountain. Corporations or families can have their names inscribed on the bricks and placed around the fountain to be viewed by visitors for many years, he said.

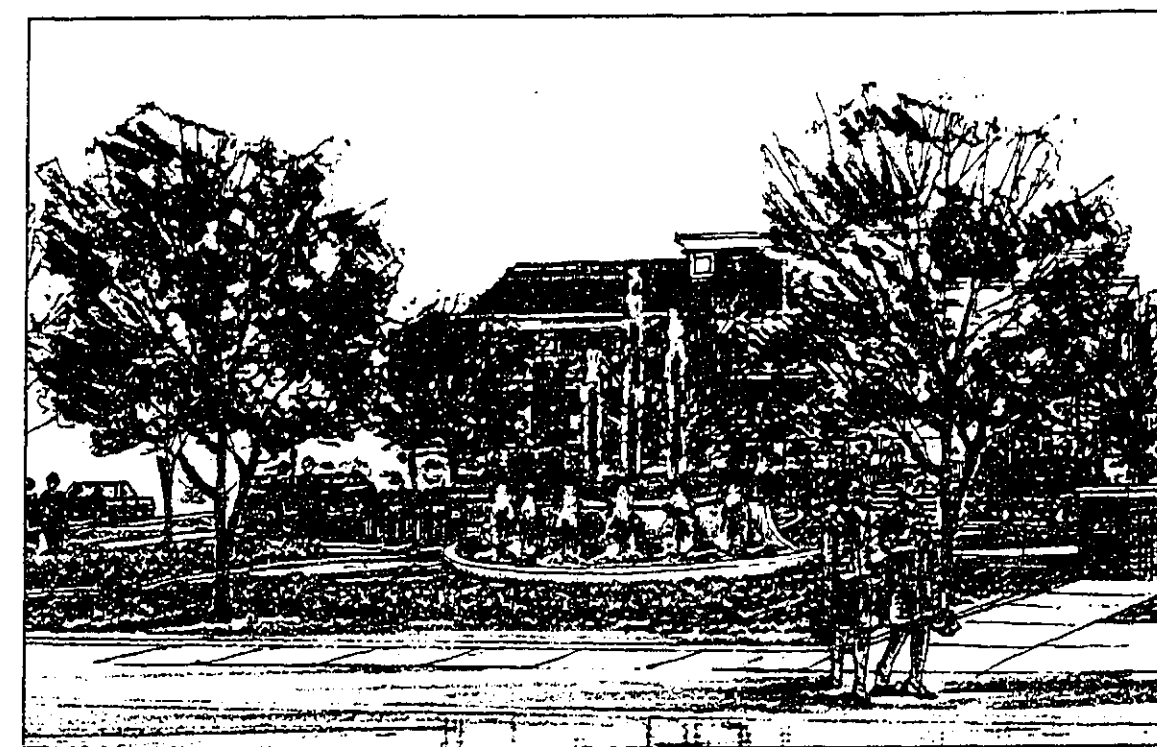
Kriewall is confident the city could have the cost of the fountain covered through the sale of these bricks within two years.

"Earlier this week we had a preliminary meeting with a number of representatives from community groups and we got a lot of positive feedback," Kriewall said.

The city could start marketing the bricks within the next 60 days, he added.

The fountain may be constructed by next summer. Council Member Kathy Match said it is important to emphasize the idea for a municipal fountain is as old as the Town Center.

The current idea for a fountain



The City of Novi plans to create a fountain and park on old gas station property.

Candidate forum is scheduled

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Candidate Forum for City of Novi council and mayoral candidates Sept. 22.

The two mayoral candidates and six council candidates will be asked to describe their vision of the City of Novi in the year 2010 and how to best go about getting from

the present to that vision. They will also be asked to address any roadblocks. Candidates will be asked to describe the strengths they can bring to the position.

The forum held at the Novi Expo Center will begin at 7 p.m. Reservations are not required; for information call (248) 349-3743.

Brake is hit on spate of north Novi vehicle break-ins

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

The crime-fighting tactics of the residents of the Harbor Cove and the Novi Police Department just might have worked.

Harbor Cove homeowner Ame Kernsen said since the Novi police captured a local man for breaking into automobiles a few weeks ago and held an Aug. 19 meeting with residents, there have not been any other break-ins.

A warrant is still pending from

the Oakland County Prosecutor's office for charges on the break-ins. Police have not given any further details on the case.

Kernsen added that while the neighborhood is not going to start a neighborhood watch — as was originally considered — residents are becoming aware of what is going on around them.

"We are just keeping our eyes open. If something is out of place or suspicious, we will report it," she said.

Novi Police Det. Pat Fanning said the meeting between the residents and the police went very well.

He said officers were able to give residents plenty of tips to keep themselves and their property safe.

"Our goal is to make someone as unattractive a target to crime," Fanning said.

The biggest way to achieve the goal is to make every effort to take all valuables from vehicles when they're not in use, he said.

phones and radar detectors should all be removed from vehicles when parking them for the night.

In addition, people should always remember to lock their vehicles at night, Fanning said.

This will deter casual thieves looking for an unlocked vehicle. He said car owners who remove valuables from a car before parking it overnight will offer a reward of \$100 for information that leads to a thief nothing to take, even if the car is left unlocked.

Fanning also encouraged people

to leave their porch lights on to further deter criminals from breaking into vehicles.

"Lots of time people have a pretty good sense something is up. If something seems odd to you, it probably is. Call us. If it turns out unfounded, that's OK," Fanning said.

Jeremy McBain's email is jmcbaib@ht.homecom.net.

Road work to be suspended

Oakland County Road Commission Managing Director Brent Bair announced this week that all county road and bridge projects will be suspended on Friday at 3 p.m. to accommodate Labor Day holiday drivers.

Work will begin again on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 6 a.m. Bair has also banned the hauling of heavy equipment, such as earth-movers during

the long weekend.

"The road commission wants to ensure that its roads are as free of obstructions as possible during this period because of the

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Robber uses stolen bank checks

A 39-year-old Detroit man was arrested by Birmingham police for stealing several cashier checks from a Birmingham bank and using them throughout the area in a fit of rage.

Police News

IDENTIFICATION
An officer on patrol observed the man's vehicle driving with its license plate obstructed and expired.
The officer conducted a traffic stop. On contact the officer saw marijuana along the rubber lining on the driver's door.
The driver said he dumped a bag of marijuana on the window as the officer was following him. He said he did smoke marijuana earlier but was not high at the time.
The driver was unable to produce identification, registration for his vehicle or insurance proof.

FITTING ROOM WATCHING

A 15-year-old Birmingham boy was arrested around 3 p.m. Aug. 29 in Lord & Taylor for shoplifting after an employee observed her in the fitting room attempting to conceal some shirts.

The employee observed the girl as she selected some merchandise and entered the fitting room. While in the fitting room, the employee watched as the girl tried on a pair of pants and two shirts.

After done so, she tore off the tags on the shirts and put them into a shopping bag.

She was apprehended as she exited the store.

FITTING ROOM WATCHING II

A 14-year-old Walled Lake girl was arrested Aug. 23 at Huron's in the Twelve Oaks Mall for shoplifting after an employee observed her in the fitting room attempting to conceal some shirts.

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PICKPOCKET

Someone stole a cellular phone from a man's pocket around 2 p.m. Aug. 26 in Twelve Oaks Mall.

The man said he was standing in the aisle at a jewelry counter and put his cellular phone in the back pocket of his baggy pants.

He said he received a page and reached into his pocket to retrieve his phone about two minutes later and it was missing.

POT POUR

A 26-year-old Walled Lake man was arrested around 9 p.m. Aug. 27 near the intersection of Berk and West roads for possession of marijuana and failure to produce

Mongolian eatery opens

BD's Mongolian Barbeque will finally heat up its seven-foot round grill on Novi's Main Street on Friday.

After much anticipation and delays in construction and opening, the Mongolian style eatery will open its doors for a lunchtime crowd.

Owner Billy Downs lives in Novi and has eagerly awaited opening his popular restaurant chain on Main Street.

"We're excited to be a part of the synergy of Novi," he said. "We're a perfect match with Novi."

Lunch is served until 4 p.m. with three options: a single bowl of stir-fry for \$6.95, with added salad and soup buffet for \$8.95 and an all you can eat deal for \$9.95. Dinner is \$11.95 for all you can eat.

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Someone slashed all four tires of a man's vehicle sometime between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. Aug. 26 as it was parked on the 43000 block of Nine Mile Road.

The owner of the vehicle said he believes a former co-worker and tenant is responsible for the tire flattening.

He said the man is upset with him because he evicted him from one of his rental properties last month as a result of the former tenant being behind on his rent for several months.

The suspect had previously called the man and threatened to damage his vehicle.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Show biz kids

Auditions will be held at the Novi Civic Center on Sept. 21 and Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. for The Novi Theatres production of "A Christmas Carol."

The play will be a joint effort of Performance Plus, ages 13 to college and Children's Annex, ages 10 to 12. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 if they are cast in a role.

The holiday production will be staged Dec. 10, 11 and 12. For information, call 347-0400.

Economic Summit

The Novi Expo Center project, a new mall, the road system and other major development projects will be discussed at the third Novi Chamber of Commerce and City of Novi Economic Summit on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Light refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting to begin at 6 p.m. and last until 7:30 p.m. It will meet in conference rooms A, B and C of the Novi Civic Center located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road.

Other topics include the Beck Road interchange and highlights of the recent success stories in Novi development. For more information please call the Novi Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-3743.

City rolls into Rouge River clean-up

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soil erosion ordinances. Bean said Novi has some standards that other communities don't.

Recently, she said, Novi received a storm water permit from the DEQ, allowing the city to further create programs to help the Rouge.

Novi has already been awarded about \$1 million in grants for programs to help clean up the river, making it possible to implement them without raising residential water fees.

City officials are currently looking for more ways to clean up the river and are working with developers and builders to get their cooperation.

Currently, Novi has received grants for stream bank stabilization projects designed to reduce erosion along the Rouge River and an emergency operation plan in conjunction with the Novi Fire Department.

The plan will design a procedure city and fire officials can use if a large amount of a pollutant is spilled into the water system.

The goal of this project is to raise public awareness about water management and preventing pollution.

With the GIS, the storm sewer system can be mapped and developed into an informational tool for the public that shows them where pollutants

"We want to make sure the water leaving our community is just as clean as it is coming in."

Tony Nowicki,
Novi Director of Public Services

Halm Schlick said the city is also working on a soil erosion control blanket for construction.

This blanket can be rolled onto stream banks undergoing construction, thus protecting the bank from erosion while it is vulnerable.

Currently, the normal process for protecting a stream bank under construction is done by putting straw bales down and a silt fence.

If this blanket approach is successful, Novi will be looking an employing it as the normal method, Schlick said.

The city is also working on a geographic information system that shows storm drain systems.

The goal of this project is to raise

could be gone.

While Novi has been in the lead in designing pollution controls into the Rouge River, Maurice said all of the other communities must comply for the pollution stopping efforts to truly work.

"If every community is adding pollutants to the river, the pollution will get worse further down river, Maurice said.

"We want to make sure the water leaving our community is just as clean as it is coming in," Novi Director of Public Services Tony Nowicki said.

These projects Novi has designed to help clean the river are the key to this happening, he explained.

Communities across the U.S. are watching what is being done to save the Rouge River, Maurice said.

If these programs work, they can not only be used on the Rouge, but on rivers nationwide.

Jeremy McBain's email is jmcbaib@tch.hometel.net.

Novi staffer Dave Maurice at a branch of Rouge River.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Fans are heavy into the metal sounds of Megadeth

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before and this will be my third time meeting them."

Along with Rowalski, two other fans spent the evening outside anticipating their brief moment with Megadeth.

Andrew Dervartanian, 21, of Canton and Stephen Eadeh, 21, of Dearborn Heights said throughout the long evening, people would drive by and scream at them from their cars.

"We wouldn't have been out here if we didn't love the band," Dervartanian said.

"I am so tired right now but I can't wait to meet the band. I'm not sure what I'll say to them — I think I'll be star struck."

The screams from passing cars changed into camaraderie, as waiting fans shared stories of past concerts, songs they love and their beliefs on what the future holds for Megadeth.

"I got here at 7 a.m. after driving for about an hour," said Chuck Grandmason of Mt. Clemens.

"If time allows, I am hoping to get my picture with Dave Mustaine. I am not one of those crazy fans that stalks bands and stuff — I just



Photo by TOM HIBBLEN

Members of the heavy metal band Megadeth sign autographs for fans at the Best Buy store.

want to have a picture for my memory to put into a scrapbook."

Best Buy computer technician Danny Ayoub said the Megadeth autograph signing was a lot of fun.

"The crowd has been pretty

relaxed, but there has been some interesting people out there."

Ayoub said.

Novi schools increase the price of hot cafeteria lunches

The Novi Community School District has approved an increase in lunch prices for the secondary schools in the district. The last time prices were increased in the

district was six years ago.

"We wanted to increase the quality of our foods for the children," said food service director JoAnn Clements. The kids are becoming

more savvy and want the same kinds of foods they can get at a restaurant. The children are the customers and we want to keep them happy."

The three-tiered lunch program will raise its price from \$1.75 to \$2.

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As We See It

City cruises ahead with plans to clean Rouge

This is a tale that goes so far back it seems like close competition for The Tower Building Story.



Government

In 1977, the federal Environmental Protection Agency sued 48 communities, including Novi, for contaminating the Rouge River. But of course it didn't all begin then.

Many of us growing up in this area in the 1940s and 1970s — kids fishing for minnows or grabbing at spring peepers in the Rouge — have always thought of the river as dirty water. We believed our moms when they said don't drink the water of the Rouge River, which is really not much more than a creek in most areas.

Nothing blocks traffic like parades



Jan Jeffres

Good news, folks. When we all head for the open roads this weekend, some of them will actually be open, at least in Oakland County. Over Labor Day weekend, all construction on county roads will be suspended on Friday at 3 p.m. until 6 a.m., next Tuesday.

I thought I was clever to take the next road north, but how wrong I was. My vehicle then crammed into a narrow street with all the existing parade vehicles. A contingent of grumpy-looking Shriners in red fezzes and driving little one-man purple cars cruised past in the opposite direction, while my lane came to a standstill. Fire engines and super-wide trucks blocked the way.

I headed north again, reaching another city block. There, traffic was slowed by a cavalcade of happy-looking Shriners in little white cars and trolleys full of jolly melon lovers. This is not a total loss, I told myself, because I've learned something. Little white cars must be more fun to drive than little purple cars. By the time I got out to the outlet mall, I barely had the strength left to pull out my credit card. Only through sheer will power was I able to reach a state of insolvency. Then, I had no choice but to venture back onto I-96. That, or brave the call of the melons. It'll be better heading back towards Novi, I thought.

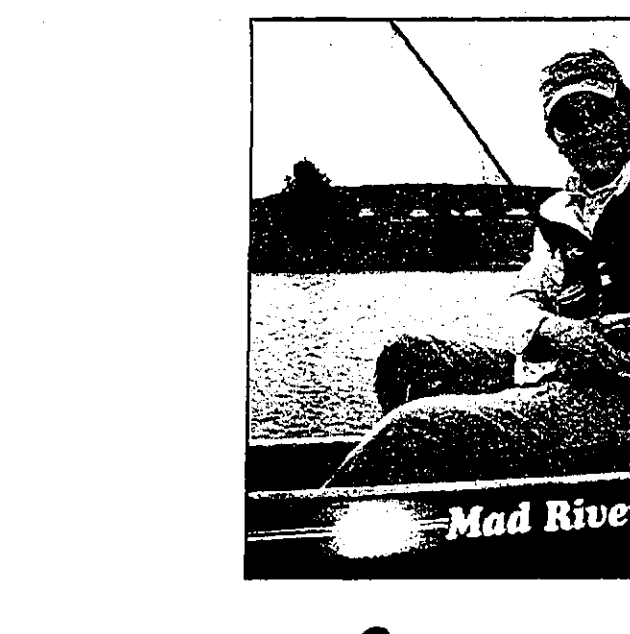
City cruises ahead with plans to clean Rouge

But that polluted image is changing, thanks to the pressure the federal government has slowly, but surely, brought to bear.

Novi is quite far upstream on the Rouge and the city from the beginning has taken a stand that it does not want to pay for the sins of others farther downstream, especially heavy industries. You can hardly fault city officials for this stance.

In Focus

By John Heider



John Speiss III shows off a brown trout he caught in Spring Mill pond earlier this year.

Summer pleasures



John Speiss III shows off a brown trout he caught in Spring Mill pond earlier this year.

Killing of miniature donkey should be taken seriously

Something really ugly happened last week in the Fourteen Mile Road/Hagerty area.

A 12-day-old pet miniature donkey, the product of champion stock, was violently killed. The little animal's head was bashed in, to the horror of its owner, Sharon Windsor.

Trying on clothes for an audience



Jeremy McBain

Abandon all privacy, ye who enter Twelve Oaks Mall. Perhaps this should be the sign above every entrance to the mall, because as soon as you walk in you are being watched electronically and in person.

But innocent shoppers do have some protection. According to a state law, it is a federal offense to observe anyone in a private place, including a dressing room, without their knowledge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer.

GOP tax cut a windfall for rich



Phil Power

When Michigan Sen. Spencer Abraham and his fellow Republicans passed the \$792 billion tax cut last month, they thought they had a winner.

After all, there's nothing better than trumpeting your support for a tax cut, especially if you're a first-term GOP senator facing re-election. And Abraham didn't waste a minute after the final vote, going on a 13-day bus tour through 27 Michigan communities and attacking his opponent, Rep. Debbie Stabenow, as a liberal whose support for outrageous spending and high taxes led to lost jobs and big government.

Abraham claims the big tax cut will lead to an even bigger government surplus, as lower taxes stimulate economic growth that leads to more tax receipts. And he argues that the government surplus, estimated by some to be as high as \$3 trillion over the next 10 years, ought to be returned to the taxpayers.

Taft Road upgrade going too slow

To the Editor:

What's taking so long to pave Taft from Ten Mile to Nine Mile Road?

Paving I-275 from I-696 to Eight Mile took less time and I suspect the pyramids of Egypt were even quicker.

In addition, let me say that I fully agree with "Get Out And Vote This Fall" by Kathy Mitch. If you are not a registered voter, get registered.

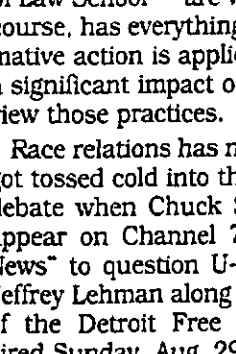
Letters

What happened to supervision? Are these city workers or contractors? If so, why not a bond to guarantee completion in a timely manner?

"No to Charter Amendment" was missing one three-letter word that made all the difference in the meaning of the seven paragraphs that preceded the final paragraph.

If you think that you may not be in town on election day, get an absentee ballot. You are the only person who can take responsibility for having your opinion heard by voting on November 2.

Affirmative action process flawed



Mike Malott

I'm notoriously bad at predicting how the courts will rule, in any given case, so I should be listening to that little inner voice telling me to keep my mouth shut. Here goes anyway...

Lehman is eager to get this matter before a judge because he strongly believes it's a winner. He puts up a convincing argument for the need to continue affirmative action programs. Race is still a factor in American society, he says, and it still impacts how minority students do at school and in their lives.

What bothers me is that at the law school, there is no point scale, no attempt to quantify the admissions process at all. Lehman defends that. The number of applicants to the law school is small enough — 3,500 each year for a total of 340 seats — so that administrators can review each file individually.

Colonial festival planned for October

Forget all that stuff about the new millennium.

Also sponsored by Wayne County Parks, the event will take place Oct. 10-13 in Cass Benton Park on Hines Drive in Northville and will offer festival-goers a look at local lifestyles from 1700 to 1796, when our region was inhabited by Native Americans, French and British colonials and even some of those upstart new Americans.

O'Connell said that since Greenfield Village has canceled its Colonial Festival, the time was right to muster the troops of reenactors here.

Schools to tackle problems with fields

As current construction for the Novi schools nears completion, questions have arisen about the conditions of the fields of two elementary schools.

Orchard Hills and Village Oaks Elementary Schools are having problems with their playground fields. Parents are concerned about their children's safety and want the field conditions from a turf specialist from Michigan State University.

Fanning/Hokev Associates, Inc. and A.J. Etkin Company are the two main architect and construction companies working on the construction of the different Novi school projects.

Novi Chamber golf outing to aid cancer research

The Douglas Sheaffer Charity Golf Classic to benefit cancer research and treatment will tee off Sept. 23 at the Links of Novi.

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Josh Woods, center, Kelie Black right, and a friend carefully scan a map of the new school.

Middle school maze Kids learn way around building

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met in the big gym and it was our way to show the kids we are one big unit — a whole family," Obrenovich said.

"We want everyone to know that we are all in the same boat — wandering and learning the building together."

Obrenovich said the new school was designed to have the buses in one distinct area and the parking and visitor areas in another.

"The buses and staff parking are on the east side of the building off of Eleven Mile Road," he said.

"The west side, closest to Wixom Road is the area to drop off the students and where visitors can park."

As the new school, staff and students work through the first days of a new facility, Obrenovich said the transitional process will be on-going.

"We are still finishing up some projects and fine-tuning some other things," he said.

"The kids have even been helping



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Students take tour of exterior at the new Novi Middle School.

because this is their home too. The feedback from the kids have been extremely positive. They are impressed with the building."

Hazardous Waste day cancelled, hauling firm under investigation

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Hazardous materials from Novi residents may have been dumped into the Detroit sewer system.

A federal investigation is underway on City Environmental, Inc., Novi's contractor for hazardous waste disposal. The company allegedly pumped untreated haz-

ardous liquids into the Detroit sewer system for two years and dumped materials in a Van Buren landfill.

Because of this, the city has broken off its relationship with City Environmental and canceled the Novi Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day that was scheduled for Sept. 18.

"In that the alleged actions by City Environmental, Inc. are serious and contrary to the goals of our program, a continued relationship does not appear to be in the best interests of the city," stated Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki in a Aug. 26 letter.

According to Nowicki, the city is considering contracts with other

companies and the collection day would be rescheduled for late November or early December.

Nowicki said he was very disappointed that he had to cancel the hazardous waste collection day.

"That has been a very positive program in the city. It gives residents a chance to not only drop off wastes, but get to know the people

that work for the city," he said.

During the collection, representatives from every city department would be on hand to meet with residents and answer their questions.

"It was sort of like an open house," he said.

City Council member Laura Lorenzo said she was very pleased with Nowicki's response to the

investigation of City Environmental.

"I called him and thanked him," she said.

As for the allegations against City Environmental, Lorenzo said she was "angered and saddened that a company would deceive and have no regard for the environment."

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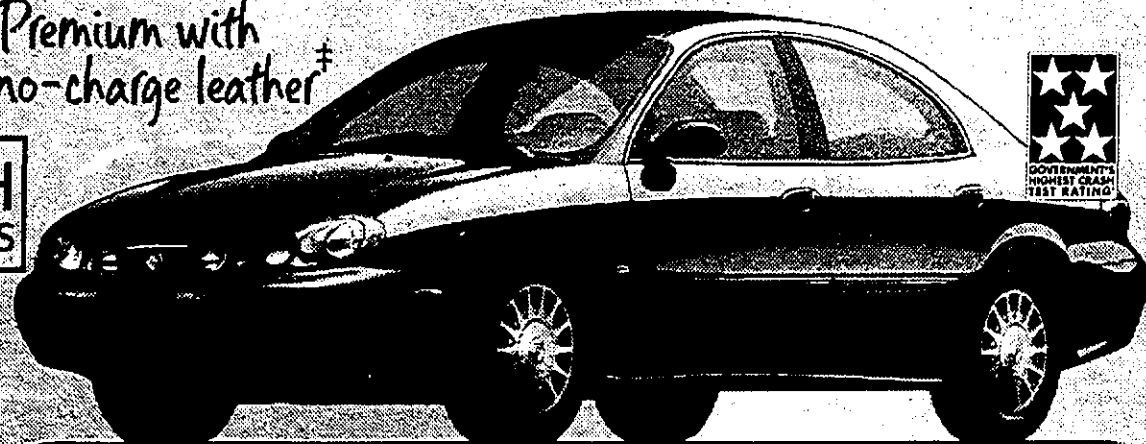
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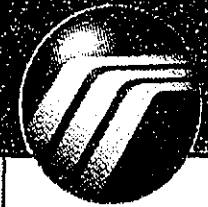
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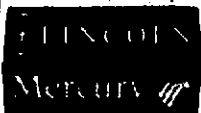
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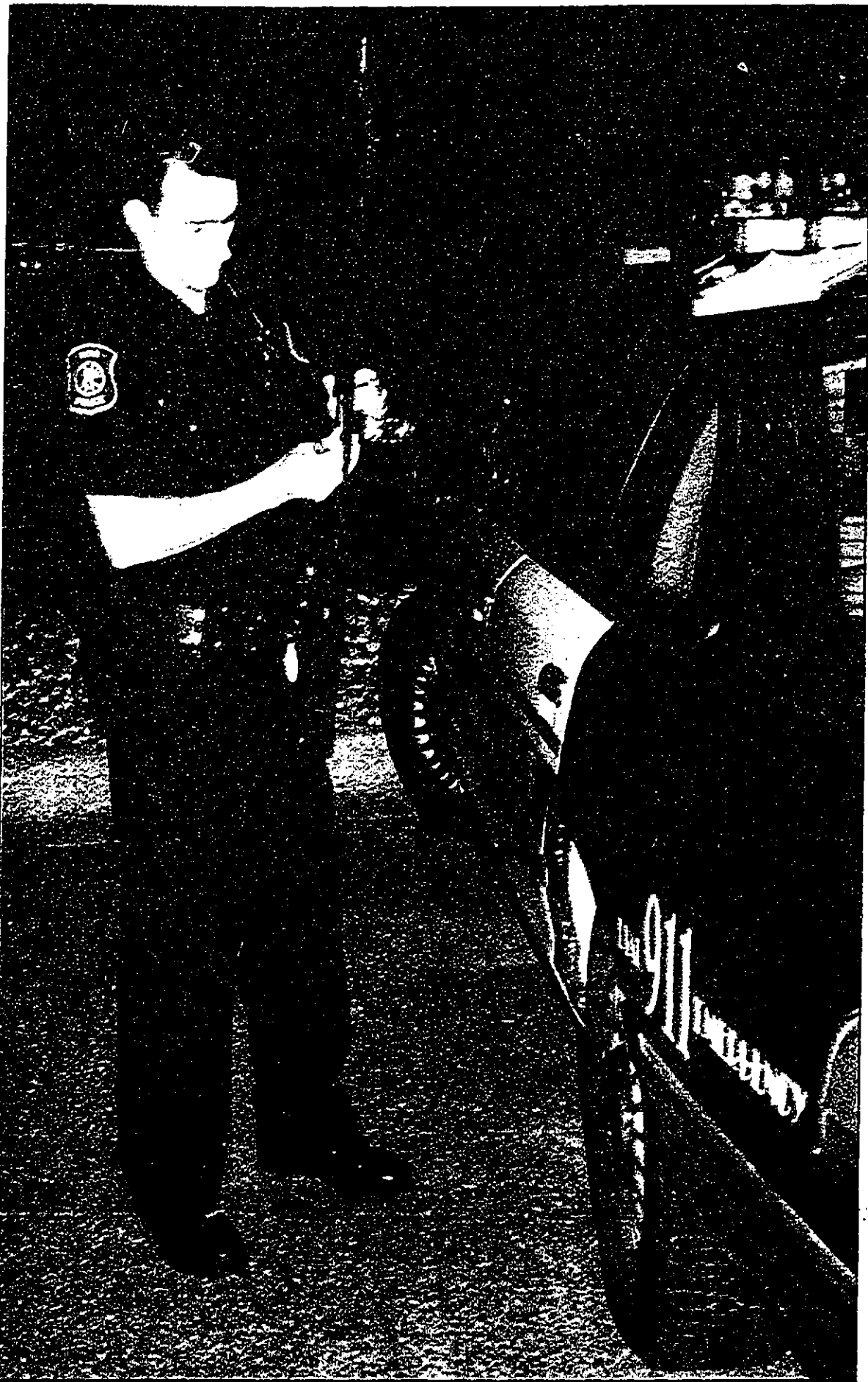
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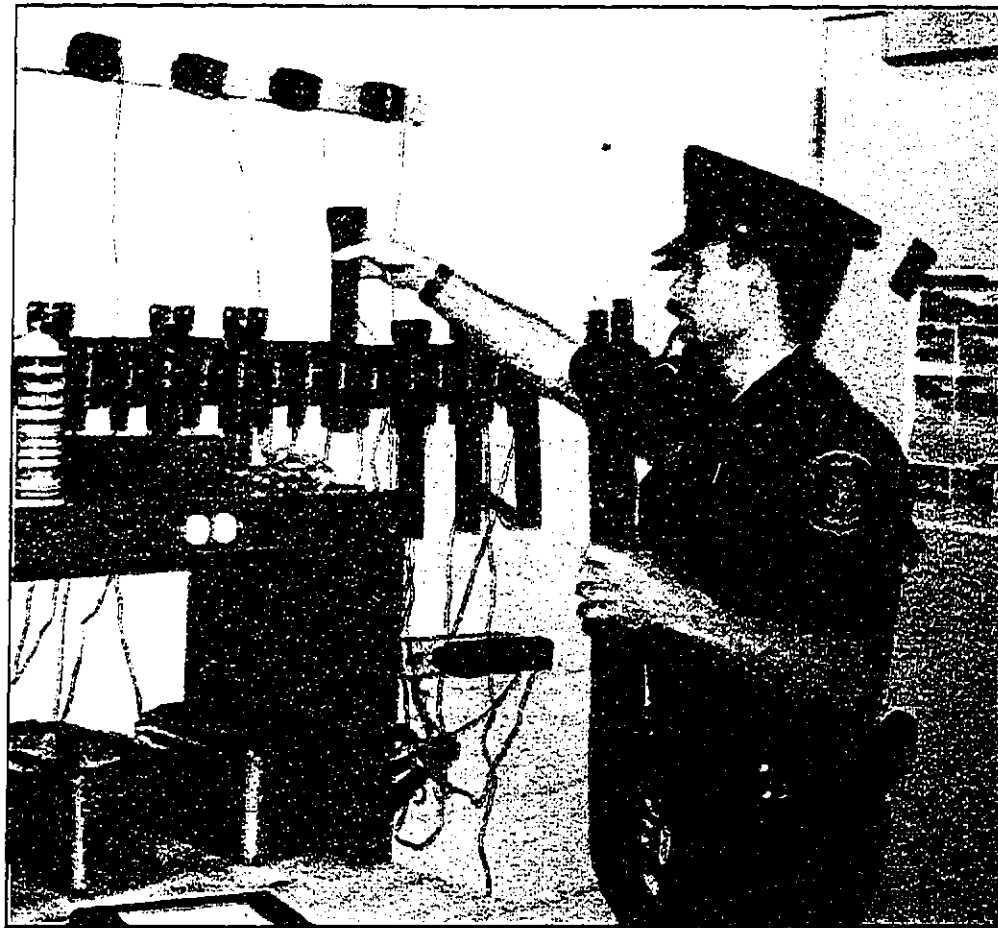
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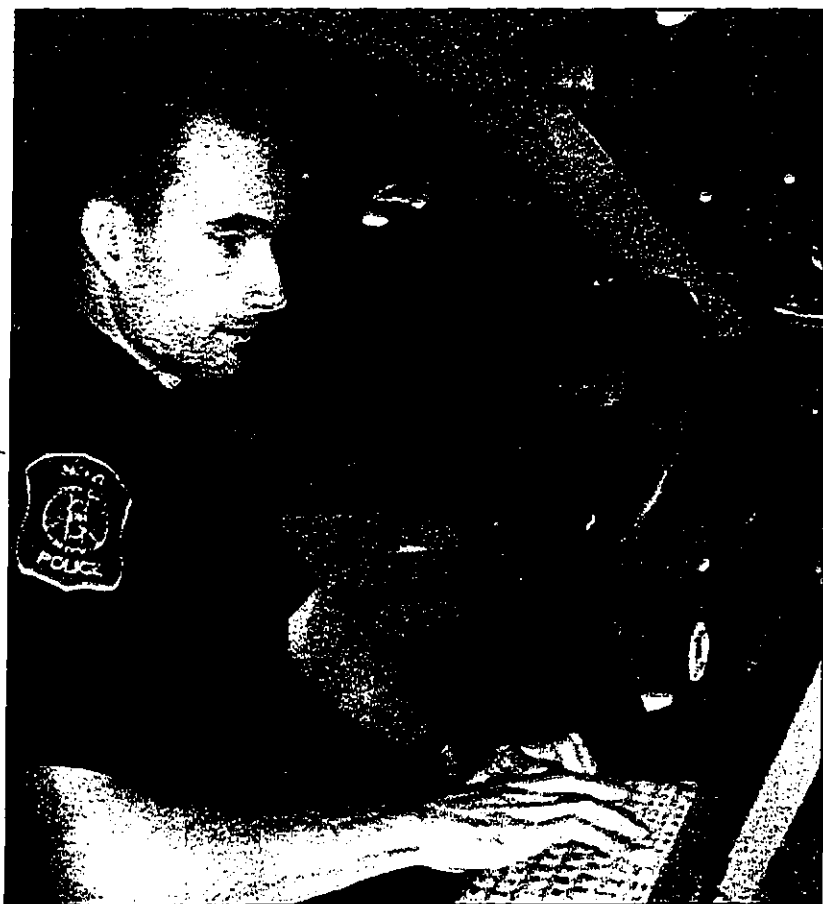
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No matter what the night, there's always a chance of trouble. Officer Jim Brandon prepares for that unfortunate reality by taking a shotgun along with him while he's on patrol.



Preparing for a night out on Novi's roads, Brandon selects a flashlight from the stockroom.



Off. Jim Brandon communicates via patrol car computer with dispatchers and with other patrol officers on the road.

A night in the life...

Our reporter spends the evening with the Novi Police

Story and photos by Jeremy McBain

Not much is true on television. I quickly learned this, especially with regards to television police.

The real life of a police officer is extremely varied. Some nights, the officer could find himself running from one call for help to the next. Other nights could be extremely quiet, without even a speeding driver to contend with.

This was the case Aug. 20, when I accompanied Novi Police Officer Jim Brandon from 7 to 11 p.m. as he patrolled the southwest corner of the city.

The evening started with a meeting with Sgt. Matthew Conquest, who explained what the start of an officers shift was. Since I was coming in during the middle of a shift, I would not get a chance to see this.

When an officer comes into work, they must first be briefed on what has been happening in the city that day. Conquest said this briefing takes anywhere from five to 15 minutes.

After finding out the latest news from the outgoing officers, Conquest said the officer then prepares his assigned car for duty. The officer checks the fluid levels, lights and general running of the vehicle, as well as stocks it with equipment such as his shotgun and paperwork.

After getting my own little briefing from Conquest, I met Brandon, who had just found out I would be riding along with him.

The officer had come back into the station from his patrol to work on some brief paperwork for a crime he was investigating.

"Paperwork is a big part of the job," he said.

But thanks to the latest in computer technology, Brandon was able to write all of his reports inside of his patrol vehicle. Getting us out on the road where he could keep an eye on his assigned section of the city.

"It's nice. It keeps us on the roads in Novi and saves time," Brandon said.

Getting into the car, I was amazed at how much equipment could be fit inside one vehicle. On the dash was the radar



Jim Brandon's day begins at the same time most people's is ending. He works the night shift for the Novi Police Department.

detector, a laptop computer sat between both front seats and various types of radios and other electronic equipment took the place of an arm rest between the front seats.

To top all this equipment off was the placement of a menacing black shotgun, on a Plexiglas wall behind our heads that separated the front of the vehicle from the back.

The back seat of the vehicle was a cold sight. Instead of the cushioned seats in the front, the back seats were made of a hard black plastic. There were no locks and no handles on the inside back doors and the door could only be opened from the outside.

The backseat was basically a traveling jail cell.

After I took a look at what I would be riding in for the next four hours, Brandon started up the car and we were off, patrolling the city.

Instantly, I noticed the behavior of other vehicles on the road. As soon as they saw the police car, drivers immediately slowed down, even if they were already traveling at the speed limit.

"I'm not going to stop them if they are

going a little over the speed limit," Brandon said as he clocked the vehicles traveling around him.

Each time a vehicle passed his patrol car, the radar issued a loud alarm and gave a reading of the vehicle's speed. The faster a vehicle was traveling, the louder the radar alarm was.

This evening, the vehicles were not traveling too far over the speed limit.

Brandon's evening is spent basically driving around his section of the city looking for trouble and stopping it. He tries to drive every road and visit every subdivision, even the subdivisions under construction.

"I never though anyone could steal big construction equipment, until someone stole a bulldozer from a construction site in Novi," he said, half laughing. The thief was captured as he tried to sell the bulldozer to an undercover officer.

Brandon's patrols also make him more visible to the residents and any criminals that may be lurking in Novi. If the police are highly visible, there is a chance that this could stop a crime before it even happens, he said.

During this tour-of-duty in Novi, I also

had a chance to talk to Brandon and learn a little about a Novi police officer.

Brandon has been with the Novi police for three years. Before that, he was an officer in Detroit.

During his service in Detroit, Brandon saw the darker side of crime. He saw the aftermath of drive-by shootings and the death they caused, the effects of drugs and half-decomposed bodies in alleyways.

On a lighter note, he said saw the weirdest sight of his career while on patrol in Detroit. It happened when he came across a stolen Mustang convertible parked in an alleyway.

The entire car had been stripped. Its tires, its engine, the doors — everything was gone. Except for the steering wheel, with the anti-theft device "The Club" still attached. Brandon laughed.

While he saw a lot in Detroit, things are definitely different in Novi, he said.

The first difference Brandon said he noticed was people actually waved at him.

"I thought that was strange," he said.

He also pointed to the large amount of wildlife that roams through Novi, saying it is not uncommon to have three or four deer cross the road in front of his patrol car.

But by far, the biggest difference is the Novi police department gives its officers better equipment. For example, in Detroit, Brandon had to sign out a shotgun and supply his own shells for it. Plus, he could never be sure he had a fully charged radio.

Sometimes, when an officer was called to a scene by dispatch, the officer never arrived, because the batteries in his radio were dead and he never heard the call, Brandon said.

Brandon and I continued to patrol the southwest corner of Novi, stopping only for his brief dinner break.

The night remained quiet and we only saw the large luxurious homes in Novi and smiles from residents strolling through their subdivisions.

Brandon was quick to point out that it is not always like this. Sometimes it seemed that everything happens a hour before his shift is over, he joked.

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Business

Business leaders will be invited to attend the annual Chamber of Commerce program for persons interested in a home-based business network on Sept. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Representatives from several phone systems, including Excel Communications, Omnipoint, and WaterTel, Inc. to explain their systems, with a question-and-answer session to follow. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to the Chamber at (248) 349-3743.

There is no charge to Chamber members, but there is a fee of \$5 for non-members.

Another meeting sponsored by the Chamber with the city of Novi is the Economic Summit III on Sept. 15 at the Novi Civic Center's conference rooms A,B,C and D. A reception is scheduled at 5:30 p.m., with the actual summit taking place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Topics will include the Novi Expo Center, the Ramco-Gershon project, Providence Park Place and M-5, the Beck Road interchange, and a celebration of Novi's successes. Reservations are required to attend.

The business education committee of the Chamber has made arrangements for a small business employment forum on Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The theme: "Is It Time To Make A Change In Your Staffing Strategies?" The seminar will discuss information on attracting, hiring and retaining quality employees.

Maybury Park Chamber hosts business seminar

Maybury Park is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is free. A state park annual vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. Additional information about programs or facilities may be obtained by calling the park at (248) 349-8294.

FARM STORIES: September's Storytime topic is "Barney and the Farm." The story group meets in the farm demonstration building, Sept. 11 at 11 a.m.

SEPTEMBER BIRD HIKE: The monthly bird identification hike group meets Sept. 11 at 8 a.m. at the university building. The group seeks to identify and tag birds in the park. Binoculars are recommended.

ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST: Maybury will present its annual honey harvest on Sept. 11 and 12 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Meet at the farm demonstration building for presentations of honey extraction and beekeeping.

HORSEDRAWN HAYRIDES: Hayrides at the farm are back. For a nominal fee, rides through the farm's fields and trails are available. Trips are available each weekend beginning Sept. 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

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Novi Highlights

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
It will be a busy day at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, Sept. 12 with Rally Day activities, including the introduction of new minister of music Patrick Kuhl. He has held similar positions at Fort Street Presbyterian Church of Detroit and Royal Oak Congregational Church for the past 22 years. Minister of music emeritus Ray Ferguson expressed happiness with the new of Kuhl's selection, as he had been Kuhl's organ instructor.

NOVI PARKS AND RECREATION
The new autumn brochure outlining programs available to the community was made available. Residents can start planning activities for themselves or their family members. The brochure is especially helpful for those who have recently moved to the community. It described many services available through the Novi Civic Center.

Special programs are available, starting with the Paint, Pass and Kick Competition on Sept. 18. The event begins at 10 a.m. at Novi Community Park near Eight Mile and Napier roads. Another special event is the mother-sun dance, "1960's Blast From the Past," on Oct. 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available now, but none will be sold at the door.

A Halloween trip to Cedar Point for teens has been scheduled for Oct. 9. Registration is being accepted (44 slots are available) for persons in grades seven through 12.

For children ages 12 and under, a Halloween festival is being planned on Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Those attending will participate in carnival games, face painting, a candy scramble and pumpkin decorations.

Another section of the brochure offers information on music, art and theater, including information on the Center for Creative Studies and other clubs in Novi for those with special interests. The brochure has a pullout section giving information for seniors on tours, flu shots, mini-concerts and a Thanksgiving luncheon. Sports league information is outlined for

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Engagements



Fahrner-Kane

Mr. and Mrs. James Fahrner of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Lynn, to Ronald Kane, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kane, Sr., of South Lyon.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School and is currently enrolled in the Midwestern University physician assistant program in Downers Grove, Ill. She is employed as a physician's assistant at Paris Asthma and Allergy Centers of Brighton, Farmington Hills and Livonia.

The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of Novi High School and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. He works as corporate security coordinator for Olympia Entertainment of Detroit and as the Novi High School freshman wrestling coach.

The couple plans a Nov. 6 wedding.

Community Events



Weidenbach-Mort

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weidenbach of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn, to Eric Mort, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mort of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Madonna University and is currently employed as a territory manager of Ameritech.

The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Farmington High School and is affiliated with his family's business, Mort Sign Company of Livonia.

Sept. 25 wedding is planned.

In Service

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The Golden Rule governs etiquette

Etiquette? Does that word scare you or turn you off? It shouldn't, because whether you realize it or not, you are performing acts of etiquette every day without even knowing it.



Margrit Mandi Erickson

The basic rule of etiquette is to be considerate and respectful to other people. There are many times you take a sip of a drink, your teeth or use a napkin, you are practicing a form of etiquette. You are being considerate of those who will be around you. You are a human being, you would probably not be so tactless.

It all goes back to the Golden Rule: do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Beginning with this classic, I'll be answering your questions on social and business matters that you always wanted to know answered but were afraid to ask. Here are three I was asked recently.

Q: I have several shirts with wide collars and wear them to the office. However, I've noticed that most of the men in the company wear the traditional pointed collar.

The early part of next year, I am due for a promotion which will put me in line for an executive position. I know how important the right wardrobe can be, and I'm anxious to dress in a way to give me an advantage. Are pointed collars more appropriate?

A: I agree with you that the wide spread collar is attractive and I can understand your partiality toward it. However, your co-workers are cor-

rect. Wide spreads are the most formal of all daywear collars and send out a message of glamour and elegance.

Replace your shirts with ones that have either straight-point or button-down collars and save your wide spreads for more dressy occasions. Just be sure whenever you wear them that you wear a Windsor knot in your tie so there is no gap between your tie and the shirt collar.

Q: I work in a large office tower and during the rush hours the elevators become quite crowded. Is it necessary for males to step aside to let female passengers unload first even though we get off on the same floor? This seems a bit awkward and necessitates a bit of juggling. Also — is it proper to reach in front of people to push the button for your floor, or should you call out your floor and hope someone pushes it?

A: In this day and age, men are no longer required to do "a bit of juggling" or perform some type of contortion necessary for women

behind them to exit from the elevator first. He or she who is nearest the front of the elevator exits first. As to who pushes that elevator button? The person closest to it.

Q: I am having a dinner party for 12 people, all of whom will be seated at my dining room table. I have inherited my grandmother's beautiful heirloom tablecloth and am anxious to use it for this special occasion. However, I'm concerned that it will become spotted by someone spilling wine or food on it. Would it be proper if I covered the tablecloth with a fine, clear plastic so the beauty of the lace can show through but still be able to be protected?

A: Never! Not even if 10 people took two years to make the lace, not even if it was brought over by your ancestors on the Mayflower, not even if the face value of your cloth is in six figures.

Covering the tablecloth with plastic tells your guests "I think you're a slob and can't properly" whereas leaving it uncovered says "She must think we are very special to use this lovely cloth for us."

With so many cleaning methods available today, even plain table salt works wonderfully on many stains, you should use your cloth for all to admire. It is a shame to keep such beautiful workmanship languishing in a drawer.

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Where: Michigan State Fairgrounds (1120 W. State Fair, Detroit)
When: All day event
Phone: (313) 369-6250
- SEPT. 1-23**
What: "Picturing Paris" art exposition
Where: Detroit Institute of Arts (5200 Woodward, Detroit)
When: All day event (closed Monday, Tuesday)
Phone: (313) 833-7900
- SEPT. 2**
What: Detroit Tigers vs. Texas Rangers baseball
Where: Tiger Stadium (2121 Trumbull, Detroit)
When: 1:05 p.m.
Phone: (313) 962-4000
- SEPT. 7-11**
What: Detroit Lions vs. St. Louis Rams football
Where: Spirit Stadium, MSU
When: 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 3-6**
What: Michigan State Fairgrounds
Where: Michigan State Fairgrounds (1120 W. State Fair, Detroit)
When: All day event
Phone: (313) 369-6250
- SEPT. 4**
What: Detroit Montreaux Jazz Festival
Where: Hart Plaza, Detroit
When: All day event
Phone: (313) 963-7622
- SEPT. 4**
What: No. 8 Michigan vs. No. 18 North Carolina football
Where: Michigan Stadium, U-M
When: 3:30 p.m.
Phone: (734) 764-0247
- SEPT. 4**
What: Native American Pow Wow
Where: Henry Ford Museum (2000 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn)
When: All day event
Phone: (313) 271-1620
- SEPT. 6**
What: MacInac Bridge Walk
Where: St. Ignace to MacInac Island
When: 7 a.m.
Phone: (616) 436-5664
- SEPT. 7-11**
What: Saline Community Fair
Where: Saline Community Fairgrounds
When: All day event
Phone: (734) 665-3926

Weddings



Couzens-Knutson

Jennifer Scott Couzens and Carl Frederick Knutson were united in marriage on July 17 in a double-ring ceremony at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Fr. William Lupier officiated the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Jack and Susan Couzens of Northville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick Knutson of

Birmingham.

The bride wore a classic satin gown with braiding around the neck, waist, hem and train. The veil was fingertip-length in satin attached to a headband which was covered in braiding matching the gown. She carried a bouquet of white longstemmed roses.

The best man in the ceremony was Thomas Cochill III. Groomsmen were Edward Honos, Andrew Frey, Kyle Wusenich, Nat Stanton, Alec Thompson and James Wild. The matron of honor was Shannon Frey, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Michelle Schultz, Kathy Mitchell, Amy Story, April Hyman, Christy Honos and Cherita Bell.

Ushers were Timothy Story and Steven Podolski.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School and earned a master's degree from Oakland University earlier this year. She is employed as a teacher at Windy Ridge Elementary School in Orlando, Fla.

The groom earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1997 and is employed at VOA Architecture Firm in Orlando.

The couple honeymooned in Bora Bora, Tahiti. They now reside in Winter Park, Fla.



Art fit for a queen

Scenes like this are a sure bet in just two weeks, when the 11th annual Northville Victorian Festival returns to the downtown streets. Above, patrons take in some of the arts and crafts in the gazebos set up by artisans who bring their wares to the three-day festival. The Victorian Festival runs Sept. 17, 18 and 19.

For Novi police patrol officer, the night is a way of life

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He was almost fished during the night, because almost exactly one hour before his shift was up, Brandon was called to the scene of a disturbance.

Apparently, someone called dispatch to report a man was outside of his home drunk while several minors were inside drinking.

Brandon calmly drove down back roads to the scene. I, on the other hand, was not calm inside. Questions kept popping up in my mind. What's going on? Who is it? What will we

find? Should I duck if shooting breaks off or just run like crazy?

I asked Brandon what he thought of. He replied by saying he does think about the situation, but the situation is usually exaggerated.

"Sometimes you wonder what they are doing when you get inside. Are they going to be upset when the cops show up? Chances are this guy is going to think it is his own business what happens inside his home if his kids are going to drink," he said.

"Are they going to be (upset) when the cops show up?"

Orc. Jim Brandon
Novi Police Department

Upon entrance to the trailer park where the incident was reported to be taking place, Brandon slowed his vehicle to a near crawl. He did not want to pass the home and tip off its occupants.

Once he was near the home, Brandon turned off his vehicle's lights and stopped to wait for his back-up, Orc. Tim Harper. Everything was quiet, except for the occasional crack of the police radio. Soon, we heard the quiet voice of Ofc. Harper over the radio, saying he was in the area.

We waited for a short time until Harper was directly behind us before Brandon inched his vehicle forward, with Harper's in the rear. Both traveled without their lights on to avoid detection by the residents

of the home.

When we arrived at the home, I stayed in the patrol vehicle, while Brandon and Harper approached the door. After the officers knocked on the door, an older man approached and spoke with them.

Soon, several younger occupants of the home came out. The officer checked each of their identifications and after a brief chat, all of the occupants went back inside.

Brandon and Harper informed me it was an exaggerated call. Apparently, all of the occupants

in the home were over 21 and very few had been drinking at all. Those that did were not even intoxicated.

After talking with Harper for a bit, Brandon and I got back into his patrol vehicle. By this time Brandon's shift was almost up so we drove back to the Novi police station after a very quiet night in Novi.

But for Brandon, he could not foresee what the next night would bring. He only thought of going home and getting some rest. He would tackle the next night when it came.

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Anniversaries



Toth 45th

Stephen and Arliss Toth will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4.

The two were married Sept. 4, 1954 in Toledo, Ohio. They have lived in Toledo, Dearborn and Northville since being married.

Born and raised in Toledo, Stephen Toth is a retired Ford Motor Co. employee, while Arliss Toth — a Glasston, N.D. native — is a retired registered nurse. The couple are members of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. They have two children — Stephen Toth of Northville, and Valerie (John) Church of Woodstock, Ga. The Arliss's have two grandchildren.

The couple will be taking a vacation in celebration of the anniversary.

Church News

A seminar for men on "success that matters" has been scheduled for Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Northville on Sept. 10 and 11.

The seminar will discuss life pressure and discovery of that "something" missing from a person's life. The program is \$30 and runs Sept. 10 and 11, beginning at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

Also at Ward — an informal drop-in support group for those struggling with blended family issues will meet the second Tuesday of each month beginning Sept. 14 in room C309 of the church from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There is no cost for the seminar. For more information, call (248) 374-5912.

Finally, a multi-denominational Bible study class will resume at 10 a.m. Sept. 7 at Ward in the church's chapel. The class guides

participants through the Bible, chapter by chapter, over a course of eight years.

The class is led by Dr. Pam Dodge, a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Child care can be arranged.

For more information, call (248) 349-7256.

Flu shots will be made available through the parish health ministry of Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi on Oct. 3. The shots are strongly recommended for seniors, particularly those age 65 or older. The shots are \$10 (cash or check) or free if a person has Medicare Part B. Flu shots will not be given to persons under age 18 or those with an active neurological disorder or allergies to eggs, egg products, chicken feathers, thimerosal, gentamicin, streptomycin or sulfites. For more information, call (248) 347-

3046.

Also at Holy Family — clothes for the needy are accepted every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and then from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On Thursday, the church accepts donations from 9 a.m. to noon.

Drop-offs outside of the prescribed hours cannot be accepted. Low-income persons needing to shop for clothes must call to schedule an appointment. For more information, call (248) 349-8553.

An adult education class on the tenets of the Roman Catholic faith will be offered at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville beginning Sept. 15. The class will run every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Established Catholics will be given a clearer understanding of the religion, while those interested in becoming Catholic will be

taught about the basic beliefs of the faith. For more information, call (248) 348-8650.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville will be hosting its seventh annual "Sharing the Gift" juried art show from Oct. 2 through Oct. 8. Submissions for entries into the show are due by Sept. 17. Entries of painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, graphics, photography, clay and fiber are welcome. For more information, call (248) 348-2678.

A ladies' Bible study is slated to begin Sept. 14 at First Church of the Nazarene in Northville. The study, a part of the Creative Living series, will focus on the book of Acts. The group will meet at 7 p.m.

There is a \$15 registration and materials fee. For more information, call (248) 473-5449.

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It's all about kids at Victorian Fest

Northville's end-of-summer celebration has activities galore for younger set

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

Once upon a time, there was an era when video games, Terebinth and television didn't encompass the means of entertainment for children.

In an attempt to rekindle the old spirit of imagination and creativity, the organizers of Northville's 11th annual Victorian Festival are promoting the weekend's events around the old-fashioned children's games.

The three-day weekend is going to be filled with so many activities for children that if they spend every moment doing something they want to be doing, they still won't be able to do everything," said Laurie Marrs, executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "Main Street is going to be entirely filled with children's activities."

The fun begins with the the annual Victorian Festival parade through Main Street.

Marrs said the parade will include children from different organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and school groups.

"The entire street is going to be decorated," Marrs said. "There will be a giant slide, jousting and a moonwalk castle and moonwalk pumpkin."

Marrs said the popular little red wagon carrying prizes will again be part of the weekend's festival.

"Centered around the children, there is going to be all kinds of entertainment and fun for the family," Marrs said. "The festival is old-fashioned and Main Street will be full of old-fashioned fun."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A pie-eating contest is one of the favorite activities of kids big and small at the Northville Victorian Festival, slated for Sept. 17, 18 and 19.

Marrs said some of the traditional fun will include a balloon artist, jugglers, a magician, puppet shows and a ventriloquist.

"Dr. Rudy Medicine Man will be back performing for the kids," Marrs said. "Dr. Rudy is very popular with the children. His performance includes healing children with their ailments by supplying chocolate roundies. It is a lot of fun."

And fun will be theme of this year's event.

Some of the ongoing action throughout the weekend include juggler and unicyclist Ken Krakal,

the strolling minstrels of J.G. and Marlee, Clark's Punch and Judy Puppet Show, Victorian storyteller MaryEllen Clark, clowns and dulcimers.

As time rolls back, children will be able to travel through town like people did in the Victorian days with free horse and carriage rides. Children will also learn more about the history of the Victorian Era by participating in games popular from the period.

Marrs said many of the events are interactive, allowing children to actively learn more about the era through experience.

She said there are swings throughout the street, hoop rolling and top spinning, which were popular kid's games during the Victorian Era, a wooden nickel hunt and a bubble gum blowing contest. The popular pie eating contest will also make its return, she added.

"There is going to be non-stop fun for the entire family," Marrs said. "There are lots of free prizes for the children and plenty of fun things for the parents to do also. Downtown Northville is a safe and beautiful town. The weekend is always a lot of fun."

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READER MOVIE REVIEWS



Pierce Brosnan and Rene Russo star in "The Thomas Crown Affair."

Slick, tricky "Crown" is a modern gem

By Jon Gibson
GUEST REVIEW

Money, seduction and foreplay are all present in "The Thomas Crown Affair," but does this remake of the 1969 Steve McQueen/Faye Dunaway classic live up to its vintage competition? Indeed, it does.

Exhibiting the same chemistry, but with different plot devices that both of the original characters had — exemplified by confident and realistic performances by Pierce Brosnan and Rene Russo — this high-society drama is a must-see.

Director John McTiernan ("Die Hard," "Medicine Man") translates this recreation into the '90s, changing only a few things to make it more adept and alluring to modern movie-going audiences.

However, the original story is left a bit scared, transforming the relentlessly slick Thomas Crown (Brosnan) into a brilliant business man that moonlights as a part-

time art thief. Previously, Crown was a high-scale bank robber.

Catherine Banning (Russo) remains similar as the insurance company employed manhunter who seeks to throw Crown a bone and catch him in the act.

But the unexpected, mutual seduction of both Crown and Banning turns into a tale of morality and crime, ultimately leading up to a very absorbing, slick and eye-opening conclusion.

The poetic license taken with the film's plot only furthers the allure of the film, making the hidden attraction between Crown and Banning a much more prominent part of the story.

Though the one modern liberty that enthusiasts of the original might quibble about is the film's explicit sexuality.

Presented much more conservatively, but still controversial for its day, director Norman Jewison managed to exchange nudity with

a simple, yet strategically shot, chess sequence that magnified the character's carnal appetite with certain excellence.

Without any touching or open dialogue, the massaging of a pawn creates the same atmosphere that the remake does with five minutes of sweat. Rene Russo's highly publicized nude scenes were a strong marketing point, but McTiernan manages to craft the film into more than just physical heat.

The film most closely stays true to the original with its diverse and the jazzy music score, a trademark of the historic Jewison feature. The soundtrack keeps "Crown" on pace, never offering a dull or unused moment to lighten the mood. And strategically, the score usually drops out of an emotional scene, leaving the actors

dependent on their dramatic abilities to touch the audience with tragedy.

Faye Dunaway is even intercut into the film in a special appearance, portraying Crown's eclectic advice-offering psychiatrist. As for the film's other supporting cast members, Denis Leary and Ben Gazzera — they offer depth and humor to the film that it could not survive without.

Judging from this new remake, I now have a little bit of confidence in Hollywood when it comes to reorganizing classic films. Where recreations of "The Haunting" and "Psycho" failed, "The Thomas Crown Affair" succeeds.

Jon M. Gibson is the editor of the entertainment web site, The Digital Bayou (<http://www.digitalbayou.com>).



"The 13th Warrior"

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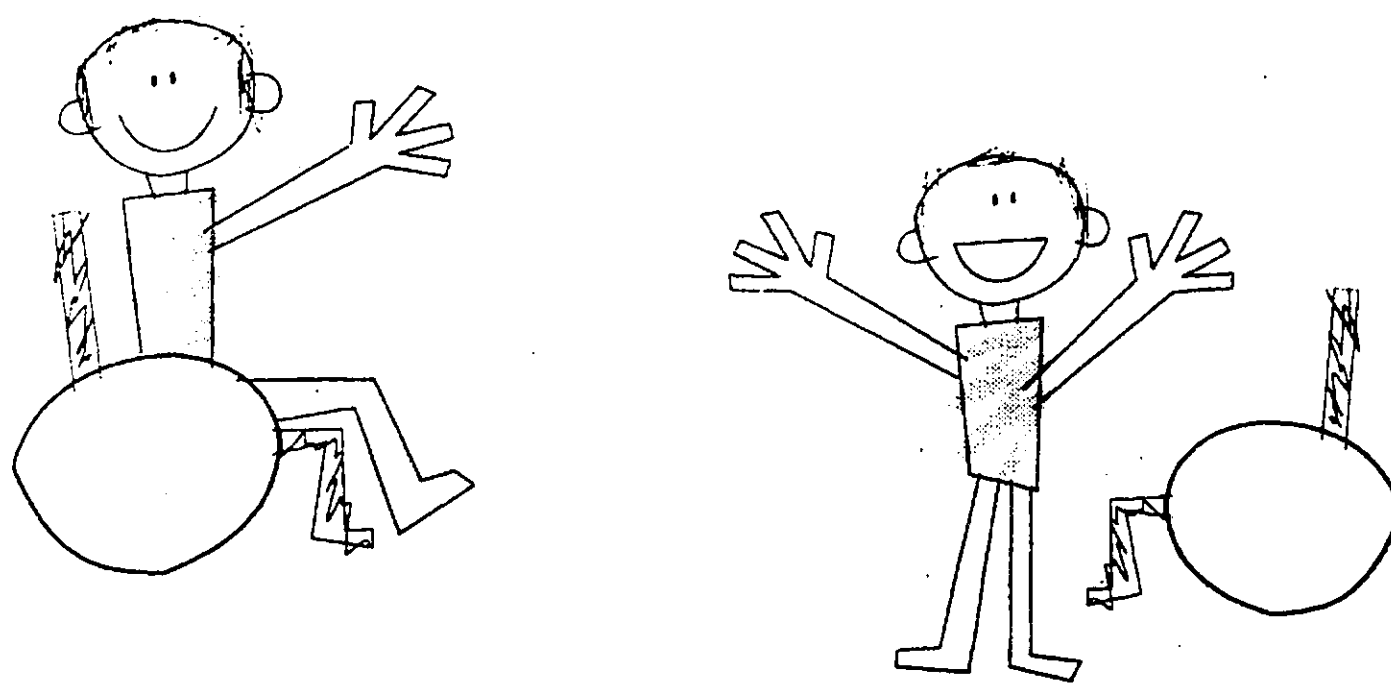
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A Farmington special team player blocks Andy Christofferson's field-goal attempt in the second quarter of last Friday's game.

Maier leads Wildcats over Falcons

Quarterback does it all in leading Novi to 20-17 win

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

When HomeTown Newspapers named Mitch Maier the ninth-best player in the Kensington Valley Conference, it wasn't very scientific.

A week after the first game of the 1999 fall football season, Maier's stock has raised substantially.

The senior quarterback played a huge role in Novi's 20-17 win over Farmington last Friday night, scoring on a 16-yard keeper and intercepting a pass on the last play of the game. He was the leading rusher and passer on offense, and led the team in tackles on defense.

"He's pretty good," a modest Novi coach John Osborne said. "He's got good eyes, quick feet and his deceptiveness is picking up now. He has a lot to do with how fast we can go and what we can accomplish this season. It's definitely nice to have him back

because we're on the same page as where we left off last year."

And it didn't take long for Maier to get things going. On the second play of the game the senior took the snap and scampered 61 yards out of the option. That set up senior co-captain Jon Cervi's one yard touchdown run and gave Novi a 7-0 lead.

After Farmington nailed a 30-yard field goal, Maier again led the Cats down the field to set up a 39-yard field goal by Andy Christofferson.

But after that the game got sloppy. On the ensuing Farmington possession, senior Scott Minke intercepted a pass to give Novi some additional momentum.

But two plays later Aaron Harbin had the ball stripped from him and the Falcons again took over. A few plays later, Cas Werdla recovered a Farmington fumble to get the ball back for his team.

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Talented swim team returns for run at states

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It's no secret that the Novi swim team has top-notch talent.

But to compete with conference rival Brighton, along with state powers such as Ann Arbor Pioneer, Farmington Mercy and Birmingham Seaholm, the team will have to develop solid depth in every event.

"That's what hurt us last year against Brighton," head coach Larry Teahan said. "We won nine of 12 events at the Kensington Valley Conference meet, but their girls seemed to finish fourth through eighth in almost every event."

At last year's state meet Novi scored 34 points, but most of those points came from Amy Hartland, Kristina Utley and Andrea Yocum. Those three girls accounted for 24 individual points.

All three are back this year, and Teahan hopes that his underclassmen can step up and fill the

holes left by the departed seniors. He has more than 45 swimmers on the team this year, many of which he hopes can step right in and compete.

"We do have a lot of girls, but because we don't have good depth, we'll have to avoid illness and injury to our top swimmers," he said.

Hartland and Utley are seniors and Yocum returns for her junior season. Hartland is one of three captains on the team along with fellow seniors Emily Nicol and Leslie Nimer.

Teahan expects each of these girls, along with Lindsey Vermillion and Krysta Lynch to play a critical part in Novi's success this season.

Hartland will again stand out in the butterfly and individual medley events,

where she placed in the state last year. She'll also add depth at breaststroke in some of Novi's bigger

meets. Utley is a distance freestyler, no doubt about it. She placed in both at the state meet, but an ankle injury suffered in the spring has limited her practice so far.

Nicol and Nimer both have state experience and should score considerably in every meet for the Wildcats. Nimer was a relay alternate last year and back problems may limit her to the backstroke and shorter freestyle events. Nicol was on the 200 free relay team at states last year, but will be counted on for her butterfly and sprint freestyle capabilities.

Yocum placed in the breaststroke and just missed finishing among the top 12 in the individual medley. Those will be her strengths again this year.

Lynch has been another swimmer suffering through some early-season injuries. She did not place in the backstroke at states, but did help the 400 free relay team place.

"She's got a bad back," Teahan said. "She's in the pool, but she's not able to extend herself at this point."

Lindsey Vermillion was on both the 200 free and 200 medley teams that went to states last year, and individually she'll race some freestyle events and the backstroke. She's a very versatile swimmer who can help the team in many different ways.

Sophomore Laurel Weiss qualified for the diving regionals last year and returns to lead the divers. But right now there's no clear-cut second diver.

After that, Teahan will have to rely on a large group of mildly-seasoned seniors and a bunch of unproven youngsters to help out the team.

Seniors Jenny Boueri, Jackie Pelloni, Cara Dedecker and Erin Gibbons all have varsity experience under their belts and should provide leadership and score points for the team. Gibbons, Dedecker and Pelloni specialize in the breaststroke

Novi topples Churchill, begin where they left off

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The streak continues for the Novi soccer team, but it will be hard— if not impossible — to duplicate its feats of a year ago.

The Wildcats have shown great promise in early-season scrimmages and continued their solid play with a 3-2 win over Livonia Churchill last Friday on the road.

Joe Irimescu figured in on all three Novi goals, including the first goal of the game. About 10 minutes into the game, he took a crossing pass from Kevin Callender and beat the Churchill goalie for a 1-0 Novi lead.

But the game went back and forth, beginning when Churchill tied the game up with 10 minutes left in the first half. The game was tied 1-1 at the half.

"We carried the play for about 30 of the 40 minutes in the half," coach Brian O'Leary said. "I was pleased with the way we were playing."

His team would go ahead on a header by Scott Jettie nearly midway through the second half off a throw-in pass from Irimescu.

But Churchill made things interesting with a goal with 14:50 remaining to tie the score at 2-2.

"I was happy because you could tell the momentum of the game switching over to them, but we didn't get discouraged by them scoring and we came right back," O'Leary said. And Novi did, five minutes

later. Irimescu returned the favor to Callender by setting the senior up for the game-winning goal with 10 minutes left.

"We really took it to them for the next five minutes," the coach added.

O'Leary said for the first game of the season, his team's set plays have looked really good. Their throw-ins and free kicks have resulted in a few goals.

"Traditionally, that's been a weakness on my teams," O'Leary said. "We made a few mistakes here and there, but nothing big."

Irimescu asserted himself as one of the premier players in the area, putting himself in position to take part in the offense.

"You either give him the ball or use him as a decoy," the coach said. "If you've got him one-on-one with someone, he'll get the ball, but we've got a lot of talented players on this team and if he's well-marked, they can take advantage of that."

Novi played Canton Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) and travel to Brighton for their Kensington Valley Conference opener today. That game will begin at 7 p.m. The Bulldogs are the preseason favorites to win the league.

"They're going to be good," O'Leary said. "They didn't lose nearly as much as we did and have all but one of their top players back."

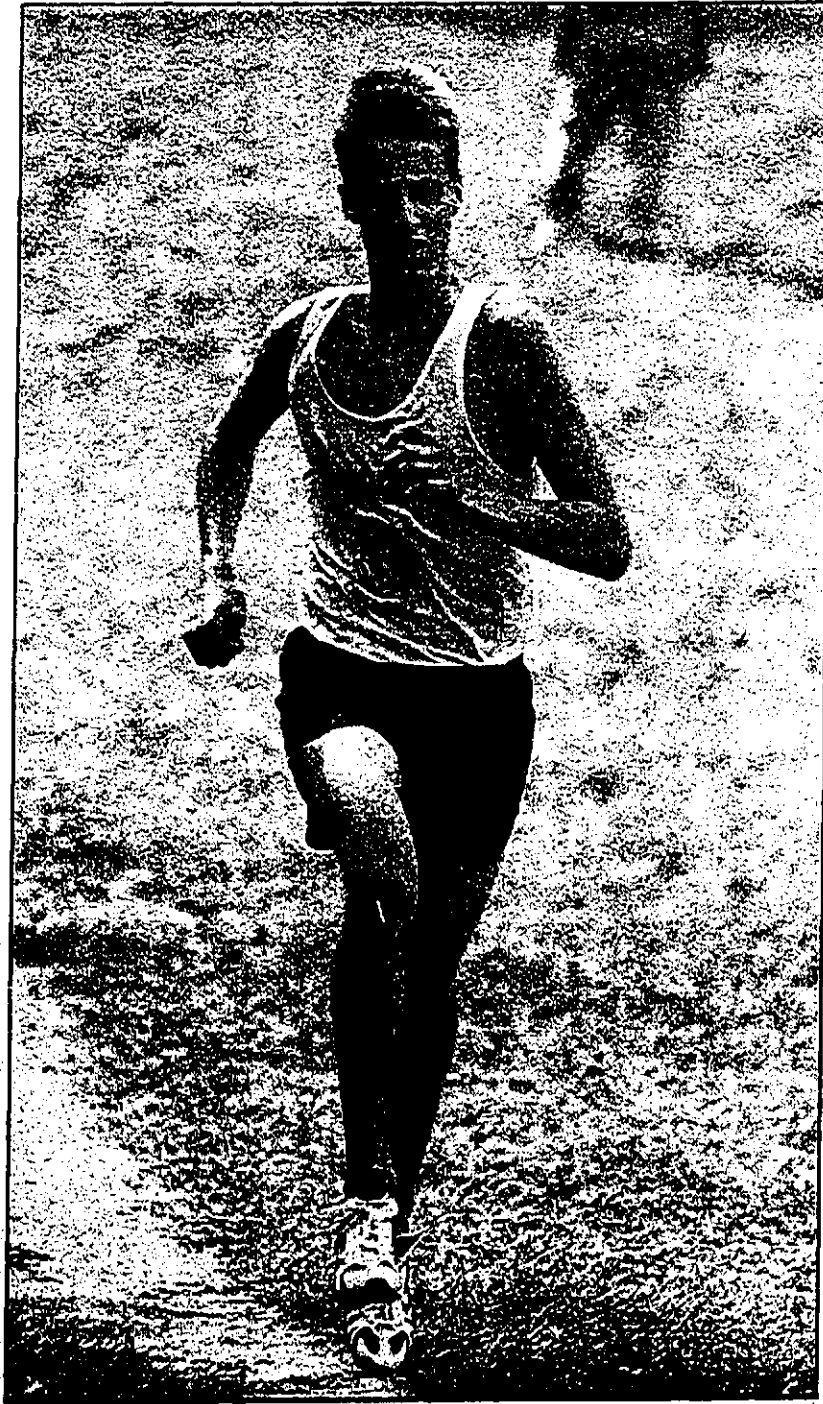


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Novi sophomore Tim Moore (above) surprised everybody by breaking the Cass Benton school record previously held by Dan Christopherson.

Extra practice shows, pays off

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The two extra weeks of practice the Novi boys' cross country team put in this summer seems to have paid off in the early parts to the Wildcats' 1999 season.

Novi took the top five places and seven of the top eight in a 15-48 win over Northville last Thursday. Moreso than the final score, the runners' times were as impressive as ever.

Every starting runner improved his time from the first race a year ago and sophomore sensation Tim Moore did more than that. He broke the school record in his first meet out.

Moore ran the Cass Benton course in a time of 16 minutes, 8 seconds,

shaving two seconds off Dan Christopherson's time of a year ago.

"He ran the race in over a minute better time than he did last year," a

stunned Novi coach Bob Smith said. "He ran a flawless race, ahead of everyone else. This was very unexpected."

Smith said that he asked all of his runners, except Moore, what their goals were for the first race of the season.

"Had I known that his goal was to break the school record, then I would have discouraged him from running all-out so early," Smith said.

With teammate Chris Toloff unable to finish the race because of a knee

injury, Moore dominated the field. He topped Novi's next finisher, Eric Walle by 1:14.

Walle was second overall in 17:22, which shaved over a minute off last year's time.

Mark Avenius was third at 17:58 and Steve Szwest (18:02) and Nick Bassitt (18:05) were close behind to round out the scoring for Novi. Mitch Erickson was seventh overall in 18:17 and Matt Harsha-Strong was eighth at 19:05.

Szwest's time was 1:52, better than last year and Bassitt knocked over :30 off of his time.

"Steve was a wannabe last year, but he's a real contender this year," Smith said. "You can tell he's focused this year. He's got fire in his eyes."

Knowing what his team had last season, Smith was just hoping to see how much farther his team was ahead of last year's pace.

"We really are looking to improve," he said. "So it's very gratifying to see the kids weren't complacent over the summer. They worked hard."

Other runners who improved their times from a year ago were juniors Ken Delgreco, Eric Saurer, sophomores Steve Duda and Todd Wasik and freshmen Tim Kava and Matt Block.

Option offense works perfectly

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But it's not done yet. Novt held onto the ball and marched downfield to give Christofferson another field goal attempt. The kick was blocked and two plays later Farmington's Grant Weber broke free for a 75-yard touchdown to tie the game at 10-10 midway through the second quarter.

The Wildcats answered with Christofferson's second field goal of the game, a 36 yarder as the clock expired. Farmington struck first blood in the third quarter, and assumed their first lead of the game on a clock-consuming drive that ate up the first 5:21 of the second half.

That's when Maier led his team back on a long drive that pushed the game two minutes into the fourth quarter. On a fourth-and-one play, Maier kept the ball and made a spin move to avoid a defender. When he looked up there was no one between he and the end zone. The 16-yard scamper gave his team a 20-17 lead.

From there the defense took over. Farmington drove the ball down to Novt's 25 yard line. But a sack forced the Falcons to spin move to avoid a defender. When he looked up there was no one between he and the end zone. The 16-yard scamper gave his team a 20-17 lead.

After Novt punted the ball away — the first punt for either team — Farmington had one last chance to win or tie the game. But Maier's interception near midfield put away any last minute attempts by Farmington.

"We're very happy with the win," Osborne said. "We knew they had some high expectations this year and both teams were kind of in the same mold. We both

wanted to be noticed. Unfortunately we had to play each other early on. It was a good, hard-fought game that was good entertainment for the fans."

Offensively, Novt rushed the ball 42 times for 247 yards. They totaled 280 yards in total offense. Farmington had 274 total yards of offense with 216 coming on the ground.

Maier finished the game with 153 yards on just 14 carries. Harbin had 43 yards on eight carries.

Defensively, Maier had eight first hits and three assisted tackles. Minke had six first hits and three assists. Matt Luschas had five and three and Werda added four and three.

"Our line did a nice job blocking the entire game," Osborne noted.

Novt's quest for a playoff birth continues this week in their Kensington Valley Conference opener at Brighton.

The Bulldogs dismantled Northville 31-3 last Friday and are currently ranked second or third in most state polls. Osborne knows it will be no easy task handling Brighton's massive offensive and defensive lines.

"They're expecting to continue their streak, and we've still got to climb that hill," the coach said. "They have confidence, and I think we're still trying to get that."

Osborne said he still hasn't found a weakness in Brighton.

"They're very aggressive defensively and they come right at you. Our biggest concern is their strength and speed at the line," Osborne said. "We're going to have to suck it up and find a way to match up with them."

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) night at Brighton High School.



Mitch Maier (with ball) looks to hand off to #88 Aaron Harbin in Friday's 20-17 win over Farmington.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Hot Picks

The second season of football picks has begun, and everyone will be trying to tip the defending champion, Jason Schmitt. This year we've even given the corn a chance, so hopefully, everyone has at least a 50 percent chance of finishing out of last place... we hope!

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The Zone is also accepting walk-in and mail-in registration for its first session of inline hockey starting August 25. Registration will continue through September 26.

The session runs from October 10 through December 11. Team fees are \$795 for youths and \$825 for adults. For individuals wanting to be placed on a team the fee is \$75 for players who have played at SoccerZone before and \$90 for those that have not. Referee fees and two jerseys are

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BRONCO TRYOUTS (Under 12)

The Northville Broncos will be holding tryouts for their 12 and Under travel baseball team Sept. 10 and 11. Players with a birth date after August 1, 1987 are eligible to try out.

The tryouts will be held at Community Park, located on the west side of Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads. Tryouts on Friday, Sept. 10 will be from 3:30-7 p.m. and those on Saturday, Sept. 11 will be held from 10-11 a.m. and again from 1-2:30 p.m.

If you have an interest in playing travel baseball and have questions about these tryouts or the Bronco program, please call Carl Patterson at (248) 349-4973.

BRONCO TRYOUTS (Under 12)

Tryouts for the 2000 Northville Broncos 14 and Under team are scheduled for Sept. 11 from 3-5 p.m. and Sept. 12 from 3-5 p.m. The tryouts will be held at Community Park, located on the west side of Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads. The field will be Diamond #5.

Players born on or after August 1, 1985 are eligible to try out. Call Jim Cicala at (248) 342-8006 if you plan on attending.

Newcomers step it up

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Injuries or no injuries, the Novi girls' cross country team looked mighty impressive for its first time out this season.

The Wildcats competed in what ended up a tri-meet with scheduled Northville and a late-addition Livonia Stevenson. And they beat them both.

Novi ended up with a score of 27. Stevenson was second with 31 points and Northville was a distant third with 70 points. The Cats ended up with three of the top five runners in the race.

Kristin Echols finished second to Stevenson's Andrea Parker, who finished 10th at the state meet last season. Echols finished in 20 minutes, 31 seconds.

Her teammate, Bethany Kittle snuck up on every body in her first cross country meet and finished third in 20:45. After that, however, there was bit of a gap.

Brittany Albright was third on the team and fifth

overall in a time of 21:42. Freshman Nina Schmitt was seventh overall in 21:52 and Kelley Phelps was 10th overall in a time of 22:58.

Just out of the scoring, but competing in the team's sixth and seventh spots were Tae Kono and Kim Thompson. Kono was 18th at 23:48 and Thompson was 20th overall in 24:20.

"Hopefully everyone is starting to come around," coach Norm Norgren said. "I was quite pleased with Kittle, Schmitt, Kono and a few of the other freshmen. We let some of our girls go out at the start of the race, but we then pulled them out after the mile mark. The seniors understood."

Originally, Northville and Novi were set to face off in a dual. But Stevenson's coach called and asked to be a part of it. All three schools call Cass Benton their home course.

"Stevenson was nice and strong," Norgren said. "I don't normally get too excited, but it's nice to see what we can do early on. Stevenson will give you competition any day of the week."

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Golfers surprise KVC

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

There's a new face in the Kensington Valley Conference, and its name is Novi.

The Wildcats turned a few heads last Thursday with a surprising third-place finish at the pre-KVC meet held at Timber Trace. Novi shot a 314, just seven shots behind meet winner Howell (307) and six behind runnerup Hartland. The team tied Brighton, who also shot a 314.

"This is the tournament where people start to take notice of us," coach Brad Huss said. "Given the fact that three sophomores and a freshman scored for us, it's exciting."

Novi was supposed to compete this year, but not at the level the team has been showing. Huss' young team has played like seasoned veterans in their first week out.

"At one time not too long ago if your score was 320, you'd be up there. But now you'd have finished in sixth place," Huss said.

South Lyon was fifth with 319 and Milford (323) and Lakeland (339) rounded out the conference. Sophomore Pete Kobylarek led the team with a fifth-place round of 76. That came after Kobylarek found trouble on the first two holes and started off

five over par. He played the last 16 holes under par.

"That's incredibly impressive," said his coach. "It really showed his poise after being rattled like that. That to me is really something."

Teammates Robbie Overfield and freshman Jack Tyler both finished at 79 to earn a top 15 finish. Sophomore Matt Feurach finished at 80 to complete the scoring for Novi.

Juniors Ryan Miller and Andrew Vaughn shot an 86 and 88 respectively for the Cats.

"I really think they're starting to believe they can beat the Brightons and the Hartlands," Huss said.

NOVI 3RD AT FARMINGTON INVITE
Led by Feurach's round of 74, Novi finished tied for third place at the Farmington Invitational Aug. 25 at Huron Meadows.

Walled Lake Central won the meet with a 395 while South Lyon finished at 395. Novi and U of D Jesuit tied for third with 399 points. Twelve teams competed at the invitational.

Feurach's score was second best and teammate Kobylarek shot a 77, which was seventh-best. Tyler added a 79 and Overfield and Miller shot an 84 and 85. Vaughn had an 86.

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Colts teams open up new season with varsity win

The Northville Varsity Colts opened up their 1999 season with a football league season by winning their first game against the Lapeer Steelers.

The varsity Colts (12-14 year olds) picked up the top honors both the junior varsity and freshmen teams.

"It was a great start for our young competitors," said Bob Baum, coach of the Northville Varsity Colts. "This is our first year in a new league and our kids played aggressively on the visitor's field."

The varsity team scored early in the first quarter on a Kevin Osho touchdown reception from quarterback Charlie Thomas and never looked back in a 41-19 win.

Scott Costello caught two touchdown passes and Brandon Hunt returned an interception for a touchdown.

Leading the defense were Alex Baum (five tackles, one interception) and Joshua Szatkowski (interceptions: Brian Nephth and Joe Braun kicked extra points and Dennis Perry scored on an extra point reception).

Junior varsity
Looking for the same outcome as the varsity squad, the junior varsity team was in no such luck.

The Steelers took it to the Colts early and often in a 38-0 win.

Freshmen
Hoping to build on last year's Super Bowl championship appearance, the Colts got off to a rough start in 1999.

Their only points of the game came on a safety by Joe Kinnick, who tackled his Lapeer opponent in the end zone.

Starting quarterback Brian Baugan and running backs Sam Knolton and Keenan Hart tried to get things going offensively, but couldn't.

On defense, Daniel Young and Andrew Guley kept the Colts in the game, coming up with timely plays. But in the end the Colts fell to the Steelers 7-2.

The Colts open their home season up this Sunday at 11 a.m. against the Multi-Lake Gators from Walled Lake. All the Colts games are played at Northville High School at the corner of Eight Mile and Taft roads.

"We hope to have a lot of parents, neighbors and friends come to our home games," Baum said. "We are expecting three exciting battles with the Gators."

Who's the best?

Now that 1999 is upon us, and 2000 is nearing, The Novi News asks the questions: what was the best team and who were the best football players ever to don the Novi 'N'? We're asking our readers for help us in our search for the best football players in Novi High School history. If you've got a memory, a thought or an opinion you'd like to share with us, please return this slip to the Novi News office at 104 W. Main St., Northville MI 48167, or fax it to Jason Schmitt at (248) 349-9832. If you'd like to provide your name or phone number for additional information, please do so. Jason's e-mail address is jschmitt@ht.homecomm.net

ATHLETES NAME AND/OR ACHIEVEMENTS—



Netters split matches

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Just four days after having their way with an up-and-coming South Lyon squad, the Novi tennis team felt the wrath of a talented Saline team.

The Hornets drubbed Novi 6-2, taking three out of four in both singles and doubles.

Novi did salvage a win at first singles when Sarah Holt beat Katie Flores in straight sets 6-1, 6-3.

But the rest of the singles lineup wasn't so lucky. They all lost in straight sets. Melissa Roemer fell to Katie Hendricks 4-6, 3-6. Carolyn Vermeulen lost to Laura Radloff 0-6, 2-6 and Janina Hahn came up short against Lisa Perry 4-6, 2-6.

In doubles action, Christina Cypher and Tara Stevens topped Saline's Sarah Colson and Becky Cooke 6-1, 6-1.

Amratha Nagarajan and Taeko Nakazawa started off okay, but eventually succumbed to Dee Pettigrew and Alice Attick 5-7, 2-6 at second doubles.

Emily Dinsmore and Nicole Hapanowicz lost 3-6, 5-7 to Catherine Meyer and Becky Peters and Karen Andrews and Ruchika Khetarpal lost to Erica Nasumson and Anjanne Liepa 1-6, 1-6.

NOVI 8, SOUTH LYON 0

The Cats did not drop a set, but the scores were closer than they have been in recent years against the Lions.

Holt won 6-2, 6-0 at first singles. Roemer had no problems in a 6-2, 6-1 win at the second slot.

Stevens moved up to third singles and won 6-0, 6-2 and Vermeulen topped her opponent 6-4, 6-0 at fourth singles.

Nagarajan and Cypher won 6-3, 6-3 at one dubs and Nakazawa and Andrews won 6-3, 6-2 at two.

Dinsmore and Hapanowicz won in straight sets 6-2, 6-2 and Sarah Ehlers and Suzanne Inamura picked up a 6-2, 6-3 win at fourth doubles.

"I didn't think our kids played a great match, we were kind of sloppy," coach Jim Hanson said. "But I give South Lyon a lot of credit. A lot of their kids have improved over the last couple of years."

Novi's match against Brighton last Wednesday was canceled due to the weather. They played Hartland Tuesday after The Novi News' deadline and take on Milford today at home. The match begins at 4 p.m.

KVC ins and outs...

Brighton And the winner is Cullen Finerty. Oh yeah, and Brighton. The Bulldogs smacked Northville 31-3 in the football opener, as Finerty, a junior, got the call behind center. Cullen threw for 195 yards and a score. He can go...

Hartland Jeff Harris shot a 72 at the Pre-KVC, sticking him with Howell's John Kizer for the low score. Harland finished second to Howell...

Howell The Highlanders won the Pre-KVC golf tournament with a team score of 307. That will go a ways — one third of the way, actually — towards the conference title. John Kizer led Howell with a 72...Joe Carpenter scored a touchdown, but that was it as Howell was smacked down by Grand Ledge, one of the best football teams in the Lansing area...

Lakeland Look for the Eagles' football team to have some new bodies as players return from injuries for what should be the most favorable part of Lakeland's schedule — Howell and Clio...

Milford The Redskins' potent ground attack — over 400 yards rushing — ate up Walled Lake Central 28-13 in Milford's football opener...The only

KVC hoops coach not picking the Redskins to repeat as KVC champs is Milford's Don Palmer...

Novi Wildcats football coach John Osborne was comparing his signal caller, Mitch Maier, to Indiana's three-minute quarterback, Antwan Randle-El, after Maier ran the option to near perfection in Novi's 20-17 win over Farmington. Many had claimed Farmington as the best team in that city. No comment from John Herrington...

Also, cross-country standout Tim Moore wasted no time going after the school record at Cass Benton. The sophomore completed the course in 16:08, eclipsing the old mark set last season by Dan Christopherson.

Moore is the third person in less than a year to hold the school record at Cass Benton. Kevin Avenius had the old mark at 16:12 before Christopherson ran his 16:10. With three full years and over 20 more meets at Cass Benton, Moore may just...

South Lyon Golfer Justin Goyt set a school record when he shot 71 over 18 holes as the Lions took second in the Farmington Invitational...Upon further review, boys' X-C coach Scott Smith admits he has high—very high—hopes for the coming season. Now for the KVC wars.

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Health Column

"Tell a Friend" program is growing

Weight Watchers has joined with the American Cancer Society in an exclusive tri-state breast cancer screening initiative. The effort, called Tell-A-Friend, is a proactive attempt to reach women in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan who do not currently get annual mammograms.

Michigan and Indiana make up the Great Lakes Division of the American Cancer Society.

Weight Watchers staff members and members will share important mammography and other breast cancer information with their respective female friends and relatives during the month of May.

Weight Watchers leaders at locations throughout all three states will encourage members to call at least five of their friends, which could multiply quickly.

"Tell-A-Friend" is an expansion of last October's nationwide "Tell-A-Friend Tuesday," which successfully reached more than 21,000 women in one single day, throughout the Great Lakes

Division of the American Cancer Society.

Weight Watchers president and chief executive officer Florine Mark said she was happy to involve her company because she believed the campaign was an important one.

"I wanted to give our employees and clients an opportunity to participate because breast cancer is a disease that affects nearly every American," said Mark. "It's easy to tell friends about the importance of checking their breasts every month. This is a natural partnership, since healthy living is what Weight Watchers is all about, and it gives us an opportunity to give something back to the community."

Tell-A-Friend is simple. Women (or men) simply call at least five female friends, age 40 or older, with information on breast cancer screening guidelines and encouragement to get a mammogram. The American Cancer Society estimates that it takes roughly 20 minutes to make these important, life-saving calls.

The American Cancer Society breast cancer guidelines call for monthly breast self-exams and clinical breast exams every three years for women 20-39. Women 40 and over should follow the same guidelines and add annual mammograms to their health-screening regimen.

In 1997, a reported 65 percent of women 40 and older received mammograms throughout Michigan; 61 percent in Indiana and 62 percent in Ohio. Through the partnership's continued efforts, Weight Watchers and the American Cancer Society hope to see the number of women having mammograms in all three participating states increase by at least 800,000 by the year 2000.

The American Cancer Society provides the information and caller kits to all participating companies. For more information on state-specific statistics of breast cancer, mammography or the "Tell-A-Friend" campaign, call (800) ACS-2345.

Health Notes

Stepping Stones

It's a divorce-recovery workshop for children and parents. It starts Nov. 4 and is offered by pre-registry only. It runs every Thursday for six weeks at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The cost is \$10 and scholarships are available. For more information please call (248) 374-5920.

Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

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For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome.

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding.

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi.

For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

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For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

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Cancer Support Group

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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 Foss 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.

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