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Engler to speak at Rotary event

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

In celebration of their tremendous accomplishments, Rotary's District 6380 will hold their annual conference May 19-21 at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi.

This year the Rotary District Conference will welcome Governor John Engler as its keynote speaker.

"This conference gives us the chance to look back on our accomplishments and to reward those who have excelled," said Rotary District Governor Victor Cassis. "We will be honoring Rotary Clubs in the district as well as Rotary individuals."

The Rotary Club is a group of professional men and women who work as volunteers to improve the quality of life in their community and throughout the world.

The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self."

"We give legs to those who can't walk and eyes to those who can't see, like providing optometrists, eye glasses, and operations," Cassis said. "We are here to give hope to those who have no hope."

Since its inception in 1905,

Rotary International has supplied a number of services including financial aid, scholarships, and medical assistance.

Today, Rotary International encourages its clubs to focus on issues such as illiteracy, polio eradication, hunger, drug abuse prevention, the environment, the elderly, violence prevention, and AIDS awareness and education.

With 52 clubs from across Southeastern Michigan and Southwestern Ontario under his jurisdiction, Cassis said his theme for the year has been "rejuvenate and communicate." "There are many challenges facing volunteer organizations in the United States," Cassis said. "The economy is great, but the growth of volunteer services has come to a halt."

Cassis said that this decline has propelled him to increase the districts efforts and reevaluate the future.

"I challenged my clubs to begin reflecting on themselves and adopt new ideas that will bring in more volunteers," he said.

"We also need to start looking

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Gov. John Engler

Say yes to local tax abatements

By RANDAL YAKAY
Staff Writer

The talk is over.

After two months of debate and several pleas of protest from local residents, the Novi City Council adopted a tax abatement policy at the Monday night city council meeting.

"It is the future and we can prepare for it or be rolled over by it," said Mayor Richard Clark. "We must prepare for the future. We cannot stand still."

Council approved the new abatement policy by a 4-3 vote. Voting against the policy were Councilwoman Michelle Bononi, Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo and Councilman Craig De Roche.

"Business today isn't like when we were young," Clark said, holding a piece of fiber optic in his hand to illustrate the changes in technology. "We are competing in a world wide economy. There is a lack of engineers and mathematicians here (in America). We are dead last and that doesn't bode well for our future."

Clark said that to assume the economy and the abundance of good jobs will forever be available to Americans is false and to "assume" America will always be a leader in business is not facing reality.

"If the work force is not here or

the (business) can't be drawn here, they will go overseas," continued Clark.

Clark said that in no way would a tax abatement policy be a signal to business that there will be no wholesale give away in the city of Novi.

"I will be very stringent on any policy," Clark said. "There is not going to be any free lunch." Council had been inundated with the number of local residents who did not want a tax abatement policy.

Local resident Clare Wilson, who has showed up to nearly all the council meetings dealing with the tax abatement policy, delivered a petition with over 250 signatures of those opposing tax abatements two weeks ago. Wilson was in attendance on Monday.

"In going door to door and getting signatures, I'd say 95 percent of the people were willing to sign," Wilson said. "Tax abatement is corporate welfare."

But there have been a long line of business people who have voiced their opinions over the tax abatement policy.

Textron Automotive CEO Sam Licavoli, who unveiled a \$50 million plan for a new automotive center in Novi, told council that his

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Aren't they cute?



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kortni Dicks, 5, holds a Araucanas hatchling during Wixom's Equine Feeds' Chicks Day last Wednesday morning. Kortni and her mom, Jeri, purchased ducks to raise at their home.

Wixom equine hatches baby chicks

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Any heart would melt after encountering these little guys.

On May 8 and 10, the Grand River Equine Feeds located in Wixom was filled with a huge array of adorable baby chicks and even some newborn turkeys and ducks.

"Oh, we've had lots of people come in," said Cindy Kester, who helps run the family owned business with her father Clay, brother-in-law Roger and sister Candy.

"Some buying and others just bringing the kids in for a look." Soft as cotton, the tiny puff-balls filled the chick house with their tiny chirps.

"For the first two or three days they're cute, but then they really start to grow and get ugly," laughed Ann Koziara, who came to buy some chicks for their small five acre farm.

"They're so cute!" squealed her daughter Elizabeth. "I can't wait to take them home and play with them!" Kester said the chicks, turkeys, and ducks arrive from all over the United States.

"We get them from Ohio, Michigan, and as far as Iowa," she said.

The large batch of tiny chicks included Buff Orpingtons, Black Australorps, Silkies, Cochins, Turkeys and Polish breeds.

"The Turkeys are really unusual looking," Kester said. "They have feathers everywhere except on their necks. They're the friendliest chickens in the world, but boy are they the ugliest."

Another interesting genre is the Araucanas, which actually lay green eggs.

"We call those the Easter chicks because of their pigmented skin," she said. "They can lay anywhere between an olive green to a bluish green egg."

Kester said the one thing that she wants people to be aware of when purchasing baby ducks is that after they're grown, you can't just let them into the wild and expect them to live.

"You can't just buy a duck, release it, and expect it to fly south," she said.

If you want to learn more information about raising chicks, turkeys, or ducks, including housing, temperature, and food intake, call the Equine Feed at (248) 348-8310.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Salon Agapé stylist Gina Sullins, center, teases the hair of employee Gina Scarpelli at the new Novi Main Street salon.

New salon features team atmosphere

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Cuts, color and class are the theme at Main Street's newest addition, Salon Agapé.

The salon, that opened May 1, offers all the latest in hair design and coloring, make-up, skin care, face and body waxing, as well as nail treatments for both hands and feet.

"I think our services go above and beyond as far as what's out there," said the salon's artistic and educational director David DeWitt.

"One aspect about the salon that is very much different from most salons is that the stylists, designers, as well as the nail specialists, are very much hand picked, so the team atmosphere that we have here is much more conducive to the professionals in the area. We're really focused in terms of our team-based atmosphere and customer service," he said.

Owner Gina Sullins said the salon is extremely committed in providing and accommodating the

needs of its customers.

"We really believe in the way we're going to do things here is different from any of the other salons in the way that everything is going to be team based," she said.

"We want to be known for having the best customer service."

The full-service salon is truly unique and fascinatingly contemporary, with two treatment rooms both equipped with heated massaging chairs for pedicures, a massage, facial, and wax room as well as a separate room just for chemical treatments.

"It's a lot more private, this way," said the salon's general manager Gina Scarpelli. "People don't want to be gawked at through the windows getting their hair dyed. Especially when they don't want people to know it's not their natural color," she laughed.

The salon is completely up-to-date on the latest trends in both hair design and color, as well as

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Community Calendar

Thursday, May 18

Novi Rotary
The Novi Rotary Club meets at 12 p.m. at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbriat at 380-6500.

Novi School Board
The Novi School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

Walled Lake School Board
The Walled Lake School Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Center, Board of Education Room, 850 Laid Road, Building 11, Walled Lake.

Historical Commission
The Novi Historical Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, May 23

ZONTA
The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

Novi Concert Band
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows School.

Meadows School. For information, call (248) 932-9244.

Civil Air Patrol
The Sigaret Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Parkview Elementary School, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Adults and youth who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Youth Assistance
Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, Mayor's Conference Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

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

Northville School Board
The Northville School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Old Village School, Northville.

Lions Club
The Novi Lions Club will meet

Wednesday, May 24

at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Area residents named to serve

By MIKE MALOTT
HomeTown News Service
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Area residents named to state boards and commissions recently by Gov. John Engler have included:

- Teresa Smith, of Plymouth, reappointed to the Community Health Advisory Council, which takes community input about state mental health policy.
- William McKnight, of Northville, appointed to the Interstate Rail Passenger Advisory Council, which is studying a high-speed intercity rail passenger system which would travel between the states of Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Illinois, West Virginia, Kentucky and Michigan.

McKnight is retired. Previously, he was corporate secretary for the Grand Trunk Corporation. He was appointed to represent the general public.

Terms expire January 1, 2002.

Sarah Grey Deson-Fried, of Birmingham, and Beth Chappell, of Bloomfield Hills, were appointed to the Michigan Economic Growth Authority, which provides incentives in the form of tax credits to selected businesses that are expanding in Michigan or relocating to Michigan.

Deson-Fried is a member of Paramount Investments. She earned a B.B.A. degree from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration in 1984 and a J.D. degree from Wayne State University Law School in 1986.

Chappell is executive vice-president of corporate communications and investor relations for Computer. Previously, she was CEO of The Chappell Group. Chappell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing from Michigan State University. She has served on the board of directors for The Detroit Cham-

ber of Commerce, the board of trustees for the Citizen Research Council of Michigan and as chairperson of the United Way of Southeastern Michigan's Loaned Executive Program. Chappell was first appointed to MEGA in 1995.

Terms expire in April of 2003.

Renee Turner-Bailey, of West Bloomfield, was reappointed to the State of Michigan Certificate of Need Commission, which reviews certificate of need standards for new health facilities, changes in hospital bed capacity and health care equipment expenditures.

Turner-Bailey is executive director of Ford Motor Company's Healthcare Quality Consortium. Her term expires in January of 2003.

Ian Minicucci, of Troy, and Lynne Tamor, of West Bloomfield, were appointed to the state Developmental Disabilities Council, which oversees programs to help the developmentally disabled in Michigan.

Minicucci is a consultant for Very Special Arts Michigan. He was appointed to represent consumers.

Tamor is an educational consultant. She was appointed to represent secondary consumers.

Terms expire in September of 2001.

Kathryn Dodge, of Sylvan Lake, Deborah Scott, of Farmington Hills, and Theodore Lewis, of Farmington Hills, were reappointed to the Community Health Advisory Council, which takes community input about state mental health policy.

Dodge is director of the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services. She was reappointed to represent the general public.

Scott is director of government programs for Care Choices HMO. She was reappointed to represent the general public.

Lewis is executive director of the Children's Center of Wayne County. He was reappointed to represent the general public.

Novi boys reach new heights as Eagles

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Michael Goebel and Michael Mallon have soared their way to the top with the recent receipt of their new Eagle Scout awards.

The two 18-year-olds were given the highest honor in Boy Scouting for their work on volunteer projects.

"This is a huge honor," said Mallon. "We're both really excited about it."

For his community project, Mallon put in long hours at Camp Hazelwood in Mt. Holly where he and a group of volunteers helped renovate a barn.

"The camp is where a lot of public school kids go to learn about nature and there was a barn there that was really run down," said the University of Detroit Jesuit student.

"So we came in and nailed another floor in the barn, cleaned it up, put in lights and fixed the fence."

Meanwhile, Goebel helped renovate the office of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington.

"My church's office wasn't exactly the most beautiful thing you ever saw," laughed the Novi High School senior.

"So myself and a couple of volunteers took off all the wallpaper, washed the walls and just fixed it up a little bit."

Goebel and Mallon explained that project ideas generally come from the scouts themselves and that when it comes to organizing, lots of preparation is needed beforehand.

"The first step you have to do is find a project," said Goebel. "Then once you've done that, you present your idea to the board for it to be approved. Once it has been approved, you need to begin organizing. You have to gather needed materials as well as a crew."

Mallon and Goebel said they gathered about 15 to 20 volunteers for their projects.

"They're mostly our scout and

"It teaches you character and a lot about the wilderness."

Mike Mallon, about the Eagle Scouts

family members," said Mallon. "The boys, out of Novi troop 407, have been in the scouts about 13 years. Mallon earning 24 merit badges and Goebel 25."

So what has been the most valuable lesson learned in scouting?

"Euchre," Mallon joked. "But, seriously, we've learned a lot of important things like camping, how to cook, first aid, and other survival skills."

Goebel said that scouts has also given them the chance to meet lots of friends and provided a lot of traveling opportunities.

"We've explored caves in Pennsylvania and hiked in New Mexico," he said.

After graduation, the scouts have quite another adventure ahead of them.

Goebel will be going to Western Michigan University where he will be enrolling in the International Guards with hopes of becoming a pilot, while Mallon will be using his scholarship to Michigan State.

When the guys are not busy with the scouts, Mallon likes playing pool and ping pong, and Goebel enjoys taking Tae Kwon Do.

The newest Eagle Scouts said they are very excited about their accomplishment and would definitely encourage other kids to join.

"It's really fun and educational at the same time," said Mallon. "It teaches you character and a lot about the wilderness."

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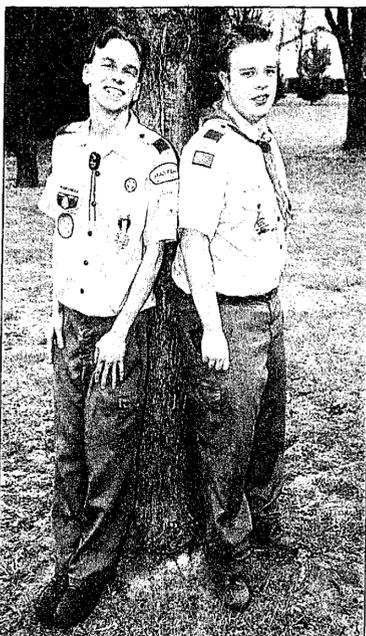
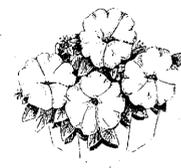


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Mike Goebel and Mike Mallon of Novi recently achieved Eagle Scout status by volunteering for remodeling projects.

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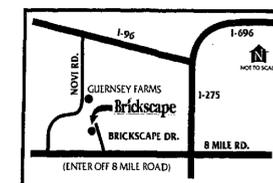
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Resident gets scammed for \$3,600

A trusting Novi resident was taken for \$3,600 after a deal to pave his driveway turned bad on May 11.

The 64-year-old man was told by an asphalt hauler that he had enough extra asphalt that he could do two layers over the man's driveway.

But according to the Novi police report, the suspect laid one layer of asphalt and left with the man's money.

The suspect is described as a white male approximately 5 foot 10 inches tall in his mid 40s with short dark hair. The suspect reportedly spoke with an Italian accent.

The suspect was also accompanied by a young male in his late teens who was referred to as the suspect's nephew.

The company the suspect reportedly worked for was called All State Asphalt. Police reports indicate that there was not a listing of any such company in the area.

SHOPLIFTER STUFFS WALLETS IN HIS PANTS

A 30-year-old Detroit man was arrested after he was found concealing merchandise from a store at Twelve Oaks Mall May 8.

The suspect apparently stuffed two wallets in his underwear and tied two other to his knees. The

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man then went to the cashier and purchased two more wallets and a pair of sunglasses. The suspect was watched the entire time on closed circuit television.

According to police, the man has an extensive criminal record.

TEENY BOPPERS ARRESTED FOR ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

Three teenage girls were taken into custody by police after they were initially pulled over near Novi Road and Fondra for speeding.

When police pulled the car over, there was a heavy smell of intoxicants. Police got all five of the passengers out of the car. The three teens denied they were drinking.

When police found a half full bottle of Bud Light in one of the girls' purses, they were each given sobriety tests and taken into custody.

The two other passengers, a 24-year-old Livonia man and a 22-year-old Livonia resident, were not charged.

The teens initially tried to say that the beer was not theirs but later admitted it was theirs.

"Yeah, it's my beer," said one of the women.

Leviston and the other from Fowlerville, were arrested for cocaine possession after they were pulled over by Novi police near Novi Road and I-96.

The men were initially pulled over for not wearing seat belts. But police say that when the men were pulled over, they discovered a glass pipe laying at the feet of one of the suspects. When police searched the car, they found a "rock and a half of crack cocaine in the wallet of one of the suspects.

Both men were taken into custody for controlled substance violations.

WATCH WHERE YOU FLING THAT CIGARETTE

A 22-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (OUIL) after she was pulled over by police on Thirteen Mile Road at Haggerty.

The woman reportedly was traveling down Thirteen Mile when she flicked her cigarette out the window and it landed on a Novi police car.

When police pulled the woman over, she appeared not to notice the officer at the window and continued talking on a cell phone.

When police finally got her to hang up, she got out of her vehicle and proceeded to fall all the sobriety tests.

"I can't do this," she reportedly told police.

The woman was taken into custody and her car was towed.

COCAINE FOUND WITH MEN

Two 21-year-old men, one from

Novi Briefs

Board of Education meeting changed

Please take notice that there will be a change of meeting place of the Novi Board of Education for Thursday, May 18.

The meeting set to take place at Novi Meadows Elementary has been switched to the Educational Services Building on Taft Road for 7:30 p.m.

Friday Fun Fair at Novi Woods

Novi Woods Elementary at 25195 Taft Road will be holding their annual spring Fun Fair on May 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This fundraising event is sponsored by the school's PTO and will include a children's raffle, silent auction, moonwalks, velcro wall games, food, fun and prizes.

In order to celebrate diversity, the fair will have six cultural rooms that will include music, art, costumes and food from countries all over the world such as Italy, Africa, India, Japan, and Korea.

The public is welcome to attend.

For more information and tickets call the school at (248) 449-1230.

Memorial Parade route determined

Novi's 2000 Memorial Day Parade is all set to go, Monday, May 29. The parade route will begin at the Novi Town Center on Crescent Drive, will head south to Ten Mile Road, and continue west to the Novi Civic Center.

Following the parade, a special Memorial Day Service will be held at the Veterans Memorial Monument at the center.

The parade begins at 10 a.m., so don't miss it!

Festival of Arts set for Tuesday

Don't miss your chance to see Novi's young artists shine as the Novi Community School District hosts the Festival of Arts Tuesday evening, May 23, at the high school.

The artwork of 350 students, kindergarten through 12th grade, will be on display from 6-9 p.m.

The Novi High School choir will be performing at 7:30 p.m.

Community Education Briefs

Upcoming Community Education classes are here!

• On May 19, mothers, sisters, aunts and grandmas along with a school age child, will learn the latest in line dancing and enjoy other musical activities with the "Mother & Daughter Line Dance" class.

Memorable pictures can be purchased for an additional charge.

Class will be held from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Middle School's cafeteria.

Cost is \$19 per couple and \$3 for each additional child.

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• Don't forget about the gysel The Father & Son class, also on May 19, will be an action packed sports-oriented event.

Activities will include basketball, pillow polo, and soccer. A stretching warm-up session is also included.

Class will be held from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Middle School's gymnasium.

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nize illness and injuries and provide appropriate care with "First Aid Training."

Safety and injury prevention is stressed in this class.

Practice controlling bleeding, bandaging and splinting.

Class will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Novi Middle School's Media Center.

Cost is \$28 per person and \$25 for seniors.

• On May 24, join the class, "Hormones, Herbs, and Health in Midlife."

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Class will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. in room 131 at Novi High

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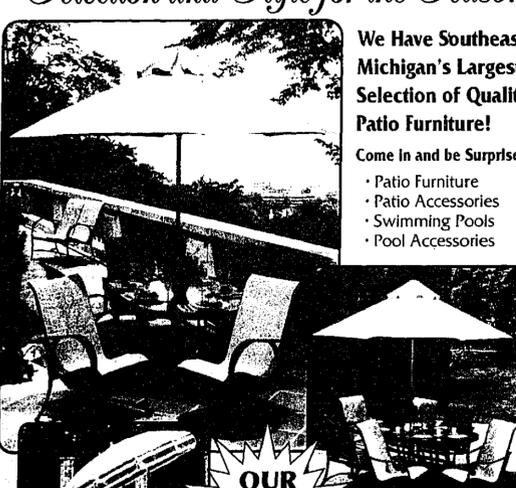
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Above: Jana Skaglin hugs her daughter Ashley during Thursday's Mother's Day Tea celebrations at Novi's Parkview Elementary. The students sang songs and wrote poems.

Below: Jayne Szukalowski reads a Mother's Day poem from her daughter Ashley during the special Parkview Elementary tea.

Moms' love honored by kids

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

A mom is like a flower on a sunny summer day.
You'd pick her in a minute if you could have your way.
A mom is like a sunshine, she warms your heart each day.
She makes you feel like smiling, it's just her special way.
When saying that she loves you, the way that mothers do, a mom is very special that's why we love her too.

"I love my mom because she's very sweet and pretty. She's especially nice because she always cleans my room."

Ashley Skaglin,
Parkview student

very sweet and pretty," said second grader Ashley Skaglin. "She's especially nice because she always cleans my room."
Jennifer Eitelmann said her mom is tops because she doesn't make her do that many chores and Lindsey Peterson said her mom is the best because she takes her on lots of vacations.
Mom Maureen Gabriel who was showered with love from her son Eddie, said she was really moved by the program and all the precious gifts the children made.
"Weren't they sweet?" she said. "They did such a wonderful job on the songs and the presents are fabulous. I'll treasure them forever."

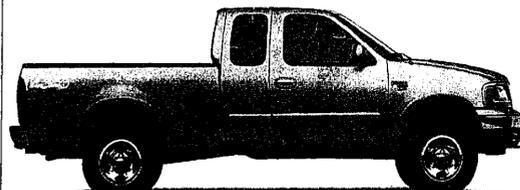
"Yeah," added classmate Nick Colacino, "we made them place mats and picture frames that they can hang up on the refrigerator. We also made mother's day cards and a small book of poems."
The children gave many reasons why their mom is the number one lady in their lives.
"I love my mom because she's



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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending May 14. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MAY 8

Medical, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 9:31 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 49000 Eleven Mile Road, 11:52 a.m., Squad 4.
Trailer fire, 30255 Rousseau, 2:35 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 2:42 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Market and Main, 5:42 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Wires down, 22266 Heatherbrae, 4:48 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 7:50 a.m., Squad 1.
Wires down, 38595 Ten Mile Road, 8:15 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, Novi and Crescent, 1:50 p.m., Squad 1.
Service, 45182 West Park, 2:19 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 41895 Twelve Mile Road, 2:49 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Park, 2:52 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 27175 Haggerty, 3:17 p.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, Novi and Grand River, 4:24 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and M-5, 4:38 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 1503 Ocher, 8:48 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 21429 Chase, 9:04 p.m., Squad 3.
Wires arching, Beck and Grand River, 9:25 p.m., Squad 4.

Tree on vehicle, 26991 Wixom, 9:25 p.m., Engine 4.
Wires arching, 47215 Eleven Mile, 9:49 p.m., Engine 1.
Wires arching, West Park and Pontiac Trail, 10:21 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 10:32 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Wires down, 144 Pickford, 6:30 a.m., Engine 2.
Gas leak, 27200 Beck, 6:40 a.m., Engine 4.
Wire down, 44172 Cottisford, 6:53 a.m., Squad 3.
Building collapse, Grand River and Beck Road, 6:57 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 9:55 a.m., Squad 3.
Wires arching, 41689 Dukeshire, 9:57 a.m., Engine 3.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Service, 45182 West Park, 4 a.m., Engine 2.
Service, 45182 West Park, 5:51 a.m., Engine 2.
Mutual aid, Wayne Fire Department, 8:11 a.m., Response 506.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Napier Road, 2:29 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 45182 West Park, 5:04 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 29984 Montmorency, 7:05 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 22875 Summerhouse, 7:43 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 22785 Vislitos Court, 9 p.m., Engine 4.

Cadillac Asphalt, Grand River, 10:07 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 41895 Twelve Mile Road, 11:32 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 43610 West Oaks, 2:32 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 27600 Novi Road, 5:42 p.m., Squad 1.
Tree burning, 140 Pickford, 5:44 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 39765 Grand River, 8:09 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Medical, 156 Penhill, 4:59 a.m., Engine 2.
Fire alarm, Novi and Crescent, 9:28 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 21836 Bedford, 9:32 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 1295 East Lake, 12:51 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 43055 Crescent, 1:21 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 21050 Haggerty, 1:22 p.m., Squad 3.
Trash fire, 23980 Meadowbrook, 2:14 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 39888 Village Wood, 6:23 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 454749 Lakeview, 8:51 p.m., Engine 2.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Service, 45182 West Park, 5:38 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 7:26 a.m., Squad 1.
Service, 27475 Huron Circle, 8:38 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 10:31 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 45182 West Park, 10:41 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 12:03 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 29916 Bolleau, 2:53 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 45182 West Park, 11:41 p.m., Engine 2.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 12:52 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 45182 West Park, 8:31 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 45012 Byrne, 12:30 p.m., Squad 3.
Vehicle fire, Novi and Crescent, 12:58 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 31120 Walden, 4:26 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 24555 Knollwood, 6:39 p.m., Squad 1.
Building fire, 24985 Haggerty, 8:28 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 45182 West Park, 10 p.m., Engine 2.

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• I BREATHED FIRE (PG-13) 12:15, 4:45
• CALIBUR (R) 11:45, 12:45, 2:45, 4:30, 6:30, 8:45, 9:55, 9:25
• FURSTENBERG: THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL (PG) 12:55, 2:45, 4:50, 6:45
• PARADISE (PG-13) 11:45, 2:00, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
• 8711 (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25
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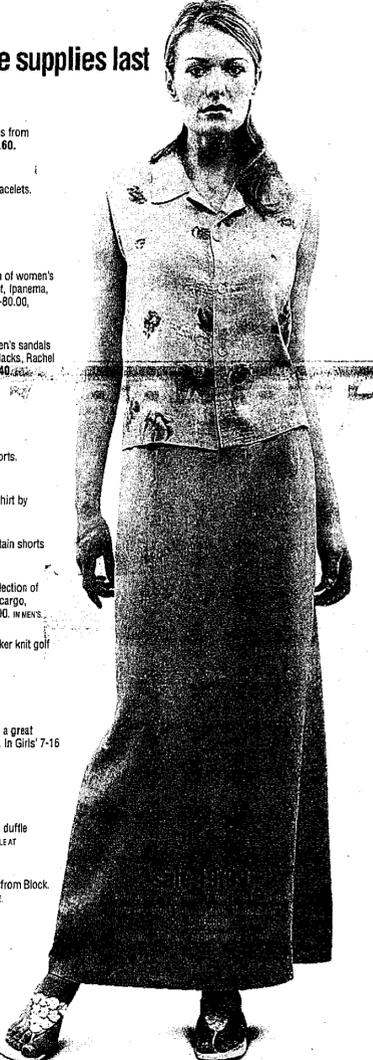
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Novi 52-1 Court needs additional judge, space

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

The 52nd 1st Division court in Novi has reached capacity in only its fifth year of existence.

Since opening in 1995, the dock has doubled and there appears to be no let up in sight. According to Novi District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie, the 52nd 1st Division is the second busiest court behind only the 46th District Court in Detroit.

Legislation that would add judges to the Novi court passed the State House of Representatives last week by a vote 102-3 and now waits for approval from the senate. The administration and judges of the Novi court agree it's a good thing but there is one issue still that needs addressing.

"If a judgeship is added [to Novi], there will need to be expansion of the building," MacKenzie said.

"Since the joint house has said they want to add a fourth judge to Novi, I expect the next step comes from the (Oakland County) commissioners," MacKenzie said.

The new legislation, introduced to the senate and house by Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Milford) and Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) respectively, would give help to judges to ease their case load.

An original proposal was to combine the Clarkston and Novi Court into one division and add a court judge in Clarkston. The Clarkston court would then be responsible for Highland, White Lake and Rose Township, which are not under the jurisdiction of the Novi court.

But Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has indicated that he would not support the combining of the courts. Instead, Patterson would rather see the Clarkston court remain separate and add a judge to the Novi court. Patterson has said that the larger district takes away from the concept of a "community court."

According to State Representative Nancy Cassis, Patterson had initially supported the combining of the two districts.

"Apparently Brooks Patterson has had a change of heart on the issue," Cassis said. "I think this should be put right into the lap of Brooks Patterson. He's gone to the Government Committee and done a complete turn around."

Cassis said she's done her job by bringing the much needed judge to the community. It is up to the county executive to do his part. Cassis is clear, on the stance of the 52-1 court, that there is no place to put the new judge when he/she arrives.

"I'm not focusing on what needs

to be built," Cassis said. "We need to have a judge and we're trying to work out our spacing problems."

The Michigan Supreme Court Administrator's Office recommended earlier this year that the two divisions be combined to help ease the "overwhelming" number of cases that make it through the Novi court.

"We made a recommendation that a judge be added to the 52nd District Court in Novi," said Michigan State Court Administrator John Ferry. "That's all we do. The rest is up to the local people."

According to Novi's 52nd 1st District Court Judge Dennis Powers, proponents are looking for a resolution from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to help the process along.

"There is a big brouhaha going on down there about if the two courts are combined, all the judges would be from Novi. But only one judge at the Novi court, Brian MacKenzie, actually lives in Novi."

District courts have jurisdiction over all civil lawsuits up to \$25,000 and all criminal misdemeanors that do not have punishments adding up to over a year in jail. The district court also has jurisdiction over traffic infractions and felony preliminary examinations.

The Novi court had over 55,000 news cases filed in 1999. The year it opened, 1995, the Novi court system had approximately 51,000 cases and there has been approximately 104,000 cases that went through the Novi system over the past two years.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

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Obituaries

MADLINE A. BOURKE
Madeline Ann Bourke, 81, of Northville died May 13 in Star Manor Nursing Home of Northville. She was born in 1918.

Mrs. Bourke is survived by one son, Greg; three daughters, Mary Ann Cline, Elizabeth (George) Haley and Monika Bourke; sister, Helen Moyles; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael; daughter, Dolly; and two sons, Terry and Tim.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 16 at St. Gemma's Church in Detroit. Interment followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

CATHERINE C. GAVIN
Catherine C. Gavin, 89, of Novi died May 12 in Whitehall Convalescent Home, Novi.

She was born in 1911.

Mrs. Gavin is survived by sons, Joseph and Kevin; daughters, Maureen Kindred, Kitty (Adam) Chazyck and Patricia (Edward) Katrosel; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael; daughter, Dolly; and two sons, Terry and Tim.

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WALTER S. HOOPS
Walter S. Hoops, 90, died May 12 in Arbor Hospice, Ann Arbor.

He was born Aug. 12, 1909, in Nankin Township to Frederick W. and Ida (Sawslayer) Hoops.

Prior to his retirement in 1974, Mr. Hoops was an attorney with State Farm Insurance Co. for 40 years. He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Nomads, and the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda of Northville; two sons, Frederick (Cynthia) of Novi and William (Virginia) of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Kathryn (Stefan) Michaelak of Novi; sister, Mildred L. Harris of Geneva, Ill.; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, May 16 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Memorials to the Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) Foundation, 1415 Louisiana, Suite 3625, Houston, TX 77002 would be appreciated by the family.

DONALD E. MILLS
Donald E. Mills, 67, of Walled Lake died May 11 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He was born in 1933.

Mr. Mills is survived by his wife, Marilyn; mother, Eunice Mills; and one sister, Gertrude Lorenzo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Mills.

A memorial service was conducted on Sunday, May 14 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was at Oaklawn Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association would be appreciated by the family.

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To make an appointment, call the salon at (248) 948-3344.

Cities must combat urban sprawl

By MIKE MALOTT
HomeTown News Service
malott@homecomm.net

Efforts to address urban sprawl in Michigan — a topic that has been on the lips of area residents and planners for as much as 20 years — need to get underway by this June, according to David Skjaerlund, executive director of the Rural Development Council of Michigan.

That's because one piece of it, a major piece, needs to go on the ballot this fall in the form of a Constitutional amendment. Skjaerlund was referring to Gov. John Engler's

proposal to change the way farm land is taxed. Engler has proposed that property taxes be applied to farm land based, rather than on market value as it is assessed today, strictly on its use as agricultural land.

The purpose is to take the financial pressure off farmers, who are sometimes forced because of high property taxation to sell to developers. Those developers buy it up for new homes. It is part of the process that fuels sprawl.

Many other urban sprawl initiatives are in the works, like encouraging "smart growth" alternatives in

local communities, passing legislation allowing for the sale of "development rights" on working farms, spurring regional cooperative planning and redirecting growth back toward central cities, but many of those proposals can be enacted without need of rewriting the state Constitution.

And many can be adopted by local communities themselves.

That was the idea behind The Ultimate Land Use Conference Feb. 28 and 29 at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing.

Peter Katz, president of Urban Advantage, a design firm that is a proponent of "New Urbanism," talked about that style of development.

Typical subdivision development involves large lots, placing homes on lots ranging in size from one to 10 acres. That style of development just contributes to sprawl, he said, because it is so consumptive of land that no longer can support agriculture. While it does preserve greenspace, he said, it is not public greenspace.

"We have greenspace, but we

don't know what it's there for," he said.

Katz further argued that the traffic-congested suburbs experience is just the result of inadequate size on major roads. It is the result of the way subdivisions are typically laid out.

In subdivisions, all roads lead to dead ends," he said. By contrast, New Urbanism designs being used today

is that they are too large, Katz said. If these neighborhoods are more than a quarter mile across, residents will just get in the car to drive to where they are going. Planners tend to put too much retail at the center. These designs are intended for small shops. Too much retail draws more traffic than the street designs can handle.



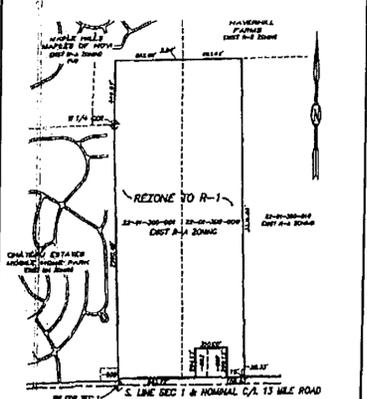
Waiting

Novi Woods second-grader Courtney Laux waits to make her next sale of peanut butter cookies at last Wednesday's bake sale to raise money for Leukemia research.

Photo by JOHN HEI

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 7, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.601 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF THIRTEEN MILE AND EAST OF MEADOWBROOK ROADS FROM RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE (RA) DISTRICT TO ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) DISTRICT OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.



To rezone a part of the West 1/2 of Section 1, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-01-300-001 and 22-01-300-002 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 1, said point being N03°28'30"W 60.01 feet from the SW corner of Section 1; thence continuing along said West line N03°28'30"W 2590.40 feet to the W 1/4 corner of Section 1; thence continuing along said West line and along the boundary of "The Maples of Novi, Maples Hill" D.C.C.P. No. 627, N02°28'35"W 649.69 feet; thence continuing along the boundary of said "Maples of Novi, Maple Hills" the following two courses: N87°21'41"E 662.69 feet and N03°11'07"W 2.24 feet; thence along the South line of "Havenhill Farms," D.C.C.P. No. 912, N67°19'27"E 693.69 feet; thence S03°16'01"E 328.69 feet to a point 70.00 feet North of the South line of Section 1 (nominal C/L of Thirteen Mile Road); thence along the North line of Thirteen Mile Road the following three courses: S67°31'40"W 25.33 feet and S02°28'20"E 15.00 feet and S67°31'40"W 156.50 feet; thence N03°28'35"W 299.13 feet; thence S67°31'40"W 350.00 feet; thence S03°26'47"E 294.13 feet to a point 60.00 feet North of the South line of Section 1 (nominal C/L of Thirteen Mile Road); thence along the North line of Thirteen Mile Road S67°31'40"W 943.72 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 100.437 acres.

FROM: R-4 RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: R-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 18.601
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 601
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL,
RICHARD CLARK, MAYOR
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CLERK

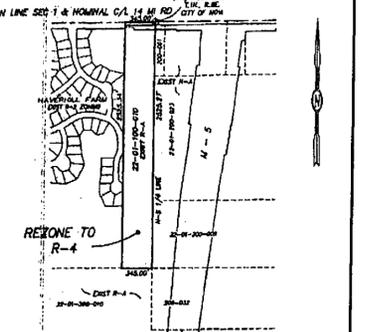
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2000.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY

(5-18-00 NR/NN 973700)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

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To rezone the East 20 acres of the North 1/4 of Section 1, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-01-300-010 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 1; thence S01°15'21"W 2525.27 feet along the N-S 1/4 line of said Section 1; thence N88°34'43"W 345.00 feet; thence N01°75'21"E 2525.34 feet to the North line of Section 1 (nominal C/L of Fourteen Mile Road); thence S88°30'01"E 345.00 feet along said North line to the point of beginning. Containing 19.49 acres.

FROM: R-4 RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: R-4 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 18.600
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 600
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL,
RICHARD CLARK, MAYOR
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CLERK

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2000.

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If you are interested in serving on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling 347-0486 to receive an application by mail or fax. Please submit your application by Thursday, June 8, 2000 to allow time for scheduling appointments.

SARAH MARCHIONI, CITY CLERK
(5-18-00 NR, NN 973694)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Singh Homes is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a sales trailer at 41291 Scarborough Lane from May 24, 2000 through May 24, 2002. Scarborough Lane is located in Willowbrook Subdivision No. 2, which is located at Grand River and Meadowbrook Road.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on May 24, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to May 24, 2000.

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TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
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10:00 a.m. — Potpourri: Barber-shop Quartet
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Story Teller
12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete

1:30 p.m. — The Winner's Circle
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Internet Marketing
2:30 p.m. — Teen Talk
3:00 p.m. — Trauma: The Silent Epidemic
3:30 p.m. — Choose to Have a Drink Think Before You Drink
4:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
4:30 p.m. — Battle of the Books
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Army News Watch

6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
7:30 p.m. — The Hobby Corner
8:00 p.m. — Teen Writing Program
8:30 p.m. — Alcohol: The Middle School Years
9:00 p.m. — Senseless Death II
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

TUESDAY, MAY 23

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
11:00 a.m. — Inside Reform Today: Joe Knollenberg and Tom Ness
11:30 a.m. — Living Without Limits: Disability in Sports
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: Virginia Nicolle

1:30 p.m. — I Remember Bozo
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Gifts of the Spirit
3:00 p.m. — Home for Life: Edging
3:30 p.m. — Senseless Death II
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk: Novi Police Dog
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Sensible Choco-

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6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
6:30 p.m. — Building Scene: Tom Cogswell
7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Barbershop Quartet
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Internet Marketing
8:00 p.m. — Salon Clamour and Etiquette with Gloria

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 10:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
 11:00 a.m. — Financial Strategies: Internet Marketing
 11:30 a.m. — The Hobby Corner
 12:00 p.m. — Battle of the Books
 12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today
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 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
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 3:00 p.m. — Unsung Heroes and Unsung Institutions
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 5:00 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church
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 11:00 a.m. — Building Scene: Tom Cogswell
 11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Sensible Chocolate
 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy

12:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
 1:00 p.m. — Senseless Death II
 1:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
 2:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Barbershop Quartet
 2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
 3:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Story Teller
 3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
 4:00 p.m. — Alcohol: The Middle School Years
 4:30 p.m. — The Winner's Circle
 5:00 p.m. — Sharry Zelek
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 6:00 p.m. — Living Without Limits: Disability In Sports
 6:30 p.m. — Inside Reform Today

Joe Knollenberg and Tom Ness
 7:00 p.m. — Choose to Have a Drink: Think Before You Drink
 7:30 p.m. — Battle of the Books
 8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Sensible Chocolate
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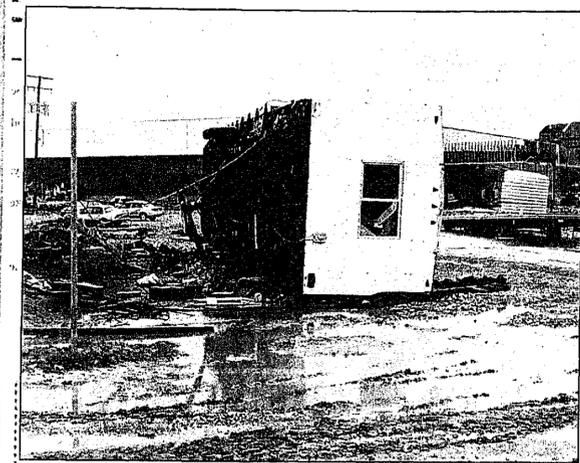
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Council passes new budget

By RANDAL YAKYK Staff Writer

The Novi City Council passed the 2000-2001 city budget on Monday night and there isn't expected to be any tax increase for Novi residents. The proposed expenditures for 2000-2001 is \$45,801,117 with a majority of monies set aside for redevelopment of the local parks, the establishment of a Judgment Trust Fund as a source of debt payment for judgment bonds, and a major neighborhood street resurfacing project.

Tax payers will not see a raise in taxes this year with the millage rate staying virtually the same at 10.54, according to Novi Finance Director Kathy Smith Roy.

"The budget needs to be balanced and that means that not everyone will get what they want," said Mayor Richard Clark. "We've dedicated funds to do things in the neighborhoods but we cannot deal with everyone's problems, especially when it comes to roads."

"It's a good budget," Clark continued. "But it is a balancing act."

But councilwoman Michelle Bonnet was disappointed in the finished product. According to Bonnet, the council made too many



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Problem solvers head to finals with fruit coaster

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Roll out the red carpet! Novi Middle School's Destination ImagiNation is the city's first team ever to be heading to the World Finals Competition at Iowa State University May 23 - 27 with their amazing "Fruit Roller Coaster" project.

The team, consisting of Heather Balon, Melissa Doolin, James Gee, Dallas Odom, Alyssa Wagner, and Dawn Wilfong, returned from the State Finals Competition, April 15, with a first place medal and trophy.

"When we heard our name announced at states, we all started cheering and jumping up and down," Wagner said. "We were so excited!"

Destination ImagiNation, a global, youth-oriented, and creative problem-solving program is a non-profit organization sponsored by the U.S. and other nations. Students at all age levels compete in vigorous tournaments that allow their imaginations to soar.

Teams chose one of six nationally standardized long-term problems to solve for the competition.

Points are based on each team's demonstration of a solution to their long-term team challenge. In this case, the Fruit Roller Coaster, as well as on the spot reactions to instant challenges.

"They also get scored on how well they work together as a team and how well they understood the problem," said parent coach for the middle school team, Roger Wilfong. Destination ImagiNation parent coordinator Cathy Gee said the kids' energy and dedication to the problem-solving process is amazing to witness.

"They learn skills which might not otherwise be learned until

adulthood, such as teamwork, compromise, dedication and loyalty. The teams' unique solutions to the problems show self-discovery, creativity, and self-expression," she said.

In the "Fruit Roller Coaster" challenge, the students were encouraged to learn what happens when transportation systems are designed to go faster, by creating a roller coaster for tennis balls. The object is to move the tennis balls through a course as fast as possible.

"The roller coaster had to include a jump, a loop and a corkscrew," Balon said, "all with a size constraint of 9 X 6 feet."

Cathy Gee said even though the team had certain parameters with which to work, they weren't told what to build it out of or how to make it work.

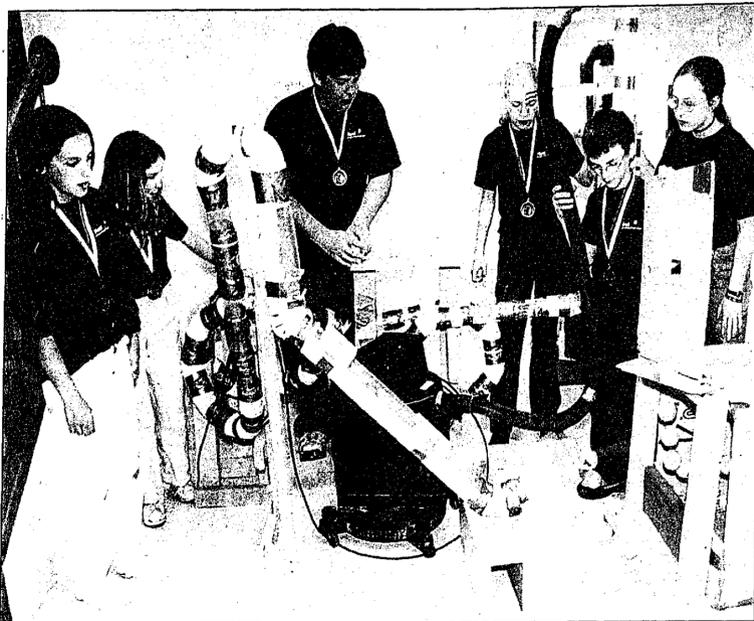
"We had all sorts of different prototypes before we settled on our final roller coaster design," she said. "We had to remake and revise the model a number of different times before we were happy with the results."

In addition to assembling the roller coaster, the kids had to build a play around it, inventing characters and writing a ten minute script.

"Our play is about a nuclear physicist, Dr. Yellow, who is trying to improve her protonic reactor," Odom said.

"So you have to incorporate an artistic physical aspect of your program," Odom said.

Roger Wilfong said the students have been together as a team now for almost three years and continue to get better each year.



Members of the Novi Middle School Destination ImagiNation Finals-destined team watch as tennis balls fly out of their built from scratch contraption. From left: Alyssa Wagner, Melissa Doolin, Dallas Odom, Dawn Wilfong, Heather Balon and James Gee.

"I'm really proud of them," she said. "They've worked so hard."

Cathy Gee said the school board is extremely thrilled to have a winning team and that they are even paying for all the kids to go to the competition in Iowa.

"Dr. Rita Traynor has been a long term supporter of Destination ImagiNation and she and the budget committee found a way to make

sure that the team could go," she said. "This is a very expensive proposition and we're very grateful."

"We're really excited!" Doolin exclaimed. "Everyone is really looking forward to it."

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

Garfield Road gets land for wildlife sanctuary

By RANDAL YAKES
Staff Writer

Nothing. That is just what they wanted and that is what they will get.

Residents along Garfield Road have asked that nothing be done with a 106 acres of land and that it be left as a wildlife sanctuary and that is just what they got.

The city is expected to purchase the property from the

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for \$1. The site was where the state lost mitigation wetlands in eastern Novi during the construction of the Hagerly Connector.

Council agreed Monday to "seal the deal," as one local resident put it, and keep the site a wetland preserve, at least for the next 100 years.

"This property is a mitigation

habitat project. There is room to come up with a modest, passive use for the area," Kramer said, just before the vote.

A controversy over the site erupted last month when residents claim the city was planning to make a park out of the area. Some residents claim that the city was not being up front about the issues.

According to Novi's Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki, after the M-5 project was finished, MDOT was going to sell the land to the city for a \$1.

But Nowicki said that stance changed and MDOT subsequently asked for approximately \$270,000 for the property.

Nowicki said that the state then relented after they were

reminded by the city that they had initially offered to sell the property for a dollar.

The resolutions state that the land cannot be developed for the next 100 years and that there will not be any type of park, trails or alterations to the site.

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Cassis proposes tax break

By Randal Yakes
Staff Writer

For kids ready to get out of school, Labor Day must seem like eons away.

But for parents looking to save some money, the Labor Day holiday could be a dream of this summer.

"This year, it could be a 'sales tax holiday,' if the state senators pass a bill that would allow a sales tax moratorium over a two week period."

State Representative Nancy Cassis (D-Nowi), who chairs the House Tax Committee, helped push through a two-bill package that will provide a "tax holiday" during the week before and after Labor Day.

According to Cassis, the bill would give families a chance to purchase clothing for school and give a boost to retailers.

Cassis said that the "tax holiday" would be a great benefit to parents with school aged children. "We're talking about necessary clothing here, not ski boots," Cassis said. "It would be extremely beneficial to retailers."

The tax cut could result in a loss of approximately \$30 million in revenue to the state, according to a press release issued by the governor's office.

Treasuries in other states have tended to overestimate the negative impact of tax holidays," Cassis said. "That's because they are estimated dynamically. The people that the exemptions attract to the store also purchase other items."

Over at Twelve Oaks Mall, Rave's manager Emmy Cavanaro thought that a sales tax moratorium over the two week span would be a good idea.

"It would boost sales a lot," Cavanaro said. "If it was advertised in the papers, sure, it would boost sales."

"Back to school is a big thing at Twelve Oaks," said Twelve Oaks Marketing Director Peggy Hayes.

"Any help to families would be appreciated. It should be a great help to people, especially those with kids."

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Conference to be held in Novi

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 ahead and institute a long range strategic plan. This will be one of the things I'll be addressing when I appear at the conference."
 Beginning with a golf outing on Friday morning, the weekend conference at the hotel will include a visit from Governor Engler on May 19 at 12 p.m. While the Engler luncheon is open to the public, the rest of the conference is restricted to Rotary Club members.
 The rest of the weekend will include a number of award presentations, dinners, and discussions. Other guest speakers will include Michael Caruso, who will talk about the importance of change and motivation, and Bill Ives, who will address Rotary's involvement in extrajurisdictional.

"The conference is a celebration to recognize those who have been selfless and for people who have not done the work for their own glorification," Cassis said.
 "It's also to reflect on what we've accomplished and to discuss what more we can do," Cassis said. "Hopefully, if we can communicate our message to those around us and throughout mankind, truly the world would become a better place," he said.
 If you would like to join the Rotary District for Engler's presentation, you may do so by calling Gerry Stipp for a reservation at (248) 422-2292.

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Abatement to bring businesses to Novi

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 company would ask for a tax abatement if it were available to the city.
 Hotel Baronette General Manager Leonard T. Williams showed up in council chambers as a tax abatement hater and Novi Expo President Blair Bowman has said that he would look into utilizing the tax abatement policy if it were available for his new exposition center project.
 Bowman, who plans to construct the new facility along Grand River between Beck and Tall Roads, has tried to ease the fears of local residents about the impact of tax abatements.
 "It is not corporate welfare," Bowman said Monday night. "It's a partnership between the city and businesses."
 According to Novi's Economic Development Coordinator Greg Capote, a number of companies are waiting for Novi's decision on a tax abatement policy. Capote expects the new policy to bring more interested businesses to the city.

"I'm always getting calls from companies asking if we have a policy," Capote said.
 The criteria for an abatement states that any abatement given to companies requires a "significant number of employment opportunities in the community" and "encourages significant capital investments."

Companies could get up to eight years maximum for a tax abatement. Companies must have a capital investment of at least \$10 million to be eligible for an abatement and abatement for rehabilitation of an existing building is \$5 million. The number of employees a company must employ to be eligible for an abatement is 25.
 It has been noted by residents that the computer software design company Compuware was hired to Farmington Hills with a tax abatement and when the abatement expired, they moved to Detroit.

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Annex will present "Charlotte's Web"

It's time for Novi's young talent to shine, once again, as Children's Annex gets ready to present, "Charlotte's Web."
 Under director Mary Kay Davis, shows run May 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and May 21 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage.
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8:00 a.m. Department Meeting
 9:00 a.m. Status Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Marketing Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Committee Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 2:00 p.m. Technology Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Subcommittee Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting
 5:55 p.m. Check account balance. Pay bills online.
 6:00 p.m. "Reduce number of meetings" Meeting

NHS hosts karate tournament

It's the 8th Annual Karate Tournament, Saturday, May 20, which welcomes competitors from many of the Metro Detroit Korean Karate Clubs.
 Trophies will be distributed to first, second, and third place winners in weapons, forms, and sparring. Demonstrations by Masters in various Martial Arts disciplines are planned.
 The tournament will be held at Novi High School beginning at noon.
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Salon Agapé has latest hair designs

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 with face and body care.
 For instance, in waxing, the salon will soon be using a new sugar technique.
 "It's a different method of hair removal, but it's a little less aggressive so it is nicer on the skin," Sullins said. "It's heated, but not as hot as wax."
 Sullins and Scarpelli said all the products they use are entirely natural, which benefits both its customers and the environment.
 "We're trying to be as natural as possible in the way we practice our business," Scarpelli said.
 "For example, only using Aveda products. The salon is much more of the holistic side of things. We really want to maintain the integrity of the naturalness of our products and really respect our environment and our community. We want to give back as well as receive from the public."
 DeWitt said as far as education goes, the salon will be sending employees out for advanced training on a regular basis to learn all the newest styles and techniques.
 "We have what we call 'skilled certification' here," he said. "If an individual doesn't know how to do a certain style, then they're not allowed to perform those particular services until they have that educational background. And I think it takes the fear factor out of going to a new salon. You don't have to worry about, 'well, does this person know what they're doing?'"
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 Novi High School will receive a percentage of the profit made during the shift they work.
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As We See It

Million Mom March on the right track

It's easy to sit back and pontificate about the state of the world today. It takes a little more work to get up and do something about it.

At least six Novi moms headed to Washington D.C. on Mother's Day for the Million Mom March, a crusade against gun violence.

What drives them is this: Every day, 12 children die from gunshot wounds.

We applaud their commitment to a cause. It's always heartening to find individuals who can find time to commit to a cause or to volunteer.

In this case, we agree with their particular purpose... to seek gun safety legislation and strict enforcement of gun laws.

Said Novi mom Gwen Markham: "We're talking about legislation that will try to keep guns out of the hands of children, juveniles and criminals."

Gun control is a hot topic not only in our communities but in our nation's capital as well. Which is why it's important for local residents like Novi's Million Mom Marchers to go to where the action takes place.

And en masse, maybe these mothers can make a difference.

It's difficult to go up against gun manufacturers that earn their livings off selling weapons any way they can and it's difficult to make headway through paranoid gun proponents who funnel money into the federal government to keep their "Second Amendment rights safe."

While we agree with groups like the National Rifle Association that some gun legislation is ineffective or unenforced, we don't agree that gun legislation won't work at all.

According to the Million Mom March website, since passing the Brady Law in 1994, over 400,000 convicted felons have been prevented from legally purchasing firearms because of mandatory background checks. Still, loopholes exist to allow easy purchases from gun shows.

It's our belief firearms legislation needs to be stricter.

In fact, we spend more time teaching new drivers how to operate a vehicle than we do educating new gun owners on their weapon of choice. In fact, there is no training course or certification for legally owning a gun. You don't have to pass a test, take a course or even go for a "test drive" with your gun before buying it.

According to Linda Carpenter of the Novi Police Department, in order to legally purchase a handgun gun one must follow these procedures:

- Before buying a handgun, go to the local or county police department with a valid driver's license or identification with which the department will use to scan the name through its law enforcement identification system for criminal background checks. Under the recently passed federal Brady Bill, the department can invoke a five day waiting period for them to check your background more fully.
- Fill out a questionnaire with 15 questions about handgun use and safety and sign a paper saying you are a U.S. citizen, 18-years-old or older, never have been mentally incapacitated, not a convicted felon or under other criminal charges that would prohibit purchasing a handgun.
- When a buyer will get a authorization number and purchase permit good for 10 days to buy a gun. There is only one gun purchase per permit, but you may apply for additional permits.
- After the gun is bought, you must bring it back into the department so police can verify it is not stolen. Then a handgun permit is issued.

The whole process takes about half an hour. Driver's education, on the other hand, requires three levels of instruction, a total of 30 hours of classroom time, nine months of practice driving and a road test.

It's these sorts of inconsistencies as well as the recent shootings and killings all over America's schoolyards that led a group of Novi moms to march on Washington over the weekend.

Said Novi mom Pam Evans: "Just hearing about the incident after another of senseless killings really made me want to get involved."

We can see why.

Election info abounds with slime



Andrew Dieterich

It won't be long until once again we're inundated with enough election campaign information to drown in.

It's enough to make you not want to care until it affects your wallet or little piece of land, of course. But before you brush off elections for another year, there are some reasons to care, and about the local elections in particular. In the Northville area alone, key elections include the Northville Township board of trustees, the 20th District seat in the state house of representatives, and possibly a 35th District court judge race.

There are reasons people don't care that should be identified and reasons people should care to be identified.

1. "I don't know enough about the politicians." Not good enough. I'm not trying to sell any more newspapers here. I get paid the same regardless, but our medium is just one way to get to know your politicians. Other ways exist as well — going to meetings if only for a little while, establishing friendly relationships with politicians, coming to any forums that may be held, having them come and speak to your group or organization.
2. "They are all scumbags with their own agendas." Not true. Admittedly, I believe there are some politicians who fit this category. But I also believe it is a relatively few number. The problem is "bigger" politicians like the president and the like get into some trouble and naturally it's publicized — it's the American way, not the flawless way. I want to give up on the whole lot myself when I hear stories such as Bill Clinton and an intern getting it on while on my time.

But to apply that mentality to local politicians is naive. I can't even imagine, and don't want to, Dick Henningsen, township supervisor, using his township hall office to get a little side action. Instead, it's much more easy and pleasant to imagine Henningsen working away in the office and other places to make Northville Township a better place to live.

Henningsen like most other local politicians just cares about the community they live in so much they are willing to spend hours and hours pouring through documents that most wouldn't read if they were trapped on an island for 14 years with nothing else to read at all.

From mundane easement purchases to hours and hours of negotiation these people are representing you and affecting the way you live. From meetings three nights a week to ribbon cutting ceremonies and talking to classrooms about politics. The bikepath you ride on, the park you play in, the junkyard that doesn't get built just outside your subdivision, the road that gets paved are all due to your representatives working hard to improve the community. And though the elected obviously stand to gain from decisions they make, how can one really be justified in saying politicians have their own agendas?

That's why it's my hope that between now and election time, residents spend at least a little time getting to know who's running and who may be the best choice.

Compared to what the elected do, it's really a small challenge to you.

Life and death can hit very close to home

The scene starts out appearing quite normal. A 12-year-old boy and his friends, along with a coach and probably a handful of spectators take to the field on a muggy spring afternoon to practice playing soccer.

But quicker than a ball flies into a goal does a bolt of lightning streak from the sky and strike the boy, sending him sprawling to the ground.

There are two possible paths the drama may take. Either the parties nearest to the accident lose their cool, or one of them — using skills he or she learned for just such an emergency — gets a flashback to a CPR class and is able to stabilize the youngster long enough until paramedics arrive.

Fortunately the latter ended up being the case last week in Northville. We're happy to report that we learned late Tuesday the boy is recovering very well and is expected to be back in school next week.

Obviously, the ending to this story could have been much, much worse. Lightning can be, and often is, lethal. Its power is almost beyond comprehension. And if it unleashes itself on a human being, the electrical current scalds the body's own electrical impulses, thereby posing a tremendous risk to the heart.

But somewhere along the line, a soccer coach saw fit to take a CPR class no one ever thinks they'll need. And true — most of us will probably go through our lives without ever needing to put into practice what was learned in the 60 or 90-minute session.

Even so, the skills taught in CPR can be the difference between life and death. To the person struck by lightning, drowning in a pool, hit in the chest with a stick or suffering a heart attack, learning the AEDs of CPR are lessons a victim can't live without.

We're lucky in Northville to have two outstanding fire and police departments that are all-too-eager to teach residents how to save a life. A physician in Northville — Dr. Stopa who will be hosting a CPR clinic on May 18. Check around the area folks. Novi is bound to have CPR classes just waiting for the taking. All told, there are a slew of opportunities to learn the basic-basics of lifesaving. No, you probably won't be called in to give a lecture at Harvard Medical School for taking the class. But you will be armed with information that could make you an everyday hero.

Like a soccer coach, maybe?

Take the time and learn. The life of someone you love — or a perfect stranger — might depend on you.

In Focus

By John Heider



Jeff Koch of Dynamic School Activities has his audience, Orchard Hills Elementary School, jumping up and down during his sports and science presentation.

Raise your hands

Cholesterol levels, prom and more



Chris Davis

More random thoughts and observations on life...

- I couldn't help but notice the neat feeling I got when I took a walk through the hallways of the Northville School District's central administration offices. I think that's due to the fact that despite the building being a business headquarters of sorts, it still looked and felt like an elementary school. The display of student artwork on the walls looked better than anything you could order from some fancy-pants catalog of office art.
- On the one hand, I'm saddened to hear that so many students in Northville schools have the access they do to so many dangerous drugs and alcohol. On the other hand, I can't say that I'm necessarily surprised. Simply because the district is largely populated with students who come from upper-middle class homes doesn't mean the school doesn't have its share of problems. Money — or too much of it — can generate problems all by itself. I tend to think the results of the drug survey are the evidence of that theory.
- To the best of our knowledge, there were no problems with the 2000 prom. Undoubtedly there were a few people who on their own made some ill-advised decisions, out of the sight of prom chaperones, but thank goodness we haven't run across and DUIs, or worse yet, DOAs.
- I'm also thanking my prayers that the student from Northville Christian who was struck by lightning last week is still in one piece. I can't begin to imagine what kind of a feeling it must be to have millions of volts of electricity suddenly jar your body from out of nowhere. Nor can I imagine the horror of being a friend or teammate of the stricken youngster and seeing him on the ground after the incident. Sometimes you just count your blessings.
- It's nice to hear that Northville Township will be building bike and walking paths between Northville Road and Haggerty Road. Here's my wager: the paths will be in nicer shape than Seven Mile Road, which has a surface only slightly better than most bombing test areas.
- When your cholesterol level matches the number of people who graduated with you in high school — 256 — you know it's time for a change. So effective Tuesday, with doctor's orders, I'm now on a strict, low-fat diet. I don't really look as huge as the mugshot in this column would have you believe. In fact, if I succeeded with this three-month experiment and drop below that magic 200 mark, I'm going to celebrate by having a new mugshot taken. We'll talk again in August about this.
- It's too bad I'll be on vacation this Friday, because that'll mean I miss hearing Gov. Engler's address at the district Rotary Club luncheon. The last time I actually spoke with the governor was while I was working for CMLife at CMU and again three years later at the Gaylord Herald Times. In both instances, I asked a question that clearly got under his skin. I have no regrets for doing the stories, much less asking the questions, but I'd still like the chance to just sit and listen to Engler for a change. From what I've seen and heard, he's a good public speaker.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Michigan politics has hang ups



Phil Power

Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court are elected statewide. Candidates are nominated respectively at the state Republican and Democratic conventions, but they appear on the November ballot as "non-partisan" judicial candidates.

Most voters have no idea who they're voting for, much less the qualifications and judicial philosophy of the candidates. Moreover, in recent years, enormous amounts of money — as much as \$1 million for one campaign — have been raised to finance these campaigns, giving the distinct impression that justice in Michigan's highest court is up for sale to the highest bidder/contributor. And, given the increasingly partisan cast the court and its decisions have demonstrated in recent years, it's not surprising the political rhetoric has become increasingly shrill and unseemly.

This is a terrible system. Consider two current examples.

Last week, I received a visit from Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Edward Thomas, who almost certainly will be a Democratic Party nominee for Supreme Court Justice. Judge Thomas, who worked his way through college and law school on the assembly line, has an excellent reputation as a thoughtful, balanced and thorough judge. In fact, he was ranked among the top 10 judges in the Detroit metro area in a 1991 article in Detroit Monthly magazine.

I asked Judge Thomas what the judicial canons of ethics allowed him to talk about while campaigning. Not much, it turns out. He can talk about decisions he has made, but only if the case is all over and not before an appellate court. He can discuss his judicial philosophy, but he can't talk about any matter of substance that might ever come before the Supreme Court.

After our conversation, I made a note to myself: "Ed Thomas is a real nice guy. He's smart, decent, thoughtful, down to earth. Too bad he's running for Supreme Court."

What I meant is that Judge Thomas is about to be caught in the maw of big-time judicial politics in Michigan. He'll have to raise tons of money, campaign day in and day out throughout the state, take lots of abuse from his opponents, and suffer a gag rule that insures he talks in irrelevances. When Election Day rolls around this November, it's a sure thing he will be nearly as unknown across the state as he is today.

So whether he wins or loses is little more than a crap shoot. That's a lousy way to pick a Supreme Court Justice.

Example two has to do with the flap that arose last week surrounding Robert Young, Jr., who was originally appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court by Governor John Engler and who almost certainly will be a Republican Party nominee for election this fall.

Young, who is African-American, was the target of a flyer put out by the Michigan Democratic Party and distributed at the recent National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) dinner in Detroit. The flyer asserted that Judge Young is a "slaunch believer that Brown vs. Board of Education was wrong." ("Brown" is the landmark case outlawing racial segregation in schools.)

Young promptly wrote Mark Brewer, Democratic State Chairman, saying that "this statement is a lie... an attempt to create an ugly, racist campaign to impugn me as Michigan's only sitting African American Justice. Such virulent race-baiting has no place in our political discourse." Young pointed out that he is on the record (in an August 22, 1999 editorial in the Detroit News) as a beneficiary (of Brown) — and I think society is a beneficiary — of ending segregation. He also demanded a retraction and a public apology, as well as threatened a lawsuit.

Brewer says Young told a group of lawyers last year that "Brown was wrongly decided." And, indeed, it's been a long line of argument among conservative jurists that lots of U.S. Supreme Court decisions are based on "sociology" rather than hard law. So it's entirely possible Young may agree with the substance of the Brown vs. Board of Education opinion while at the same time disagreeing with the judicial logic the Supreme Court used to reach its decision.

So what are we to make of the whole brouhaha? Just this: It's the most current example of how politicizing the selection of Michigan Supreme Court Justices has resulted in partisan rhetoric that is shrill and unseemly.

Don't hold your breath, but wouldn't it be great if all the candidates, Democratic and Republican alike, actually said what they no doubt think and condemned our system of electing Justices for the fraud it really is?

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Budget suggestions raised by citizen

Letters

To the Editor:

On a number of occasions this year, this Novi resident and taxpayer has spent a number of hours watching and listening to the city council's budget meetings on Channel 13.

The city hall communications door has been opened wide — and it was refreshing to say the least.

This new city mayor, with the strong support of the new council members, has opened the door of secrecy that the old city council kept so tight.

While watching and listening to the city administration and staff discuss their financial needs, wants, and wishes may not be everyone's cup of tea, the bottom line is that all residents and taxpayers could watch and listen to these cable-casted discussions on how their taxes may be spent and why.

Now our city budget sessions may not be as engaging as "General Hospital" or "60 Minutes," but they do have some of the same surrealistic elements as "Aly McBeal" and some unsettling dialogue ala the "Sopranos" but without the dirty language.

But this financial elephant — the annual proposed city budget — is growing in complexity each year and needs to be con-

sidered by the city council one thoughtful at a time. Also, reviewing the various departments' financial plans and budgets should be done in a controlled, systematic manner and with an established agenda.

I would suggest that the city council set aside one meeting a month and perhaps one or two hours in those meetings for specific department financial review and proposed budget requests for the upcoming year.

Such as the assessing department's annual financial review and proposed budget requests could be scheduled for July, building department in August, city electric utility in September, community development and planning department in October, department of public services in November, and finance in December.

The fire department's annual financial review and proposed budget requests scheduled for January, forestry in February, library in March, parks and recreation in April, police department in May, and all others in June.

Each of these scheduled meetings should have three essential components: one, a structured comprehensive financial presentation from the department's staff with a one page, three to five-year historical background summary and a one page, three to five-year projected trend analysis for the near future. Two, recommendations and technical input from the administrator's executive staff. And three, advisory services, financial assessments, and technical recommendations from a Financial Advisory Committee (FAC).

This committee would be made up of volunteer residents (taxpayers) with appropriate skills in financial education/training and related market place experience (i.e., CPAs, financial advisors, budgetary/finance personnel, etc.). In all of the areas where we have had strong community citizen involvement with the appropriate skills and experience, the results have been outstanding.

History has shown us that when we have asked our residents with special talents and skills to volunteer and serve on special committees (i.e., Com-

Ameritech runs into governmental snags



Mike Malott

Remember Bob Gosselin? He's the state representative from Troy, a Republican, who is so pro-business that he walked into a firestorm last year with his proposed House Bill 4777. A favorite issue of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Gosselin argued then that when business people go into a new community, they shouldn't have to deal with a lot of different and unusual local rules.

Municipal officials obviously saw it differently. And regardless of where you stand on that issue, let's just consider it evidence that Gosselin is pro-business.

So what has him talking like Ralph Nader these days?

What business could behave so badly that Gosselin has begun referring to its business practices as "sleazy"? What business could incur his wrath to the degree he concludes it has become "belligerent" and "abusive" of its own customers?

Could it be the same company that spurred another good Republican, Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck, to tell Ameritech vice president Bob Cooper in a hearing last week that when she is in her district, attending town hall meetings and at church gatherings, she hears complaints from constituents about one thing and one thing only — the phone company?

Could it be the same company that spurred a free-market governor like John Engler to propose more regulation and price controls? Price controls? From John Engler? The same John Engler who has privatized and deregulated everything he could get his hands on in Michigan over the last 10 years?

"I'm tired of waiting," he said when he proposed a 5 percent immediate reduction in telephone rates. "I want Michigan consumers to get a rate cut now."

When Engler urged the Legislature to temporarily put Ameritech back under the control of the Public Service Commission, because five years of deregulation in this state have failed to produce any meaningful competition, it should be seen as rather shocking.

But if Ameritech has ticked off customers in Michigan, it is because of stories like the one coming out of Gosselin's office this week. His legislative aide, Kristina Pavelich, is an Ameritech customer and she has voice mail on her home phone. The charge for that service is \$4.95 per month, but without her consent, she says, Ameritech in April decided to improve the service to Voice Mail Plus, costing \$9.95 per month. When she called to protest, she received another sales pitch. When she insisted her service be returned to basic, Ameritech said it would have to charge \$7.50 to "downgrade" the service.

That's right, Ameritech said it would charge \$7.50 to take off a service enhancement she didn't ask for.

Ameritech officials say they are looking into the complaint, but could neither confirm nor deny that the company is using the practice, either upgrading services without permission or charging to downgrade them again. By the way, such aggressive sales pitches recently earned SEC, the company that just bought up Ameritech, a \$44 million fine in California for what that state called "marketing abuses."

It is happening here because, five years after deregulation, no real competition for local phone service exists in Michigan. Ameritech continues to control the vast majority of phone lines here. What Ameritech has become, according to Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, is an "unregulated monopoly."

Back in 1995, when the state last addressed telecommunications law, it deregulated. The Public Service Commission lost authority over local phone companies. Even the creator that bill, Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, according to his aides, admits deregulation here has been a failure.

Now Ameritech is pushing to have the state buy into Dunaskiss' latest incarnation, SB 1193, which would remove the last vestiges of state control over the phone company.

Engler and House Republicans prefer HB 5721, sponsored by Rep. Mary Ann Middleaugh, R-Paw Paw, and HB 4504 by Rep. Marc Shultman, R-West Bloomfield. They would simply return local telephone service to the control of the PSC until it determines that true competition has been established here, or until the year 2003.

We've tried it Ameritech's way. More of the same won't likely work any better. Clearly it is time for another approach.

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Novi store sells winning ticket

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

With the biggest lottery pot in history hanging in the balance, the Big Game had everyone in a ticket buying frenzy.

While Steve Reinke may not have taken home the jackpot, the 23-year-old Rochester resident won \$150,000 with his ticket purchased right here in Novi.

"It's unbelievable," exclaimed Reinke. "I never imagined I would win this kind of money."

While on his lunch break from his internship at Novi's Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Reinke went up to the Farmer Jack on Meadowbrook and 10 Mile Road the Monday before the drawing.

"I bought a reuben sandwich, an apple, and five dollars worth of tickets," he said.

"Three easy picks, and two I chose myself." On one of those easy picks, Reinke scored all five numbers: 1, 2, 12, 33, and 37. All matched except the gold ball, which was 4.

"It was funny because when I first saw my numbers on the easy pick, I was like these numbers suck. I'm never going to win. But then the next night the first number, 33, was read, and I was like 'wait, I have that number' and then the next number was 12, and I had that one too," he said.

"So then I just started writing all the numbers across the bottom of my ticket and next thing, I look up, and I have all five numbers except the gold ball. I had an eight instead of four. It was crazy."

Reinke said he had to have his girlfriend Nicole Young, check and recheck the numbers at least a dozen times because it didn't seem real. "I just didn't believe it," he said. "I was like 'is this really happening?'"

Young said Reinke was in such a state of shock he just sat there completely frozen.

"I was going wild, jumping up and down, and Steve was just sitting there," laughed the 24-year-old Novi resident.

"He was so overwhelmed, he didn't know what to do. I kept telling him, 'Steve, you won \$150,000!'"

Reinke said he then called his father who also confirmed the numbers.

"I thought maybe I wrote them down wrong or something, but my dad read me the same ones," he said.

"I still didn't believe it, so I went on the Internet just to make sure."

Reinke said it still didn't hit him that he was a \$150,000 richer until the next day.

"Needless to say, I didn't sleep at all that night, but it really didn't even start to sink in until the next day after I called the Lottery Commission and talked to the people at the game board," he said.

"They then verified my ticket and told me I was a winner."

After Reinke called his friends and family to tell them it was for sure, he hit the town for a night of celebrating.

"I took my girlfriend out to dinner and then we met some friends at the bar and partied," he said.

On Thursday, Reinke and Young headed to Lansing to pick up a check for \$101,700.

"I never thought I'd get that much after taxes," he said.

"They even presented me with one of those huge cardboard ones. It was awesome! Then they just told me 'Congratulations, that's a lot of money' and 'to have a good time.'"

Straight from Lansing, the two went to the Kensington Outlet Mall for a shopping spree.

"The first thing I bought with my money was five Hawaiian shirts," he said.

"Then I got some CDs, a couple pairs of shoes, some shorts, and a pair of shorts and a sweater set and pair of shoes for my girlfriend."

On June 4, the couple will then go on a luxury cruise to Hispanola, Ocho Rios, and Curacao.

"We're spending three days on the biggest cruise Royal Caribbean has," Reinke said.

"It's 15 stories. They have ice skating, rock climbing, golf, in-line skating, and a mall. I can't wait."

Michigan's newest high roller said he has lots of plans for the rest of his winnings.

"Well, I already paid off my credit cards and my \$15,000 student loan. I took \$2,000 and got an IRA and then I'm going to go to a financial planner and invest \$70,000 in stocks and mutual funds and hopefully buy a house in the fall," he said.

"I also bought my brother a television and I'm going to send my parents on a cruise, -oh and I'm also going to get call waiting."

Reinke said even though it's the most money he has ever seen in his life, he will still have to find a job after he finishes his masters degree in exercise physiology at Oakland University.

"Well, unfortunately I didn't win the big one, so I'm going to have to get a job," he said.

Reinke said everyone has been very supportive of his big win.

"My parents are especially excited for me and all my friends say it couldn't happen to a better person and that makes me feel real good," he said.

His friends Jeff Lachapelle and Nino Persicout said they thought Reinke was joking when he told them the news.

"I said shut up, you're lying," Lachapelle said.

"And he said, 'I swear to god' so I said, 'let's go celebrate, drinks are on you.'"

Persicout said he got nervous at first when he saw Reinke's and Young's phone number on his caller ID.

"I thought someone died because Nicole and Steve had called so many times," he said.

"So I call Steve and he told me he won \$150,000 in the Lotto. I couldn't believe it, I'm really happy for him, I think it's great."

"So how has getting rich quick changed Reinke's life?"

"I'm just a lot more relaxed now. I don't have to worry so much about money or about finding a job right after graduation," he said.

"I feel so lucky. A couple days ago, I had all this debt and now everything has changed. I have no debt and \$80,000 to do whatever I want with."

Students find real world experience rewarding

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

In bridging the gap between school and work, Novi High School's co-op is one of the most enjoyable and successful programs to date.

On May 4, approximately 80 students, their employers, faculty, and other community members gathered at the Novi Civic Center to celebrate the sixth annual Co-op Employer/Employee Appreciation Breakfast.

"Co-op is a wonderful way for students to learn all the details of work as well as getting involved with the community," said one of Co-op's Coordinators David Hayward.

It also gives them that little extra jump ahead of others.

Co-op is a program that gives students the opportunity to work in a variety of career fields including culinary arts, marketing, automotive, clerical, health, and technical.

In honor of their partnership with the high school, each co-op student presented his or her employer with a certificate of appreciation.

"We're here today to thank the employers," Hayward said.

"Because without them, we would not be able to run this program. We also appreciate all the paperwork they have to fill out like the weekly work hour forms, six week evaluations, and contracts. So thank you for that and for allowing these students into your workplace."

Novi High School student Lauren Oates, who was one of seven honor recipients of the Student of the Month award this year, did her co-

op at Novi Meadows Elementary.

"I did everything from filing and sorting mail to answering phones," she said. "Since I've been working there, I've also learned a lot about how schools are run. For example, that it takes everyone in the school to keep it running smoothly. I also learned a lot just by observing the administrators."

Oates said she also enjoyed talking to and dealing with children and their parents.

"The most enjoyable part about my job has been observing the different personalities of the students," she said.

Oates said that her job has even taught her a lot about herself.

"I've learned a lot about the significance of prioritizing and having a positive attitude and that the best way to deal with problems is through communication," she said.

"This job has also shown me the importance of responsibility."

Oates said that she really enjoys the co-op program and that the exposure will help her with her goals in becoming an elementary school teacher.

"This experience has taught me so much," she said. "What I've been taught can't be learned in a book."

Other students who received the Student of the Month award this year included Brandon Ashley who worked at the Novi Expo Center, Brandon Henkel at Collex Collision Experts, Kelly Kerrigan who worked at the International Business Centers, Yeva Rakhimova at Contempo Casuals, and Jennifer Urtek

at Linda's Hair and More.

Another Student of the Month recipient Sarah Hamady and senior Tricia Major who both worked as waitresses at Guernsey Farms and Dairy said co-op has taught them a lot valuable skills.

"I've learned a great deal about the working world and interacting with people," Major said.

"I want to thank both the school and my employer for the wonderful opportunity."

At the breakfast, the Novi Police Department was selected as Outstanding Employer of the Year based on its continued yearly efforts in educating co-op students.

"They've really provided excellent training and opportunity for our students to grow," said Co-op's other Coordinator, Barbara Cliff.

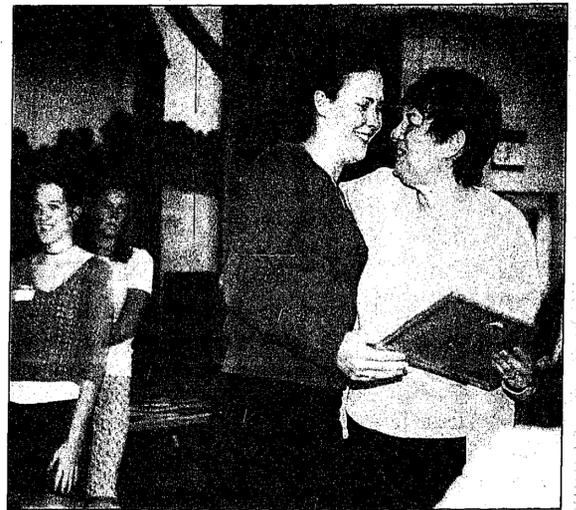
"The supervisors work extremely well with the kids and they've been true partners with the school to help our students in the future."

Previous winners have included Discount Tire, the City of Novi, and Guernsey's.

Jackie Perreca, a 1984 Novi High School graduate, also came to the breakfast to share some advice and tell the students about her work experience as an account executive in a marketing and public relations firm.

"There's nothing like real world experience," she said. "It's a much better teacher when it comes to job experience."

Perreca also said that hands-on exposure helps you find what career is right for you.



A Novi Co-op student accepts her certificate of completion.

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"It's important to love what you do because you'll be at work more than you will be at home," she said.

Eighteen-year-old Joel Sasse who works for World Wide Net in Livonia, said the job has been a very rewarding experience.

"I love it," he said. "It's great because I want to get into a career in the computer field and my job has really taught me a lot."

Aside from clerical duties, part of Sasse's job includes assisting customers who can't get online.

"She's done a great job," said Sasse's supervisor and IT Coordinator Rainer Borromeo. "He'll even continue working for us over the

summer."

Borromeo added that he highly recommends other students to participate in the co-op program.

"It's a great program because everyone benefits," he said.

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A U.S. Marine Corps color guard marches with the Stars and Stripes in Northville's 1998 Memorial Day Parade.



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A Vietnam Veteran stands reverently at Northville's Rural Hill Cemetery during the city's 1998 Memorial Day parade activities. Festivities usually include a parade throughout downtown that leads to Rural Hill for a moment of remembrance for the dead.

A little history of Memorial Day



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville experiences its 1998 Memorial Day Parade down Main Street.

By Kelli Cooley
Copy Editor

Patriotism.

The Random House Webster's Dictionary defines the word as "acts that show love, support, and defense of his or her country."

Although they may have not known what the word was, the women-and children-who put flowers on all the graves of Civil War soldiers in one cemetery in 1866 knew someone must honor all that the men had fought for.

And so it began, from a tiny remembrance to the day Americans now call Memorial Day.

The day itself was called Decoration Day and honored Civil War soldiers until 1971 when Congress expanded the recognition to include all soldiers who died for the country. It was decreed that the holiday would be called Memorial Day and would be celebrated on the fourth Monday in May. (Some states still celebrate the official date that President Lyndon Johnson decided upon in 1966, which was May 30.)

Although we know that women and children decorated graves for the soldiers, the holiday's exact origins are hazy.

In total, 27 cities in the United States claim to have started Decoration Day. These include: Waterloo, N.Y. (which President Johnson declared as the official community which started the holi-

day); Mobile, Ala.; Montgomery, Ala.; Camden, Ark.; Atlanta, Ga.; Milledgeville, Ga.; New Orleans, La.; Columbus, Miss.; Jackson, Miss.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Raleigh, N.C.; Cincinnati; Charleston, S.C.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; Richmond, Va.; Warrenton, Va.; Washington, D.C.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

Historians believe the reason the original women decorated even possible enemies' graves is because the Civil War had more than 620,000 people die for its cause according to the Public Broadcasting website. Many of the soldiers had to be buried in enemy territory, far away from their homes and families who could tend to their plots.

General James Garfield spoke at the first observed Decoration Day on May 30, 1868 at the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Today, Memorial Day is observed with parades around the country and flags placed on the sites of the soldiers buried at Arlington. A wreath is also placed on the Tombs of the Unknown.

HOLDING HIS HEAD HIGH

Wearing his Army attire in the Northville Memorial Day parade will be Commander Larry Schwab, head of the VFW Post No. 4012.

Schwab served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 in the 11th armed cavalry. He drove a personnel carrier, which he said contrary to popular belief, did have guns on board.

Memorial Day is simple to veterans like Schwab. It is a holiday to honor the men and women who gave their lives for America and for every American's freedom.

Schwab recalls his days in Vietnam as a learning experience.

"I may have felt as a lot of people do before I went over there. That it isn't important to remember (how lucky Americans are.) But after I went to Vietnam and saw how they lived, I appreciated the United States and our freedom much more. If people in this area could go live over there, even for just a while, they wouldn't take this country for granted," he said.

Although unexplained, most Americans in the Generation X era or younger and those who have not served in the military tend to forget how freeing our democracy is. That may be the case because asides from the Gulf War, the U.S. has not seen a major war in almost

20 years. That fact has not gone unnoticed by Schwab.

"Honoring those who served has gone by the wayside. It seems as though people are in their own little world. They don't appreciate or don't care," he said.

Schwab said that view could also be apparent when the VFW recently sold poppies for disabled veterans. Many cars drove by, so much so, Schwab debates whether he will sell them next year.

Yet, it can be very simple to celebrate Memorial Day, Schwab said

when he was a kid, he remembers the holiday as a big celebration with parades, picnics and walks to put flowers on graves in the cemetery. Today, if nothing else, he said to just "fly your flag."

HONORING "OLD DUFFERS"

Doug Watson is a Novi resident and a member of AMVET. He served in the Merchant Marines in World War II. Merchant Marines are a branch of the Coast Guard that delivered supplies to the troops. He was 19 years old. Now, Watson and his wife, Jane, keep busy driving a bus for senior citizens.

Jane remembers growing up in Northville and playing in the band at the Memorial Day parades. Her favorite was getting a coupon for ice cream after marching down to the cemetery.

Doug, on the other hand, loves celebrating Memorial Day now for the social aspect.

"I like seeing all my friends, marching in the parade, and riding my motorcycle in it," he said. Watson likes to see the people he has grown up with and known since he moved to Novi at two years old.

Watson said Memorial Day's purpose is to truly recognize all that have served including those still alive.

"It's to honor all the old duffers. I like to see that they (honor) us," he said.

Historical information on Memorial Day came from the PBS website at <http://www.pbs.org>. The Memorial Day parade for Northville will begin at 10 a.m. on May 29 starting at East Main Street and Griswold while Novi's parade will also begin at 10 a.m. on May 29.

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A TRIBUTE CALLED TAPS

TAPS IS THE BUGLE CALL WHICH ORIGINALLY PUT ALL THE SOLDIERS TO BED. NOW, IT IS COMMONLY PLAYED AT FUNERALS AND AT CEREMONIES AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER, WHICH INCLUDE MEMORIAL DAY. IT WAS WRITTEN DURING THE CIVIL WAR BY DANIEL BUTTERFIELD IN 1862.

TAPS

"FADING LIGHT DIMS THE SIGHT,
AND A STAR GEMS THE SKY, GLEAMING BRIGHT,
FROM AFAR DRAWING NIGH, FALLS THE NIGHT."
"DAY IS DONE, GONE THE SUN,
FROM THE LAKE, FROM THE HILLS, FROM THE SKY,
ALL IS WELL, SAFELY REST. GOD IS NIGH."
"THEN GOOD NIGHT, PEACEFUL NIGHT,
TILL THE LIGHT OF THE DAWN SHINETH BRIGHT,
GOD IS NEAR, DO NOT FEAR. FRIEND, GOOD NIGHT."

Source:www.pbs.org

Novi Highlights

Novi Girl Scouts
The "Flair and Glam" project sponsored by the Orchard Hills troops was very successful. The Girl Scouts, Daisy and Brownie troops, along with many moms, assisted Ron Valente of Novi Parks and Recreation in planting 100 flats of the city flower, the Begonia. Plant flats included evenly white and bronze. Planting was in the areas of the Civic Center, Novi Police Department, and the historical Novi Township Hall.

Participating troops were 2321, 3341, 1406, 2242, 1497, 2236, 2311 and 2385. Orchard Hills leaders included Nicole Cummings, Julia Schmidt and Donna Johnson.

In addition, a youth group from Brighton Tabernacle Church helped the troops with weeding and mulching. The church will soon be moving into the Novi area in the vicinity of Meadowbrook and Thirteen Mile Road.

Final plans for scout participation in the Memorial Day parade on May 29 will be made at the next leaders meeting, Wednesday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. All participants are asked to be at the staging area of the Borders Bookstore at Novi Town Center between 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Reports will also be heard at the meeting regarding the annual volunteer and

leader appreciation breakfast to be held Sunday, May 21 at Vic's. Anne Wuerch and Sandy Kern are planning the event. Registration forms have been distributed for next year's troops. If there are any questions, leaders are asked to bring them to the meeting. For additional information, contact Carol Sprys at 380-6170.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church
The children presented a musical, "Secret of My Success," at a special service on Mother's Day. The musical was directed by Christie Loboda, with some youth and adults as supporting staff in the program.

The music at the church continues to grow in size and popularity. Anyone interested in demonstrating their talents with the praise and worship instrumental ensemble on Sunday mornings are welcomed to attend rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsal follows the 10:00 a.m. service on Wednesdays.

Also scheduled on Wednesdays is a worship service and team kid program at 7 p.m.

A youth group for girls grade four and over meet on Sunday evenings. This program is titled Actives and is for those interested in volunteering their time to minister to others. They are involved in activities such as making crafts for hospi-

tal and nursing homes and collecting Bibles, food and personal hygiene items for the less fortunate. Jessica Fultz is in charge of this program.

The adult choir presented "There's Room at the Cross" at this year's Easter celebration. The program opened with a meditation of familiar songs: "Room at the Cross for You," "Love Divine," "All Love's Excelling," and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." A trio of members Renee Galvis, Christie Loboda and Kay Shmutz sang "Surely He Cares for Us" and soloist John Loboda sang, "Could There be Any Room for Me." This cantata was also presented at Forest Park Baptist Church in Farmington.

Recent church activities included a trip to Frankenthum, a chili fellowship, a sweetheart banquet, and formation of a ball team to participate in the Livonia Church League.

For information about any church activities, call Dr. Jerry Strang at 349-5665. American Legion Post No. 19

The legion is busy preparing for the annual Memorial Day parade on May 29 and the annual Boys and Girls State programs in June. Several members have been working with Dan Davis, director of Novi Parks and Recreation and AMVETS, on the memorial service following the parade. Cmdr. Robert Sale, finance officer

Duane Bell, and president Carolyn Pohman are assisting with arrangements.

Contacts have been made with various groups, bands, scout troops, etc. as to parade participation. They are requested to notify Parks and Recreation for their location in the parade.

The legion has made plans to send four young men from the Novi High School junior class to the 62nd annual Boys State at Michigan State University. Registration starts at 10 a.m. June 19 and will conclude June 24 with a 10:15 a.m. dismissal. Students selected will be given the opportunity of learning how politics on the city, county and state levels function. They will also be setting up their own state with all the governmental bodies, problems and opportunities. They will also meet the governor, lieutenant governor, and their state senator and representative.

For more information about Boys State, call Cmdr. Robert Sale at 474-7022. Novi Senior Social Club

The club no longer meets at the Civic Center for potluck. They continue to meet but at various restaurants for their monthly lunch time socials. More recently, they met at Grady's at the Town Center, Local Color near Vic's Market, Red Hot and Blue, The Maples, and

Maisano's, with plans to lunch at Diamond Jim Brady's in June. They recently had lunch and a tour of MGM Grand.

Breakfast is held every Tuesday, rain or shine; the latest held at Bob Evans. Next week will be Great Lakes on Grand River near Ten Mile.

The club also finds time to celebrate birthdays at Bill Knapps. Just recently, 15 gathered for the celebration of Jack Main's birthday. Longtime member Betty Wade was able to join the festivities for the first time since she was hospitalized with an injury from a fall. She has just recently completed therapy.

The club continues to keep in touch by phone or cards with several longtime members who are unable to be present.

During the summer months, the group grows in attendance as the following time spent in the South.

Ray Martin and Vera Van Wormer continue to work on the steering committee.

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

Business

Ron Hoover was recently appointed to the position of Vice President of Sales and Marketing at **Clover Technology** in Wisconsin.

Prior to Clover, Hoover was Vice President and General Manager at Teligent, a communications networking company.

Hoover holds an MBA in marketing from Wayne State University, an MBE from Eastern Michigan University, and a BS from Central Michigan University.

Dr. Diane Galper, optometrist and

owner of the Galper Eye Center, has recently returned from an intensive four-day attendance of the International Vision Expo in New York. The Expo is the largest convention in the United States for professionals in the optical industry.

Dr. Galper opened the Galper Eye Center in January 1995, with the purpose of providing "an eyeglass store like you have never seen before."

The office is located at the corner of Novi Road and Twelve Mile. More information about the Galper Eye

Center and Dr. Diane Galper may be found at www.galpereye.com or call (248) 390-3900.

Home Network Online.com and Blue Water Title Company invite homeowners to a **free seminar to learn how to sell a home successfully** and profitably through the for sale-by-owner (FSBO) concept on May 17 at the Novi Hilton in Novi from 7-9 p.m. Home Network Online will show home sellers how to set the asking price, get maximum exposure for the home, prepare a home for showing,

prequalify potential buyers, handle purchase agreements and closings, and easily manage the legal aspects of selling by owner. For more information call (248) 347-2295.

Walsh College Troy campus has appointed **Helen Kieba-Tolkdorf** of Warren as new vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer. Prior to her current appointment, Kieba-Tolkdorf served 11 years as director of special projects, chief business officer and treasurer, and controller at Oakland Community College.

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Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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Worship: 10:00 am
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Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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21555 Meadowbrook, Northville, MI 48161
Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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1144 E. Main St., Northville, MI 48161
Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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217 N. Wagon, Northville, MI 48161
Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
2450 Wagon, Northville, MI 48161
Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH
7000 Wagon, Northville, MI 48161
Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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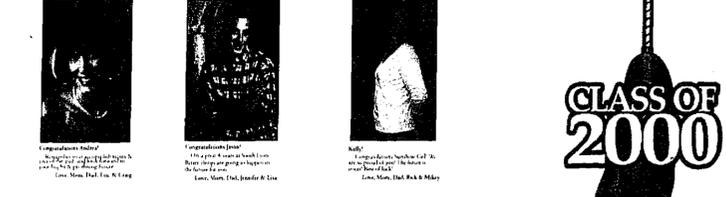
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Pastor: Rev. James R. Russell

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Community Events

Gems From Gymboree will be sponsored by the Farmington Hills Christian Women's Club on Thursday, May 11 at the Maples Country Club. It is located at 31260 Wakefield Drive in Novi on Fourteen Mile, just west of M-5 and Welch Road. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m. There is on-site complimentary child care. Cost for breakfast and program is \$10.50 inclusive.

There will be a children's fashion show featuring the fashions of Gymboree. There will be toddlers to school-age children sporting fun, summer attire. Danyel Marine will be using her powerful voice to enhance the party atmosphere and our energetic speaker Vera Veik from Chicago, Ill., will be setting priorities at the speed of life. Reservations must be made by May 9 but walk-ins are accepted. Reservations for the breakfast and complimentary child care can be made by calling May at (248) 788-2168 or Pat at (734) 422-5138. There is no membership or dues and all women are invited to attend.

Interested can contact Fran Durham, Band Chair, at (248) 344-4613 or the parade division of the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

For families interested in domestic and international adoptions, an informational seminar will be held May 20, 10 a.m., at the First Church of the Nazarene in Novi. Please call **Adoption Associates International** at (248) 474-0990 for additional information.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville is offering the following activities: T-ball for all ages, Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. at Ward Field, Six Mile and Haggerty. Cost, \$1 per child, \$2 per adult. RSVP by May 19, (248) 374-5937.

Men's and women's slow-pitch softball leagues (child care provided.) Saturdays at 1 p.m. or Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Ward Field. Six-week leagues begins May 20 or May 23. Cost, \$25 per adult. RSVP and payment by May 15, (248) 374-5937.

"Heart and Sole" race at Northville High School on May 20. The race will benefit two needy children through Children International. The event begins at 8 a.m. Awards will be given to the top five finishers in both track and field events. For more information, call (248) 347-2881.

An **interfaith musical presentation** will be held at **Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church** on May 21. The presentation will feature the musical talents from First Presbyterian Church of Northville, First United Methodist Church of Northville, and OLV. Soprano Frances Brockington will be singing at the performance. Admission is \$10 per family. For more information, call (248) 349-2621.

A **candidate forum** will be held by the Northville Co-Council PTA on May 22 from 7-8:30 p.m. for all those running for the June school board election. The forum will be at Northville High School in the forum. All interested are encouraged to attend. Call Diana Farquhar at (734) 420-2127.

Novi Beautification Commission will hold a **Spring Perennial Exchange** on May 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Old Township Hall on Ten Mile Road, east of Taft. Trade your surplus healthy plants

The talented Marquis Theater Children will present **"The Princess and the Magic Pear"** at Marquis Theater, 135 E. Main Street, Northville on weekends only, May 12 through June 10.

Performance dates and times: Friday, May 12 at 7 p.m.; Saturdays, May 13, 20, June 3 and 10 at 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets for all performances are \$7.50.

For ticket information, group rates, school performances, and birthday party reservations, call (248) 349-8110.

The Northrop Sassaman Funeral Home and New Hope Center for Grief Support are sponsoring a **monthly grief support workshop**. These free workshops will be held on the third Thursday of each month at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville.

The first workshop will be held on Thursday, May 18, from 7-8:30 p.m.

For further information about this workshop or other grief support opportunities offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, please call (248) 348-0115.

Get your infant and adult CPR card from the American Red Cross on May 20 from 1-3 p.m. This program is sponsored by Dr. Stoppa and Main Street Family Chiropractic Center on 109 W. Main Street, Northville. There is a \$10 fee and space is limited. Call to reserve a spot at (248) 735-9800.

Northville High School's Rotary Interact Club is sponsoring the **5K**

The Jo Ann etc. store, 43570 West Oaks Drive, Novi, (248) 448-8491, offers the following class and seminar:

- Saturday, May 20, from 2-4 p.m. "Fabrique Technique"

Interior decorator and author Jennifer Birdsong Raife will present a seminar about do-it-yourself decorating. Register early. \$15 per person. The first 30 people who pre-register will have their names entered in a raffle for a free "Fabrique Technique" book which will be held at the end of the seminar.

Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road, Novi (248) 348-8922 is offering the following events:

- Saturday, May 20, from 1-3 p.m. "Bike Safety"

Art Van and the League of Michigan Bicyclists will sponsor this event, which will be held at all Art Van locations. Information brochures will be available.

- Saturday, June 10 - Saturday, June 17 "Father's Day Event"

Children 15 and under are encouraged to draw a picture of their dad and his favorite furniture, which will be posted in the center for viewing. Entry forms are available at all Art Van stores beginning June 10. One entry per person. Flashlights to give to dad on Father's Day. June 18 will be available while supplies last.

Northville Civic Concern is in need of paper grocery bags. Please save and donate your bags. Drop-off point is 215 W. Cady St., Northville, (248) 344-1033.

Northville Community Foundation is looking for willing participants to provide music for the **Fourth of July parade**. Those

Downtown Northville streets will be in bloom during the **annual flower sale** on May 26 and May 27. The hours will be May 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 15 greenhouses will participate. Main Street, between Hutten and Center streets, will be closed to cars. For more information, please call (248) 348-0488.

The **Motor City Comic Con** will be held at Novi Expo Center, May 19-21. Hours will be Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Meet comic book legends and heroes, artists, authors, movie stars, models and TV greats. Among the guests will be Star Trek's Scotty, James Doohan. Admission: \$15 per day; three-day passes, \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door; children, 6-10, \$10 per day; three-day passes, \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door with paid adult ticket. Children 5 and under free with paid adult ticket. For information, call (248) 426-8059.

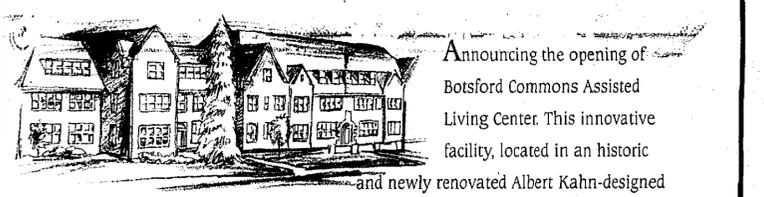
Barnes and Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville will have various events at their store during the month of May.

- May 18, 7 p.m. Ted Nelson - author of The Nature of Kensington will be sharing a collection of photographs from his book and share the stories behind the photographs.

American Business Women's Association Novi Oaks Charter Chapter will present **Business Associates Night**, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 19 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi. The evening will include awards given to schol-

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Honor the Stars and Stripes

The Star-Spangled Banner, of Long may it wave, over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

It was September 1814. The United States and England were again at war with the idea that the colonies would be invaded and subjugated once more. The plan was that 5,000 British soldiers would set sail southward from Canada through the Hudson Valley. On their way, they stopped in Washington D.C., burned the Capitol building, the White House and ransacked several other public buildings causing President Madison and other officials to flee. After returning to their ships, they continued on to Baltimore, their next point of attack. They were to join 16 other ships of the mighty British navy already waiting in Chesapeake Bay to continue the invasion. But first, they needed to destroy the fort at the edge of the water.

Fort Mifflin was a low-lying fortification which, even though it was rather small, acted as a formidable stronghold protecting Baltimore. On its flagpole flew the 15 star American flag.

The attack was launched at 5 a.m. on Sept. 13 and the bombardment continued throughout the day with the fort answering rocket for rocket, gun for gun. As night fell, the British became discouraged at the strong American resistance and decided to land several hundred soldiers to attack the fort from the rear. However, even under the cover of darkness, they were discovered by the small boats attempting to steal past the garrison and, in much confusion, were driven back to the fleet. This so frustrated the naval commanders that they moved their ships closer to the fort and doubled their fire which continued throughout the night.

On the Mifflin, one of the British ships was a young lawyer named Francis Scott Key. He had boarded the ship as an official envoy, while the fleet was sailing southward from Canada to negotiate with the British admiral as to the release of an intimate friend, an elderly American doctor who was being held prisoner. On the way south, Key witnessed the burning and destruction of the nation's Capitol.



Margit Erickson

overheard their plans to attack Baltimore, it was decided they should detain him until the bombardment and invasion were over.

Key stood on deck throughout the night watching the battle and on impulse, removed an envelope from his pocket and wrote "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air."

Finally, in the early hours of the morning, the bombardment ceased and there was silence. As day began to break, Key strained his anxious eyes to see through the mist and smoke and haze to see which flag was flying over the fort. Just as the banner began to blow and the banner began to flutter, he wrote "what is that which the breeze... as it fitfully blows, half concealed, half disclosed?" he was not able to determine which flag it was.

At last, in the clear light of day, Key was able to distinguish that it was the American flag and with tear-filled eyes wrote "Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam... our flag was still there!"

With that dramatic story and the flag being the symbol of our country, I am always amazed at how little respect it is given. With the national holidays just around the corner and all the parades and festivities that will be held, let us be thankful for this land we live in and show our respect and give our flag the dignity it deserves.

Let me list for you a few items on flag etiquette which are also a part of the United States Flag Code.

When our flag is being carried in a parade, everyone

should stand as it passes by you (the elderly and infirm do not have to rise).

Both men and women place the right hand over the heart. Men who are wearing hats should remove it with the right hand and hold it on the left shoulder so that the hand is over the heart. Those in uniform salute as the flag passes by.

During the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, everyone stands, faces the flag with hand over heart.

Everyone should rise and remain standing during the playing of our national anthem—"The Star-Spangled Banner." Sing along if you wish, if not, simply stand quietly until it is over.

When more than one flag is displayed on a single staff, the U.S. flag should always be displayed at the top. The one exception is when a church flag is flown during services aboard a ship at sea. The U.S. flag may be flown upside down as a distress signal on board a ship.

All American ships and aircraft sailing and flying beyond our shores carry the American flag. This includes all spare crafts and shuttles.

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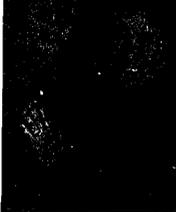


Wenab-Lee

Ted and Carol Nowak of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Wenab to Keith Lee, son of Bill and Florence Lee of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed with Ford Motor Company in Redford as a material control supervisor. The groom-elect is a 1992 graduate of North Farmington High School and a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed with Intermodal Transportation Services in Troy as an account executive.

An October wedding is planned at Holy Family Church in Novi.



Balagna-McBride

John and Pam Balagna of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Michelle to Jack B. McBride, son of Jack and Nancy McBride of Troy.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a Sales Manager with the Marriott Corporation. The groom-elect is a 1990 graduate of Troy Athens High School and a 1994 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed with Olde Financial.

An October wedding is planned at Holy Family Church in Novi.



Anthony J. Smith

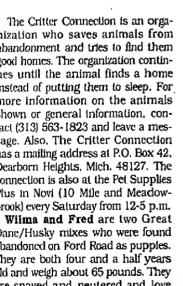
Katrina Heckemeyer Smith and Timothy Smith announce the birth of their son, Anthony Jackson Smith. Anthony was born on February 29 at 9:14 p.m. in Del Rio, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Both Katrina and Timothy graduated from Northville High School in 1995. Excited grandparents are Anthony and Phyllis Heckemeyer of Northville, Linda Moore of Fountain Hills, Ariz. (formerly of Northville) and Brad and Joyce Smith of Concord. Great-grandparents are Orville and Hannah Yackie of Pigeon, Joseph and Jacqueline Heckemeyer of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mildred Palks of Knoxville, Md. and Ruth and Angus McLachland of Concord.

Critter Connection



Fred



Wilma

The Critter Connection is an organization who saves animals from abandonment and tries to find them good homes. The organization continues until the animal finds a home instead of putting them to sleep. For more information on the animals shown or general information, contact (313) 563-1823 and leave a message. Also, The Critter Connection has a mailing address at P.O. Box 42, Dearborn Heights, Mich. 48127. The connection is also at the Pet Supplies Plus in Novi (10 Mile and Meadowbrook) every Saturday from 12-5 p.m. Wilma and Fred are two Great Dane/Husky mixes who were found abandoned on Ford Road as puppies. They are both four and a half years old and weigh about 65 pounds. They are spoiled and neutered and love each other however, they are not good with other dogs. They can be adopted together or separately. Adoption Fee: \$100.

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Novi Seniors

The Novi Senior Center located in the Novi Civic Center is open to seniors 50 and older. Many services and programs are provided without charge. Classes, special events and trips each have their own fees. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 347-0414 or by fax at (248) 347-3286.

COMING EVENTS AT THE SENIOR CENTER
There is still time to sign up for May day trips - Cornwell's Dinner Theater, Detroit Designer Showcase Home Tour, and Casino Windsor. Room is still available for the three-day trip to see the Fantastic Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit from China.

The "55 Alive" safe driving course will be offered in the Center June 7 and 8. A refresher course sponsored and conducted by the AARP. There is a fee of \$10 for materials. Call the Center at 347-0414 to register.

An antique Road Show (the Novi Senior Center version) will arrive on June 28 at 12:30 p.m. A certified antique appraiser will be available to appraise antiques at \$2 per item. Tables will be available at \$10 each for seniors who wish to sell their antiques. No dealers or pictures, please.

SERVICES
Newsletter/Brochures/Calendars
Copies of the monthly calendar of activities and menus are available at Novi Parks and Recreation. Register to receive the quarterly Novi Parks and Recreation brochure mailed to your home.

Services for Homebound Seniors
Tai chi, qi gong and karate ses-

Home-delivered meals are arranged for Novi residents by calling (248) 347-0203, from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Ask for Diane.
Telephone reassurance calls are provided to homebound Novi seniors needing reassurance. Calls are made by volunteers and can be arranged by calling the Senior Center.

Nutrition/Food Services
Catered lunches are provided daily at the Novi Senior Center. Advance reservations are necessary. Call the center from 9 a.m. to noon at least three days in advance. There is a \$2 per meal donation.

Focus Hope/Food Commodity
distribution programs are provided at the Senior Center to persons meeting income criteria.

Health/Fitness
Blood pressure screening is provided every Wednesday at the Senior Center, between 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Body Real exercise program with a certified instructor on each Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. There is a drop-in fee of \$2 per session or register for a 10-week session.

Stretch and strength training for seniors with a certified instructor on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. There is a \$3 per class drop-in or register for 10-week session.

Massage therapy at the center by a certified massage therapist. A 25-minute session for \$10. The sessions are by appointment only. Please call (248) 347-0414.

Card Playing
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Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse from St. Mary's Hospital nursing staff, free of charge. Held at the Senior Center on the fourth Monday of the month, from noon to 2 p.m.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
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Transportation
The Novi Parks and Recreation Department provides transportation options for Novi seniors 50 and older. Subsidized cab rides provided for \$2 for a one-way ride to the city of Novi. Call Community Cab at (248) 349-8118 for a ride. Novi senior will operate daily within the city. Suggested donation of \$2 per ride. Advance reservations are necessary by calling (248) 735-5617, between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily.

Medication Assistance
The Senior Center has several programs designed to assist those having difficulty paying for their medication.

Home Energy Assistance
Novi residents who are income eligible may receive assistance with their utilities and home repairs.

Information and Referral
The Senior Center has information to address the needs and interests of seniors: in-home support, housing, legal services, job opportunities, Medicare and volunteer opportunities.

Books/Cards/Clubs at the Novi Senior Center
Pinochle tournaments, Mondays at 12:30 p.m.
Contract bridge every Thursday, 12:30 p.m.
Duplicate bridge on Fridays, 12:30 p.m.
Held monthly, the Novi Camera Club, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Monthly Bookmobile at the Novi Center, third Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to noon.
Quilting, second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.

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Windsor Casino
We will be going to the Windsor Casino on Wednesday, June 21. The bus will depart from MAGS at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$22, includes a \$15 lunch voucher.

Farmington Founders Festival
On June 22, we will be heading for the Farmington Founders Festival. The bus will depart from MAGS at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 for transportation. Call the Center to register.

Tiger Game at Comerica Park
Please join us as we head to Comerica Park on Aug. 10 to cheer the Tigers on to victory. Cost is \$37. The bus will leave from MAGS at noon. Call now to reserve your seat.

Annual Mackinac Get Together
The Mackinac Island 33rd annual Michigan parks and recreation senior "Get Together" will be Oct. 22-25 at the Grand Hotel. This special event includes hotel accommodations, transportation, a full breakfast and five-course dinner each day. Special activities and entertainment are also planned.

Garage Sale
The Northville Senior Center will be conducting its first garage sale June 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Donated items are still needed. The sale will be held at the Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady Street. Contact Sue Koivula at (248) 349-4140 for more information.

CONTRACTED TRIPS
May 31, "Always Patsy

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Creative writing, call Jan at 347-0414.
Crafts, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Pen pals, call Jan. at 347-0414.
Novi Garden Club, call Elmor at (248) 477-7913.
Michigan Fishcarvers on Wednesdays, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Oil painters every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Monthly book discussion for seniors, second Thursday at the Novi Library, 12:30 p.m.

Senior users needed for the Novi Theater. Call the senior center for more information.

Dance at the Senior Center
Monthly ballroom dance to the "Satin Sounds" band. Fourth Tuesday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Line dance, western and regular, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Leagues
The senior bowling league meets at Novi Bowl each Thursday at 1 p.m.

Travel
Numerous day and extended travel opportunities are available. Flyers on the many trips are displayed at the Novi Parks and Recreation office in the Novi Civic Center.

Monthly travel meetings are held on the third Thursday. Tour companies are available at that time to show slides/videos of trips. Just drop in. There are no club dues or fees.

Kline
Gem Theater. Leave at 10:45 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Residents, \$69; non-residents, \$70.

June 1, Edsel Ford Home Tour
Depart at 9:15 a.m. and return at 3:15 p.m. Residents \$49, non-residents, \$50. Lunch included.

June 1-6, New York City and Philadelphia
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June 4, "Showboat" at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts
Depart at 11:30 a.m. and return at 6:45 p.m. Residents \$77, non-residents, \$78. Dinner included.

June 19, social security scandals at the Soaring Eagle Casino
Depart at 8:15 a.m. and return at 8:15 p.m. Residents \$49, non-residents \$50. Casino incentive package included.

June 21, Shipshewana, Ind. for the Amish Flea Market
Depart at 7:15 a.m. and return 8 p.m. Residents \$59, non-residents \$60. Lunch included at "Das Dutchman Essenhaus."

Senior FITNESS
Senior Water Aerobics
This is a seven-week session with a cost of \$55. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. The session runs from May 1 through June 12. Class begins at 1 p.m. at the pool at Our Lady of Providence on Beck Road. Stop by the Senior Center and register.

Massage Therapy
Treat yourself to a well deserved hour massage by a certified therapist at the Senior Center.
You must call ahead to make an appointment. Beginning June 1, the cost will be \$31 for one hour. To cancel an appointment, please call 24 hours in advance or you will be charged for the appointment. For your first massage appointment, please arrive 10 minutes early. Call the Senior Center today to register.

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• **Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month**
The senior bus goes to Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon luncheon to 4 p.m. of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home (11 a.m.) or the MAGS parking lot (11:30 a.m.). Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

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• **Dinner Out - Under the Eagle**
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Kristin Scott Thomas (left), Sean Penn and Anne Bancroft star in Philip Haas' "Up at the Villa," a USA Films release.

'Up at the Villa'

Sean Penn, Kristin Scott Thomas star in romantic adventure set in Tuscany

"Up at the Villa" is a story of an impulsive sexual encounter which spirals into tragedy, theft, blackmail and eventually, redemptive love.

Philip Haas' "Up at the Villa" is set amidst the deceptive beauty of Florence and Tuscany during the rise of Fascism on the eve of World War II.

Although a period piece, it tells the resolutely contemporary story of a woman's journey from innocence to self-knowledge.

While primarily a love story, "Up at the Villa" ingeniously combines elements of the political thriller, the social comedy of manners and the romantic adventure to tell its crisply captivating story. Its stellar cast is headed by Kristin Scott Thomas, Sean Penn, Anne Bancroft, James Fox, Jeremy Davies and Derek Jacobi.

Despite its time and setting, "Up at the Villa" doesn't paint a picture-postcard, rose-colored portrait of Tuscany. Stunning but sinister, this is the Florence of the De Medici and Machiavelli, a hotbed of Fascist terror.

Set among the Casablanca-like remnants of an expatriate community clinging to the shreds of its society, "Up at the Villa," says its director Philip Haas, "is a drama where personal and historical dilemmas reverberate. In a period and place in which conventional attitudes prevailed, a shocking and unconventional act takes place. When you mix that up with other elements of the story — Italy, Fascism and the quirky expat

community — you get something unsettling and beautiful."

Above all, "Up at the Villa" is an appealing entertainment. "If the definition of the perfect date movie is one you can talk about for hours and hours after you leave the theater," says producer Geoff Stier, then "Up at the Villa" more than fills the requirements.

"You keep asking whether Mary made the right decisions," he says. "It's sexy, it's troubling, it's smart. Like the novella on which it's based, it's outside conventional morality. It's unnerving, it's uncertain. It throws your expectations out the window."

"Up at the Villa" was filmed entirely on location and stars Kristin Scott Thomas as Mary Panton, a beautiful English widow who comes to understand herself by accepting responsibility for a disastrous mistake.

Sean Penn is her counterpart, Rowley Flint, a rakish and seductive American playboy.

Anne Bancroft plays the Princess San Ferdinando, the biting queen bee of expatriate Florentine society.

Jeremy Davies portrays Karl Richter, a passionate and penniless Austrian refugee escaping the Nazis.

James Fox costars as Sir Edgar Swift, Mary's suitor; Derek Jacobi plays Lucky Leadbetter, a flamboyant Englishman abroad, and Massimo Ghini appears as Beppino Leopardi, Florence's Fascist leader.

"Up at the Villa" runs for 115 minutes. It is rated "PG-13."



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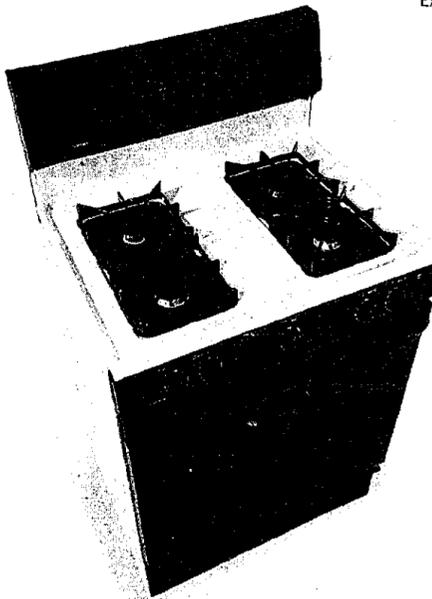
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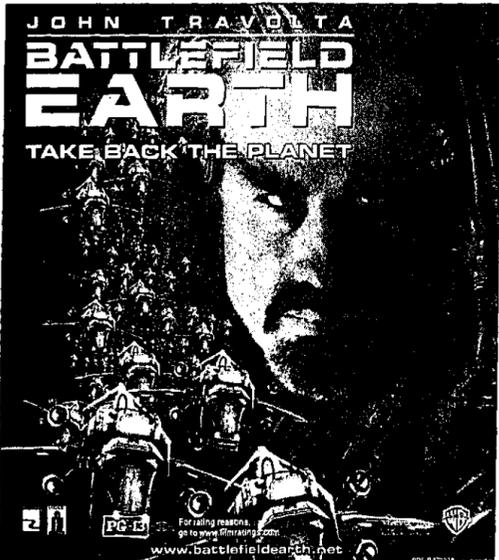
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Special writer

Baseball

These two teams were supposed to be the top two baseball squads in the KVC.

These two ball clubs were supposed to be dueling it out for a league title all season long.

This single game at Hartland High School was supposed to be the showdown for the KVC title. It was supposed to pit two of the top pitchers in the state against one another in a long-awaited, head-to-head, gruesome confrontation.

These Eagles were supposed to be the defending conference champions fighting mightily to retain their prestigious crown. The visiting Novi Wildcats were supposed to be the little pup that hasn't been able to run with the big dogs, the one that couldn't even get past Lakeland a season ago.

It's amazing how quickly things can change in a year.

The Wildcats, holding a scorching 18-1 record overall and a 10-1 mark in the KVC, all but sealed the deal on a long-awaited league title Monday. Following a slow start against 8-0 right hander Heath Craven, they pounded the host Eagles for a convincing 14-2 victory, pushing them to a very comfortable three-game lead over the Eagles.

"We're just playing outstanding baseball," commented coach Rick Green following the win. "We're hitting on all cylinders."

The offense has certainly been clicking lately, and this one was no exception. Lefty hurler A.J. Rowe helped his own cause with

a 3-for-4 performance that included a 3-run home run and five runs driven in. This came on the heels of a two home run, seven RBI display two days earlier to catapult the Wildcats to a Novi-Northville tournament championship.

"I just stepped back from the plate," said Rowe when asked what sparked this offensive barrage. "I was getting fisted all the time, so I just took a step back."

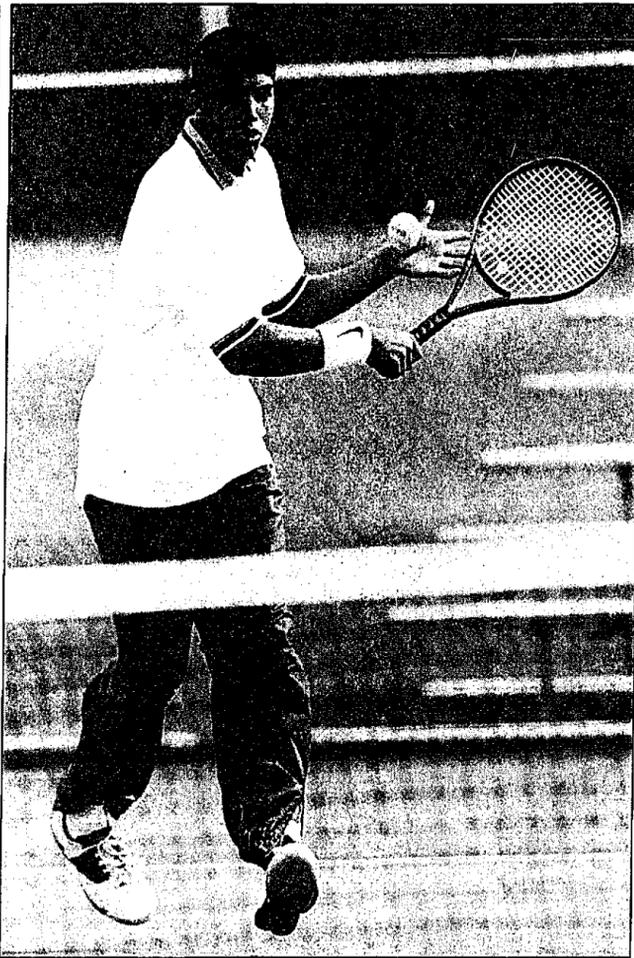
On the mound, Rowe was once again the story of the day. With a string of 28 straight scoreless innings coming into the game, everyone present was intrigued to see whether the southpaw could keep it up any longer.

Through four innings, he was flawless as usual, scattering three walks and striking out nine hitters. In the fifth, with the Eagles trailing 8-0, Rowe had difficulty finding the strike zone and began to struggle. With one out and the bases loaded, he was forced to get the ball over the plate. Unfortunately, the Hartland hitter drove the offering to center field for a solid single, scoring two and ending the streak at 32 2/3 innings.

The senior finished the game, throwing six innings and striking out 11. Allowing only two hits, his downfall was the six walks he surrendered.

"It was a great run," said Green. "I think now, though, the pressure's going to be off him."

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Novi senior Divyesh Sarman lost in the semifinals last Saturday at the KVC tennis meet at Novi. His Wildcat teammates finished second to Brighton at the tourney.

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Runnerups

Brighton overtakes the KVC

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi seniors Brian Dodds and Ryan Bateman completed a successful run to an undefeated, undisputed No. 1 doubles championship this past Saturday.

However, their Novi teammates couldn't overcome a dominating Brighton singles corps and thus finished second at the Kensington Valley Conference tournament. It was the first time in six years the Wildcats haven't won at least a share of the conference title.

Brighton swept the four singles flights and captured the No. 2 doubles title to total 17 points at the tournament. Novi, led by Dodds and Bateman and its other doubles championship (Eric Garnham and Asim Kagzi), finished a comfortable second at the tournament with 13 points.

With a 9-0-1 regular-season record to date and the KVC tournament under its belt, Brighton must win or tie at least one of its two remaining duals with Milford and Hartland. If it loses both and Novi wins its last match with Lakeland, the Wildcats and Bulldogs would share the conference title.

"Brighton had their strength in singles, and (it) came through for them," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We had our opportunity on Saturday and it literally came down to points. It was close. We put ourselves in position to win it."

Dodds and Bateman have won all 11 of their regular-season conference matches and topped two more foes on Saturday. The duo beat South Lyon 6-4, 6-1 in the semifinals and then went on to beat Hartland's Luke Begin and Nick Toman 6-2, 6-0 in the championship match.

"These guys just played good, steady tennis all day long," their coach said. "They've been rock solid for us all season long."

Garnham and Kagzi came into the tournament unseeded and proceeded to knock off Lakeland 6-4, 6-3 and Hartland 7-6 (6), 6-4 to advance them to the finals against Milford. The pair then beat Steven Martens and Bryan Powers 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 in the championship match.

Novi's other two doubles teams also reached the finals, but met a different fate. Top-seeded Brian Chiang and Joe Lynch fell to Brighton's Gary Ismet and Anthony Livorine 4-6, 2-6 in the finals at No. 2

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Win over Howell asserts Novi as team to beat in KVC

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Two years ago, Novi track and cross country coach Bob Smith knew there was something special about his 1998 boys' cross country team. He knew they were good, but he was uncertain as to how good they really were.

After last Tuesday's 83-54 win over Howell, the two-time state-champion coach feels this year's track team is something special too. But again, he's uncertain as to how good this team can be.

"In years past, we've just tried to get some individuals through to the state meet," Smith said. "This year's team real-

ly seems to be able to rise to the occasion when they need to. We've got everything covered and that's a great thing to have."

Smith said this team compares favorably to both his 1989 and 1991 squads, the second of which won the lone Kensington Valley Conference title in Smith's 20-plus seasons at Novi. The coach said he may take his team to the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association state championship meet this season, if it qualifies. To do so the Wildcats would have to win the regional meet tomorrow at Milford High School.

Against the Highlanders, Novi used 12 wins to beat a team Smith said he feared

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because of its star talent.

"This win was really big," he said. "They were a tough matchup for us. They're strong where we're strong and I felt we had to neutralize their stars if we wanted to win."

And that the team did.

Joe Carpenter, Howell's best athlete and quite possibly the biggest threat in the KVC, was beaten in a head-to-head battle with Yasuaki Goto.

The Novi Junior topped Carpenter head to head in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Goto's time of 11.0 in the 100 and 22.4 in the 200 were both career bests and asserted himself as the league's fastest athlete.

He also helped both of Novi's sprint relay teams to wins. "Both he (Goto) and (Eric) Schleuder really rose to the occasion for us," the coach said. "I didn't think they could run with Carpenter. When Goto won the 100, we felt good. When we won both relays, we were then in the driver's seat."

Goto had to come from behind in the anchor leg of each of the two sprint relays

to give his team its wins. Schleuder finished third in the 100 (11.54).

Harvey Steele again came through for the 'Cats, winning both the shot put (50-2) and the discus (119-11) events. Dan St. Clair was third in the discus. Ken Delgreco (11-6) and Chris Stallard (11-0) finished 1-3 in the pole vault.

Justin Sterett, Tristan LaChance and Scott Kortlandt did their best to neutralize another Howell star, Chris Strok. Sterett and LaChance finished 2-3 in the highs and Sterett and Kortlandt were second and third in the intermediate hur-

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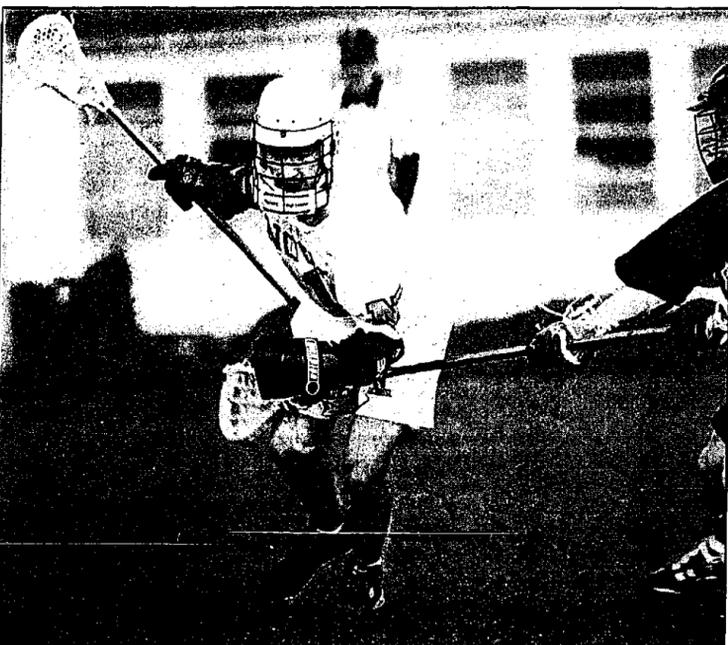


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Novi attackman Aaron Marion maneuvers around a defender earlier this season.

Loss leaves lacrosse team waiting

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi lacrosse team hasn't exactly helped itself these past two weeks. If the team had hoped to have a shot at hosting a first-

round state playoff game, those chances were thrown out the door with a 20-15 loss to East Grand Rapids last Saturday at Novi High.

The Pioneers win most likely

assures the team of the No. 4 seed in the state tournament and a first-round home game against possibly Novi. The Wildcats may

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Big three lead Wildcats

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

They have a combined 12 years of varsity experience, so it's no wonder the Wildcats relied on Joelle Frantz, Sarah Bajorek and Katie Cameron to lead them to a doubleheader sweep of Hartland Monday night.

Frantz pitched the team to 4-0 and 5-1 wins over the Eagles, striking out 23 batters in consecutive complete games. She also joined forces with her fellow senior captains to provide nearly all of Novi's offense.

In the first game Frantz score the team's first run in the third inning and she and Cameron each scored runs in the fifth to give Novi a 3-0 lead. Cameron then scored the last run in the seventh. Cameron finished 3 for 4 with a double, triple and two runs scored. Frantz was 2 for 4 with a double, two runs scored and a RBI. Bajorek finished 2 for 3 with a pair of RBIs.

The second game was more of the same, with Novi building a 2-0 lead after the first inning and then adding three more in the seventh. Frantz went 2 for 4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Cameron also scored a pair of runs and had three stolen bases.

"You get those two on, and they'll get home," coach Carui Diglio said. "They're quick on the bases, they're

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just so smart out there.

"All three of them (Frantz, Cameron and Bajorek) came through for us today. I have high expectations for all of them, but they just play their roles as the leaders of this team."

The sweep moves Novi to 15-3 in the Kensington Valley Conference, with Brighton's last reported league record at 12-2. The Wildcats play the Bulldogs in a doubleheader next Wednesday on the road. That could decide the league championship.

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Frantz once again found a groove and limited the Mustangs to one run and five hits in six-plus innings on the mound last Thursday.

Battling between rain delays to get the game in, the senior all-stater struck out nine and allowed just two walks. She was also a force at the plate, where she went 1 for 3 with a run and two RBIs.

Cameron was 3 for 3 with a pair of runs scored. Kendall Hobart was 2 for 4, scoring twice and Bajorek was 2 for 3 with three RBIs. Bajorek's RBI came on a bases-loaded double in the second inning.

Kickers pick up 10-0 romp over Milford

Novi has learned that when you can get an easy win, you should take it.

With teams like Brighton (twice), Northville, Canton and Salem on its schedule, Novi has learned to enjoy 10-0 wins like the one it picked up over Milford last Friday night.

Kristi Arrington scored a career-high eight goals in the romp, which was stopped with 27 minutes remaining in the game due to the mercy rule.

Novi scored four goals in the first half of the game and then erupted for

six goals in 13 minutes of the second half. Kellie Pfeiffer scored the first goal of the game and picked up three assists.

Sarah Corless also scored a goal and dished out two assists of her own. Ashley Cooley had three helpers as well.

Everyone had an opportunity to play in the win.

"It was a surprise because they played us so well the first time around," coach Larry Christoff said of Milford's 3-1 loss to the 'Cats in the two teams first game this season.

"We executed so much better this time around. The play of our half-backs was so fluid out there. They really moved the ball around well."

Novi was scheduled to play Howell last night (after the Novi News' deadline) and take on Lakeland tomorrow on the road. The rematch with Brighton, which was postponed because of the weather, will be played on Monday at Brighton. That game will most likely determine whether Novi shares the league title with the Bulldogs or whether it finishes runnerup.

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Alcohol abuse and prom don't mix

Prom night is an evening filled with images and experiences that can create life-long memories. But for some teens, the consequences of alcohol abuse may cause this memorable night to fade into a blur - or, more tragically, to end up in the headlines of the next day's news.

Serious falls, auto accidents and risky sexual contact are potential concerns when people - especially inexperienced teens - overindulge in alcohol.

"Alcohol is sometimes thought to be a lubricant for social relationships, but it also robs you of judgment or decision-making about just what you will or will not do with your body," says Kenneth Adams Ph.D., professor in the departments of psychiatry and psychology in the University of Michigan Health System.

And, alcohol abuse also can lead to alcohol poisoning - when an individual "massively overloads the body's ability to eliminate alcohol," Adams says. "Deaths from alcohol poisoning are infrequent but not rare."

Some studies indicate that as many as one in five students experiment with alcohol early on in adolescence, says Adams. The problem can increase by the end of the teen years. "Among college students, as many as 50 percent regularly over-use alcohol or binge drink," he says. Binge drinking is the consumption of more than four or five drinks on any one occasion.

Furthermore, alcohol abuse in the early years may establish a destructive pattern that will continue for a lifetime.

"Teens could be setting themselves up for a lifetime of problems if they choose to drink," says Adams. "All too often, people will say they know their limit or they're in control but it's a self-deception of the highest order," says

Adams. What teens do today can affect their cognitive functions later in life, he notes. Short-term memory loss is often the first indicator of alcohol-related neurological damage. This type of memory loss means a person has difficulty remembering new information, therefore, the learning process takes longer.

"It also reduces an individual's higher level thinking, the ability to think in abstract terms," says Adams. "Abusive consumption of alcohol changes the underlying brain chemistry and those chemicals control ability and skills. But later in life the damage done to brain chemistry cannot be restored...cannot cure itself. Many problems experienced later in life have direct correlation to when individuals started drinking."

There are many reasons why teens begin using alcohol: peer pressure, to feel better, to be part of the crowd, to lift depression, and typical adolescent experimentation. Abuse occurs when an individual consumes more alcohol than the body can eliminate.

"You can eliminate one drink in an hour, there is no way to speed up that process," he says. When people over-consume alcohol what they do is essentially overload their system, he says. "The results are an impairment that only time can eliminate."

Some people are more at risk for alcohol abuse or developing more serious problems with alcohol in later years. One characteristic of a person at risk of developing alcoholism, says Adams, is the sensitization of the nervous system with large consumption of alcohol. A family history of alcoholism and environmental factors should influence a person's decision about

whether to drink.

"Some research indicates that at-risk individuals should be counseled to absolutely stay away from even the first episode," he says.

As far as so-called "safe drinking" guidelines, Adams believes those serve only as a "bar that (individuals) can jump over or go under." He recommends that teens do not drink. He says the best way to make this decision is to list all the possible negative outcomes (e.g., death, permanent injury, auto accident, sexual assault, property destruction) as the result of drinking. "Teens should ponder all the undoable consequences that might result before they include alcohol in their prom night plans," he says.

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Facts About Teen Alcohol Abuse

- In early adolescence, as many as one in five teens experiment with alcohol.
- By college age, as many as 50 percent of students overuse alcohol.
- Early alcohol abuse may lay the groundwork for alcohol problems in later life.
- Alcohol abuse may result in impaired brain function, such as memory loss and reduced cognitive abilities.
- Binge drinking is found more often among high school and college students nationally.

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Health Notes

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Track team in driver's seat in KVC

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Chris Toloff won a pair of events to help the team to the win. The junior took first in the 800 (1:59.1) and the 400 (52.18). Eric Walle finished third in the 400.

Tim Moore, Mark Aventus, and Toloff swept the mile run and Moore and Aventus finished 1-2 in the two mile event.

Mitch Erickson, Moore, Aventus, and Walle teamed up for the win in the 3,200 relay and Sterett and Schleuder were 2-3 in the long jump.

Goto was joined by Kortlandt, Schleuder and Daisuke Matsuura in the 800 relay and Carlos Gondim, Sterett and Schleuder in the 400 relay.

"It was closer than what it looked like," Smith said of the win. "I told the kids that if Goto was collectively one second slower (in his four races), we'd have lost this meet. So you can't say we crushed Howell by 29 points."

"Teams can make up a second at the league meet," he said.

NOVI 3RD AT SUNSHINE
In a showcase of today's young-

sters in the KVC, Novi finished third among eight teams at the Sunshine Invitational at South Lyon this past Saturday.

The meet pitted the best freshmen and sophomores in the league against each other. The Wildcats came away with wins in four different events.

Moore was a double winner, taking top honors in the mile (4:34.3) and the two-mile run (10:06.8). He was also a part of the 3,200 relay team that took third. Erickson, Todd Foren and Steven Duda were the others.

Kortlandt won the 110 high hur-

dles in a time of 15.82 seconds and Schleuder was first in the 200 (24.5) and third in the 100 (12.0).

St. Clair was third in discus, Schleuder was third in the long jump and Adam Noble grabbed third in the high jump. Chase Chandler, Matt Emmecker, Kortlandt, and Schleuder were third in the 800 relay.

Novi took on Lakeland Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) with a chance to finish the regular season undefeated in league action. The team will compete at the KVC league meet Tuesday at South Lyon High School.

Brighton knocks netters off pedestal

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doubles. Chiang and Lynch had beaten Milford 6-1, 6-3 in the semifinals.

Mike McKenna and Ryan Slater followed the same route as Chiang and Lynch. Novi's No. 3 doubles team came in as the No. 1 seed and beat Hartland 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 in the semifinals. But they fell to Lakeland's Cory Baker and Joe Scandy in three sets in the championship match.

"There's one winner gonna be one loser and always Brighton and Lakeland's No. 2 and 3 dou-

bles teams played better than us," Hanson said.

Novi's singles lineup didn't fare as well. Matt Peurach, Rick Harris and Divyesh Sarman each won a match and earned a point for the Wildcats. Sarman beat Jeff Pickell of Milford in the first round before losing to Daren Brevik of Hartland 6-2, 1-6, 4-6 in the second-singles semifinals.

Peurach had no problems with Lakeland's Travis Stowe-Schnell in the first round, winning 6-1, 6-0. He then lost to the No. 1 seed from Brighton, Jason Harris, 2-6, 0-6.

Harris was another unfortunate

victim of the draw, beating Nate Dunham of Howell 6-3, 6-0 in the first round before losing to Brighton's No. 1 seeded Ryan Stech 2-6, 3-6 in the semis.

No school scored at every flight, while Novi, Brighton and Hartland gathered at least a point at seven of the eight flights. Hartland finished third with 10 points and Milford was fourth with seven. Lakeland and South Lyon each gathered four points and Howell was shut out.

"I think this was the most balanced league meet I've ever seen and next year it should be even closer," Hanson said. "Hartland

loses one starter. Milford loses one starter. Brighton loses a couple and we lose the most with six guys graduating."

"It should make for some pretty exciting tennis," he said.

Novi will compete in the Ann Arbor tennis regional tomorrow for the chance to advance to the state meet. Among the participants Novi will have to contend with are both Ann Arbor Pioneer and Huron, as well as Saline and Livonia Stevenson. Only the top two teams advance to the state meet in Midland. Any other teams accumulating 16 or more points also advance.

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