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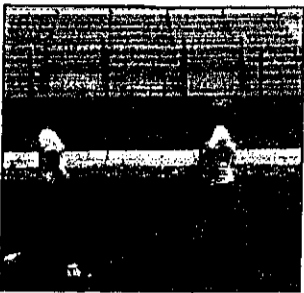
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Light my fireworks



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A HomeTown Classic

Six members of the Novi baseball team and five more softball players took part in HomeTown Newspaper's All-Star game last Thursday, leading the East squad to a pair of victories over teams from the West — Page 1B

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Expo Center to seek abatement

Expo president says without a tax break, \$18 million facility could be a no go here.

RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

On the heels of Textron Automotive deciding not to locate in Novi, a long time landmark isn't a shoe-in for new expansion in the city.

Novi Expo Center President Blair Bowman said that if he is not able to secure a tax abatement from the city, his plans for a new \$18 million exposition center on Grand River between Taft and Beck Roads will not come to fruition.

"If we don't get the tax abatement that we will be asking for, we will not be relocating to that site," Bowman said.

The new site is approximately 50: the 320,000 square foot facility

could open its door as early as late 2002, if all goes as planned.

But Bowman did say that he is optimistic that when his plan is laid out before the Novi City Council, that it will be embraced.

"We're hopeful, we're optimistic that location efforts will be successful and that it will be a win-win situation for us, the community, and our customers and the attending public," Bowman said. "We still have many steps to go and we're

working on all those things."

Bowman said that he talked with members of the community to help explain the major parts of the tax abatement issue.

"I would say we will be making our argument to this community and once we have presented our case, I feel that the political, administrative sector (of the city) and the citizens of this community will support our approach for a tax abatement," he added.

According to Bowman, Textron Automotive's recent withdrawal of its application for a tax abatement was disappointing to the local business community.

"I will go on record saying that I was very disappointed to see them (Textron) not to pursue the Novi location. No doubt, other communities are going to be pursuing them. The issue is: the city of Novi cannot continue to exist on the

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No ark in sight

Flooding includes church

RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

It's raining, it's pouring, flushing out the basement is boring and exactly how some Novi residents spent Sunday and Monday.

Flooding over the weekend at the First Baptist Church and the affiliated Novi Christian School, which are both on Eleven Mile Road, had church parishioners cleaning while they prayed. First Baptist Pastor Gary Elfner took it all in stride.

"That was our Sunday project," Elfner said.

He said that ever since the city's retention basin near Eleven Mile and Taft roads was put in, there has been flooding in the school's basement.

"We really didn't have much of a flooding problem until they put in the retention basin in," Elfner said. "I've been here for ten years and we didn't have flooding like we've had until recently, before the basin was put in. City engineers and JCK have said that it was all just a coincidence."

The retention basin is located on Eleven Mile Road, just east of Taft, but when checked Monday afternoon, it was only a third of the way full.

"We don't have \$70,000 to pay engineers to look at this," Elfner

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Plans for new jail locked up

RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

Bigger, better, and more secure. That's the plan behind a new \$1.9 million expansion of the Novi Police Station. Police headquarters will see some significant renovation over the next few months, after the Novi City Council approved the package for the improvement.

"They expect to start on this in the next two weeks," Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said. "We have had difficulty in housing female prisoners and this will increase our jail space."

According to Shaeffer, the new addition should be able to keep the city set for the next twenty years.

"I think this should be it for quite some time," Shaeffer said. Novi Police Department received the site plan approval and special land use from the Novi Planning Commission in March.

According to Shaeffer, the final construction plans have been completed.

"There will be an addition at the southern end of the building and there will be an increase in jail space and changes for the lobby to make it handicapped accessible," he said.

Shaeffer said that a citizens committee looked at the needs of the department based on the growth of the community and decided that several modifications, renovations, and additions were necessary to

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Roll call for recognition



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

WWII Veterans Recognition Day is a project of Mayor Dick Clark (center). Here he is flanked by, from left, Lou Gombasy, who was on on the U.S.S. Nevada at Pearl Harbor; Leo Harrawood, a twice-wounded Army medic; Richard Arvo, who flew 50 missions over North Africa; and Roland Heaton, a Canadian sailor who transmitted the news of the German surrender.

City stands at attention for WWII veterans

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

When World War II began, back in 1939, a generation of young men and women were called upon to face the greatest challenge of the century.

To commemorate and honor these men and women who served during World War II, Novi Mayor Richard Clark and the City of Novi have planned a first tribute on July 2 at the Novi Civic Center, one that Clark said is has been a long time coming.

"I think recognition of veterans is long overdue," Clark said.

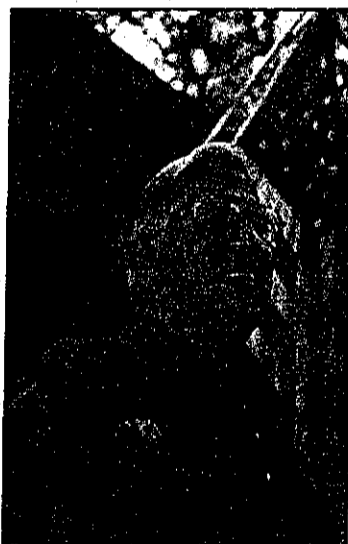
"These men and women put their lives on hold to defend this country during a very dark and disastrous period."

Clark said when the aging U.S. veterans are dying at an estimated rate of 1,500 a week, there is little time left to acknowledge these courageous individuals.

"Before long, there are not going to be many left. They won't be here to tell us their amazing stories," he said.

"So this (WWII Veterans Recognition Day) is a thank you for what they have done and sacrificed for our country."

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Ken Cummins was captured by the German army at the Bulge.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

WORLD WAR II

Novi remembers

Extra! Extra! War stories: Read all about local men and a woman who served during WWII on pages 9-11A.

A list of men and women who will be honored at Sunday's event appears on page 12A.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

From left, city volunteer Pat Holt with students who created the WWII web page, Michael Wang, Erin Loomer, their social studies teacher Gary Kelly and seated, Mafory Ahern.

Real-life war stories grab teens' interest

By Kelli Cooley Copy Editor

How can the past and the future be intermingled?

Just ask Gary Kelly and his students at Novi High School who designed a website of local World War II veterans including interviews with the area soldiers on their experiences during the war.

Pat Holt, a volunteer for the World War II recognition day committee and a facilitator between the school and the city on the website project, said Novi Mayor Richard Clark came to her to get students involved in the recognition day and have them volunteer. However, when Holt spoke to Kelly, a NHS social studies teach-

er, the idea became expanded until Kelly suggested students create their own website and get involved to find out the history of World War II in a much more personal level.

"We are losing 30,000 citizens (who participated in World War II) a month. It becomes vital to interview these people and understand our heritage and the heritage of this country," Kelly said.

Students from NHS volunteered to work on this project, from being interviewers of WWII veterans to becoming webmasters of the site, ensuring items were posted and all the links (paths) to get to other World War II sites)

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Community Calendar

Thursday, June 29

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500.

Music series

"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn. Tonight's band is "Straight Ahead," jazz and funk.

Monday, July 3

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

Saturday, July 2

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band plays a concert at 1 p.m. honoring veterans at Ten Mile Road, near the Novi Library.

Tuesday, July 4

City offices and Novi library closed.

Wednesday, July 5

Novi Youth Baseball

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

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, July 6

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Music Series

"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn. Tonight's band is "Air Margaritaville," featuring Jimmy Buffet sounds.

Monday, July 10

Library Board

The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi library building.

Novi City Council

The Novi City Council meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, July 11

Civil Air Patrol

The Stigace Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Church of the Holy Cross on Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads, from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information contact Ernie Aruffo at 348-9136.

Chess Club

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

Optimist Club

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

Wednesday, July 12

Seniors potluck

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

Lions Club

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

SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center.

Thursday, July 13

Parks meeting

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

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Lovers of Bonsai bring convention to DoubleTree

By Kelli Cooley
Copy Editor

Dr. Nicholas Sellas didn't realize that when he picked up a copy of *Mechanics Illustrated* magazine in 1949, the little ad on Bonsai trees would captivate him to still caring for the plants today.

The Mid-America Bonsai Alliance 2000 Detroit Bonsai (pronounced Bone-si) Convention held in Novi this weekend will attract seasoned growers like Sellas, master Bonsai and amateur planters to the DoubleTree Hotel on Novi Road to share ideas, swap advice and even purchase plants of this now American hobby.

According to Sellas, Bonsai started thousands of years ago in China. The Chinese traveled across their land and found trees that had been twisted and shaped by nature. Curious and intrigued, the Chinese lifted the trees from the soil and brought them back to the Emperor's palace. From there, it spread throughout the orient and the Japanese adapted their own style of shaping the trees.

Bonsai trees are many different plants that are shaped in styles predetermined by Chinese, Japanese or now American Bonsai culture. This plants can be as common as Juniper, but the way they grow and are shaped is what is important.

Sellas said there is a precision to

Bonsai including the way the tree's branches are spaced. A formula called Fabbinnocci can be used to give the tree an aesthetic look. One plus two equals three, three plus two equals five and etc. until the branches are spaced evenly. Sellas also pointed out that Bonsai's form occurs in nature as to how the branches of trees point down if they are the bottom half, the middle branches of the tree are pointing straight out and the top half of branches point up. Bonsai form is the same.

Sellas did say, however, that not all trees can be Bonsai. To put them in a pot and try to make them miniature will not work. Only certain kinds of plants will grow small and form into a Bonsai.

"It's addictive. The Bonsai is important, more so than the clubness (of groups such as the Four Seasons Bonsai Club Sellas belongs to). It's great to socialize but getting help from people who can say, 'see that branch, it should go that way,' or 'no, don't do that, do this,' really helps," Sellas said.

Which is the reason for the Four Seasons Bonsai Club to co-sponsor the Bonsai Convention being held June 30 through July 2. Many workshops will be held. Sellas said, to help along the amateur, seasoned, and even master member to learn new techniques to shaping Bonsai trees. Also included at the

convention will be wares for sale, including Bonsai plants one can purchase to start a hobby. Also demonstrations by Master Masahiko Kimura will be held, which Sellas said is the creme de la creme for Bonsai teaching.

Juried and judged shows for Bonsai growers will also be held. A concern some members of wildlife organizations have of Bonsai growers is the fact the trees are being damaged or harmed. Sellas said the normal average life expectancy for a tree is 60 years, where Bonsai trees in the National Arboretum are 800 years old. The trees take a lot of care and proper planning. He said they are almost like a pet and people need to treat them as such.

"It takes a lot of work and trees are usually handed down from generation to generation," Sellas said. Sellas said if a person receives a Bonsai tree as a gift, the best thing is to get some knowledge of the plant. Go to Bonsai clubs or have someone help in the beginning tending of the tree.

If interested in Bonsai, contact Todd Renshaw at the Four Seasons Bonsai Club, (248) 585-9916 or Corrie Balke, president of the Ann Arbor Bonsai Club at (734) 747-6493.

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Photo by JOHN HEDER
Dr. Nicholas Sellas gently prunes a false cypress, one of his Bonsai trees, on his Northville Township property. The Mid-America Bonsai Alliance 2000 Detroit Bonsai (pronounced Bone-si) Convention will be held in Novi this weekend at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi.

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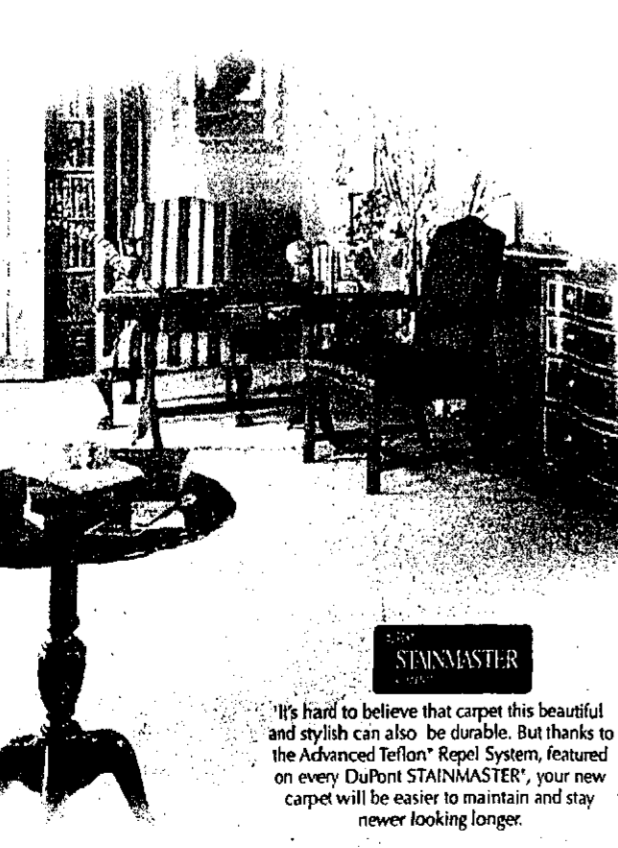
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Man arrested for leaving accident scene

A 59-year-old Novi man was arrested for drunk driving and leaving the scene of an accident on June 18.

The suspect was driving southbound on Novi Road when he rear-ended another vehicle just south of the CSX railroad Tracks.

The suspect then went around the vehicle he just hit and passed him on the side of the road to flee the scene. The driver of the vehicle that was struck was able to call police and the suspect was pulled over near Ten Mile Road and Novi Road.

The suspect was given a breathalyzer test that registered 0.19, which is nearly double the legal limit.

According to police, 0.19 is considered legally drunk in Michigan. The man is also expected to be charged with hit and run.

IN THE CLOSET

The maintenance man of a local apartment complex found a number of marijuana plants in the closet of a new apartment the day after the residents moved in.

The man was in the unit replacing the furnace air filter when he noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from a coat closet on June 22.

When police asked the man how

Police News

he knew what marijuana smelled like, the man said that he "used to smoke it" when he was younger.

There were no arrests made at the time because there was no permission given by the renter for management to enter the premises. The suspects originally asked the manager that they did not want anyone entering their apartment.

Police continue to investigate the residents.

PRICE WAS NOT RIGHT

A Farmington Hills teen was arrested for stealing a pair of sunglasses from the Lord & Taylor store on June 19.

When police asked the 17-year-old if she left the store without paying for the glasses, she said "Yes."

When the officer asked why she replied: "I just didn't feel like paying for them today. I didn't think they were worth \$38."

Police took the teen into custody for retail fraud.

MEN ATTACKED

A Farmington Hills man told police he was attacked by several men after an altercation that ended up with fists being thrown in the parking lot of the Speedway gas station on Novi Road on June 22.

The victim said that he stopped

old Walled Lake man for possession of crack cocaine in the early morning hours of June 19.

Police officers noticed that the suspect's license plate light was out and were attempting to pull him over to tell him.

But when the man failed to pull over immediately, police became suspicious.

The officer on the scene reported that he saw the man put something into his mouth just before the stop was made.

After running a background check, police found outstanding violations that prompted a search of the man's vehicle.

The search produced a vile of crack cocaine.

The man was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance.

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STUFFING STUFF IN PANTS

Store security at Kohl's watched two men take three or four items into the dressing room and emerge with only one or two in hand.

As a result, a 22-year-old Novi man and an 18-year-old Millard man were both arrested after store security said that the two were stuffing merchandise in their pants to conceal them on June 21.

Store security confronted the two individuals after they had attempted to leave the store with the merchandise.

Both men are being charged with retail fraud.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

The Novi police reported that there were a number of "gas runs" in the area last week.

One man who wanted to pay for his gas with a one hundred dollar bill and was refused, left the service station saying to the teller "Go ahead and call the police."

Police reports also indicate that there were two reported gas-phishings from cars parked in residential neighborhoods.

Both men are being charged with retail fraud.

HIT AND RUN

An Ohio man said he was struck from behind while traveling along Fourteen Mile Road near Haggerty on June 16.

The victim said that he stopped

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

INDEPENDENCE DAY CLOSING

The library will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day. The library will be open for normal hours Monday, July 3.

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Sign-up is now underway for the 2000 Summer Reading Program. "Reading Is Out of This World." The program is for children in grade four and under.

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ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our July selection is "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer. The group meets Monday, July 3 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All are welcome.

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SHS instructors include director Tom Anastos, who played at Michigan State University and in the Montreal Canadiens system and coached at MSU. Director Lyle Phair played college hockey at MSU, professionally with the Los Angeles Kings, and coached at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Program manager Doug Garbarz was a standout defenseman at MSU and has been a member of the SHS instructional school staff for the last 12 years. SHS Goalie School

Director Darren Elliot is a graduate of Cornell, was a member of the 1984 Canadian Olympic team, played professionally for six years and is now the television color commentator for the NHL's Anaheim Mighty Ducks. Olympic Gold medalist Lisa Brown-Miller directs the SHS girls' program.

Limited enrollment. Classes are filling fast. Please call SHS at (248) 478-1600 to register your player or for more information. The following is the SHS summer schedule:

Location - Week of - Classes
• Suburban Training Center, Farmington Hills
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July 24-28, Squirt, Pee Wee/Bantam Hockey School, Adult Program.
Aug. 7-11, Mite Hockey School.
• Novi Ice Arena
July 10-14, Squirt, Pee Wee/Bantam, Mite Power Skating and Goalie Program.
July 17-21, Squirt, Pee Wee/Bantam, Mite Hockey School

Novi Briefs

Novi Theatres

Get them while they're hot! Tickets are on sale as the Novi Theatres presents "Alice in Wonderland." Shows are July 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. and July 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Ashley Marshall plays Alice and Emily Harpe plays the Cheshire Cat and all the rest your favorite characters will be there, too.

New Novy Students

Any new student to the Novi High School can now register for grades 9-12 in the high school's main office from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. until August 14th. For more information, call the school at (248) 449-1500.

Correction

In last week's article on Jackie Lawrence's retirement, it was stated that Cheri Christ was president of Novi Woods PTO, instead of vice president. Janet Cross is president.

School millage drops

The Novi Community School District is giving homeowners a break by lowering taxes for the second year in a row.

The district's total millage levy dropped from 16.6785 mills in 1999-2000 to the 2000-01 levy of 16.45 mills.

"We can happily say that the tax rate will decrease to the tax payers by a total of 0.2285 mills," said Board of Education Treasurer Carol Elfring. The 0.2285 reduction combines 0.1 mills from the debt millage and 0.1285 from operating mills, Elfring explained.

This decrease comes even with the opening of the new Deerfield Elementary next school year, the increase of nearly 250 students next fall, and the increase in busing approved this spring.

These figures will not be official until the state calculates the budget in October. Elfring added, after a final student count for next school year has been conducted.



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Novi Community Schools Superintendent Emmet Lippe received high marks from the school board and agreed to stay on three more years.

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Lippe makes the grade

Superintendent signs on for three more years

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

The Novi School Board and Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe could be said to have a mutual admiration society going.

After Lippe was given exceptionally high marks on his annual review by the board, Lippe signed a three-year contract with the Novi school district.

At the board of education meeting, Lippe received an "A" on his annual evaluation from the board. "Excellence isn't a grade on a score sheet, it's continued outstanding work," said Board Trustee John Strel. "Our reputation and Novi's reputation is because of Emmet."

In the category of "Overall Performance," which includes such items as knowledge of education, interest in improving curriculum and instruction, honesty, and integrity, Lippe received a score of 96.7 percent. The high scores continued with a 95.7 percent in the category of "Board Relations," 96.4 percent in "Community Relations," 93.9 percent in "Administrative Relations," 93.3 percent in "Faculty Relations," and 93.4 percent in the category of "Superintendent's Goals."

Overall, Lippe received a 4.8, on a scale of 1-5, 5 being excellent. "This is nothing new for Emmet," board president George Kortlandt said. "He has achieved an excellent score every year we have evaluated him."

Kortlandt assures that Lippe's

"It is the board's opinion that we have one of the best superintendents, not only in this state, but in this country."

George Kortlandt
Novi Trustee

exceptional ratings are not the result of easy grades. "There will be plenty of superintendents who exist in this world today who will not achieve scores nearly this high," Kortlandt said. "It is the board's opinion that we have one of the best superintendents, not only in this state, but in this country."

Lippe said it is not his work alone, but that of the entire staff that makes a great school district like Novi what it is today.

"It's the administrators, the teachers, it's all of us working for a common cause, which is, what is best for the kids. If we can keep focused on that, we can't go wrong," Lippe said.

Board Treasurer Carol Elfring said she deeply respects Lippe's vision. Lippe is always able to see the big picture and see where the district should be and how exactly to get there, she said.

"He not only builds confidence

among the board, but among the entire community when they know the leader of this district is so honest, has so much integrity, and also has the vision to keep riding the district forward," Elfring said. "We just can't thank him enough for his efforts."

Board Secretary Ann Newton, said Lippe always keeps the district on the right track and that he is, always focused on what is best for the kids.

"I think when we look back at the direction our district has taken since Emmet has become our leader, they can see what a wonderful direction that is," she said.

Board Trustees Julie Abrams and Bruce Bagdady said they are very proud to have worked with Lippe and that they look forward to working with him in the future.

"The integrity stands out loud and clear," Bagdady said. "We are very proud of our leader."

Lippe, an MSU alumni, said he has enjoyed his years in the Novi district and is looking forward to continuing.

"It's been a pleasure working with the board and the entire Novi community," Lippe said.

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Website focuses on local war efforts

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were working. "I have three grandfathers that were in World War II. I listen to a lot of their stories and it is important to learn from history as it builds character," said Erin Loomer, NHS sophomore and WWII interviewer.

"The technology aspect is important to me. It's a part of history in itself, yesterday's history is also technology's history. I wasn't born here and I learned a lot about different viewpoints, especially on the atomic bombs," said Michael Wang, NHS junior/webmaster who was born in Taiwan and lived some time in Japan.

"The student's enthusiasm overflows into the project as the web-

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Erin Loomer,
Novi High sophomore

site began to take shape. These students gave up free time, some school time and even seniors who had finished classes, came back to make sure their work was complete.

"This project is just an excellent example of when two entities work together and put together a quality, fantastic project," Holt said, refer-

ring to the city and the school district.

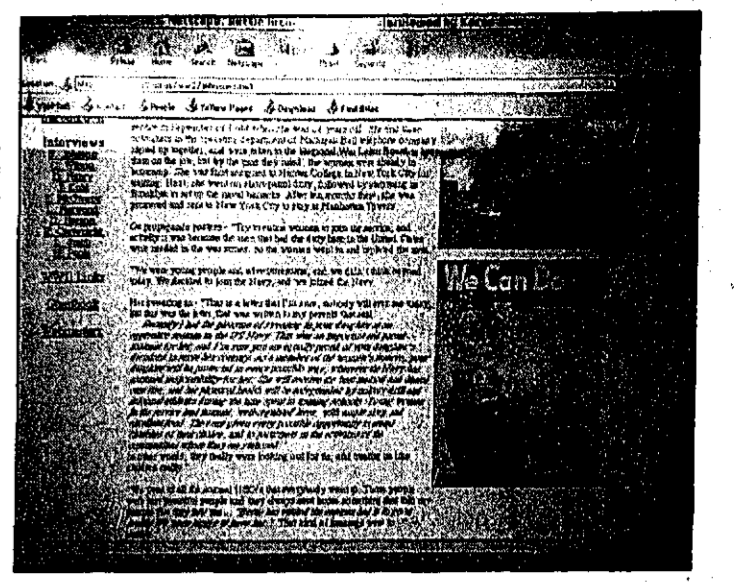
An interesting interview of a World War II veteran came from Christina Poole, a NHS senior who interviewed her grandfather, Harold, about his time serving and his capture in Germany. A P.O.W., Poole was released after eight months.

"I never knew a lot about his experiences. I'm really honored he is my grandfather. These men deserve a lot more than they have gotten but it's nice to see they are getting wonderful press through the website, now," Christina Poole said.

The World War II website will become an ongoing project, Kelly said, with more interviews being added in the fall. To view the website, visit

<http://www.hs.novi.k12.mi.us/www2>

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Novi High students built this website to honor local veterans. Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Christina Poole, a NHS senior, interviewed her grandfather, Harold, about his war experiences for the website. He spent eight months as a POW in Germany.

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City thanks WWII veterans for fighting the good fight

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The war left 292,000 dead or missing members of the U.S. armed forces and 675,000 wounded.

Roland Heaton, a Canadian serviceman who now lives in Novi, was elected by the city's gesture.

"The mayor is incredible for organizing this day to recognize Novi's World War II veterans," Heaton said.

"We're kind of reluctant to play the hero, even though we are and know we are."

When the war began, Heaton, then a Windsor resident, enlisted in 1940 in the Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve. He trained in telegraphy and coding in Quebec, where he learned to interpret Morse code. Heaton was then assigned to the H.M.C.S. Gaspe, serving later on the H.M.C.S. Eastview under Vice Admiral Jeffrey Brock, before heading to the Orangeville.

Charged with protecting Allied shipping in the Atlantic, the Canadian Navy was the outer line of

defense for convoys of merchant and military ships running between North America, continental Europe, and Great Britain. The convoys carried food, troops, guns, ammunition and other wartime essentials.

Last year, Heaton and his shipmates were honored by Canadian parliament in Ottawa.

The Canadian sailor could hardly believe his ears while on duty as wireless telegraph operator on the H.M.C.S. Orangeville in the late hours of May 8, 1945, when a message came across from the London Admiralty Allied Command in a code classified as "highly confidential" and "most important."

Piecing together the meaning, Heaton realized it was an announcement of the unconditional surrender of the German land, sea, and air forces.

But while Heaton's delighted with the recognition, other local veterans say it's about time.

"Twice-wounded Army medic Leo Harwood said although it's not

the mayor's fault, the tribute should have been held long ago.

"It's way over-time," the longtime Novi resident said. "I know he's a new mayor, but this should have been done years ago. A lot of veterans are already dead and a lot of them are either retired or moved out."

Lifelong Novi resident Lou Gombas said he, too, wishes the recognition would have come sooner.

"It's about 40 years late. About the only time they recognize the veterans is the Fourth of July and Memorial Day. The rest of the time, they forget all about them," he said.

Gombas was a sailor on the U.S.S. Nevada when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

The Seaman Second Class almost lost his life in what is now referred to as the Day of Infamy. Today, Gombas still has the scar where shrapnel split the right side of his head open.

The Nevada was tied up to the U.S.S. Arizona, which had already

been blown up. The Nevada's attempt to cruise out of the channel, where a sunken ship would keep the rest blocked in for weeks, is considered by historians to be one of the most heroic moments of the attack.

"They took it as second nature, as doing their duty," Clark said referring to serving in the war. "And then they came home, took their uniforms off, and went back to work."

Clark said he was amazed by the dangerous life Harwood led as medic during the war.

"Medics weren't allowed to carry weapons," he said, "and the Germans thought the red cross symbol was a great bulls-eye. He (Harwood) survived both a head and chest wound."

Harwood was never given the Oak Leaf Cluster and Bronze Star he earned. He was 24 when he left the service.

Clark, a history buff himself, had an uncle in the Navy during World War II. His uncle's ship blew up and he drifted in the ocean for days before being rescued, Clark said.

He added that his wife's father fought with Gen. George Patton and that her five brothers also served. Even though one became a P.O.W., all five made it back home in one piece.

"We just take all this for granted," Clark said. "Freedom isn't free. There's a price to be paid."

Clark said he was very proud of Novi High School students and teacher Gary Kelly for their recent World War II website tribute.

"It's great for young people to learn about their history," he said. "They've learned so much."

Resident Richard Arvo who served in the Army Air Corps in North Africa as a staff sergeant, flew 50 missions as an aerial gunner in a B-52 over Tunisia and Algeria.

"We skip bombed German ships. They came to North Africa to bring

to bring supplies and troops," he said. "I survived it by a miracle."

Clark said veterans are very humble when it comes to playing hero.

"They are modest individuals who never play it up," he said.

But Arvo said the Veterans Recognition Day is nice, but that the real heroes of the war are the one's who lost their lives.

"They never did get home, they gave their all," he said. "So I never, ever bothered to wear my medals, because I feel like I'm not really a hero."

If you are interested in viewing the WWII tribute by the high school, visit: www.hi.novi.k12.mi.us

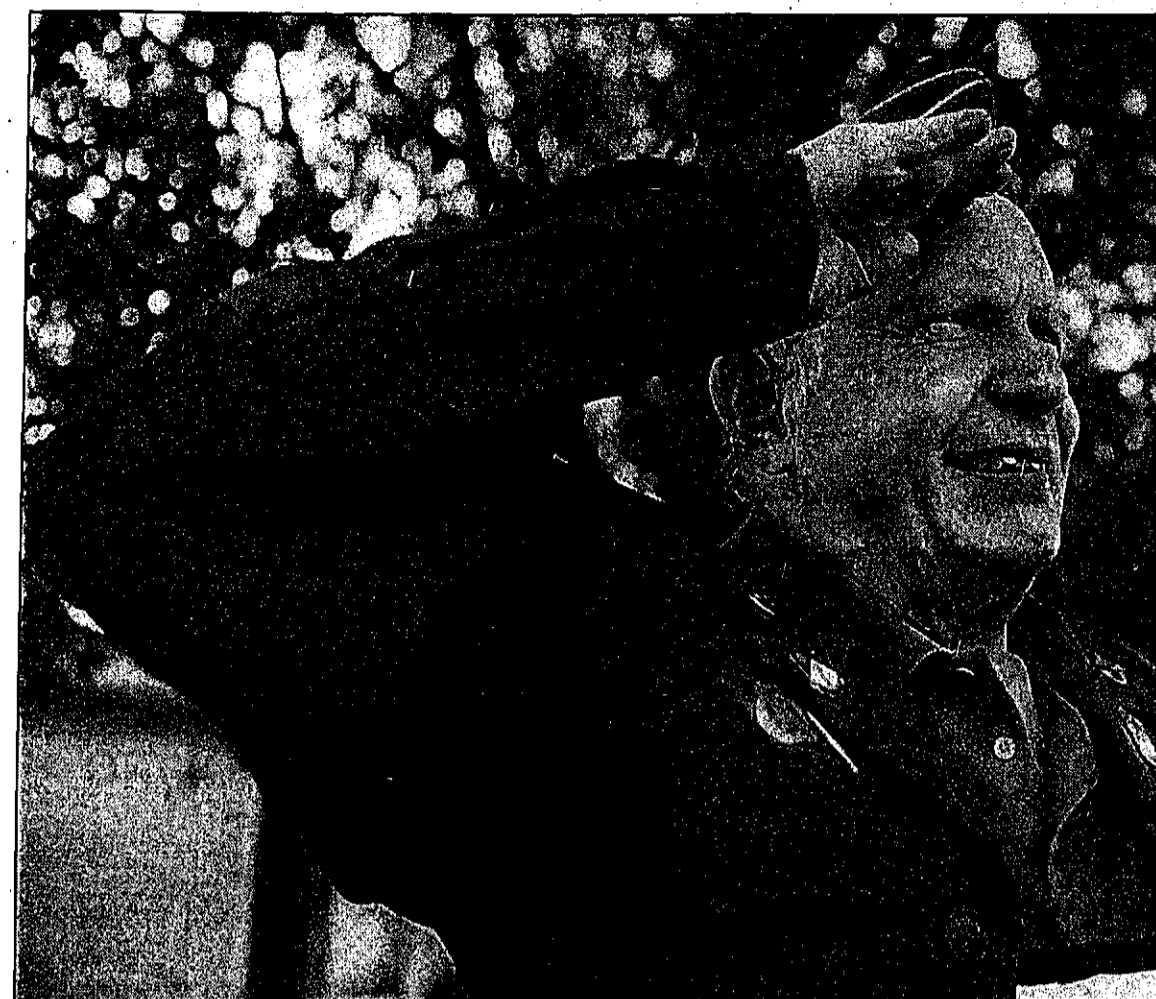
Editor Jan Jeffers contributed to this story. Her father is a WWII Army Air Corps veteran.

Hometown Heroes

Novi salutes the men and women who played a role in the 20th century's worst cataclysm, WWII

The personal sacrifices of over 150 local veterans — many barely out of high school in 1941 — will be recognized Sunday at the Novi Civic Center. The *Novi News* profiles four servicemen and one U.S. Army nurse.

Stories by Stephanie Fordyce and Randal Yakey.
Photos by John Heider.



Wendell Thomas Mayer

RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

From small town to small town, while Allies pushed east and the German forces soldiers attempted to beat back the onslaught of the American war machine, men from all over the United States enlisted in the fight over Nazism.

In France, Belgium, and Germany, the battles raged and thousands did their duty in the midst of the carnage. Humble American heroes "just did their jobs" said Novi resident and World War II veteran Wendell Thomas Mayer. Mr. Mayer should know, he's one of these heroes.

Mayer was one of those men who merely went to "drive the jeeps" but his part is just as significant to the war effort as any other. With the possibility of radio messages being intercepted, the American military enlisted men to drive messages to the front or anywhere else to give our troops direction. Mayer knew all too well the feeling of racing into the heat of battle in a jeep, delivering a message, and "getting the hell out of there without getting shot."

"The hardest part was right off the beach," Mayer said. "There wasn't a building standing. They were actually bombing the graveyards."

On one occasion, Mayer was delivering a message into an occupied small German town. Without really knowing where the front lines had changed, he did his best to make contact. One day, while delivering a message, he got a close up look at an American tank.

"We come around the corner and looked right down the barrel of the gun and this guy came out of the top and said 'Buddy boy, you get out of there. I'm going to shoot,'" Mayer said. "I backed that jeep up so fast..."

Mayer arrived in Europe in January 1943 and he hit the road right away. He even transported prisoners.

"I was going back with a German prisoner and he (General Buddy) was coming the other way," Mayer said. "I was coming back with a German prisoner and he was going up front. He said something to the prisoner. I hauled a lot of them back."

"The prisoner would sit on the hood and the fellow that was taking them back sat next to me," Mayer added with a chuckle.

As Patton's Third Army was sweeping across the Low Countries, pushing the Wehrmacht back across the Rhine, Mayer was trying to keep pace and keep gas in his jeep's tank.

"Well, after the push and Patton went so far, they held up our gas," he said. "We went south in France and then the Germans came in, they called it the Bulge, the Battle of the Bulge. We had to wait at the time, after the Bulge, because they couldn't get us enough gas," Mayer said.

"But then they would give us extra gas and we would drive all day and all night and we got up to the Bulge and there was snow on the ground. But it was more to the Germans' advantage," he said.

"A lot of the Germans seemed to push farther ahead than we did. A lot of Americans were captured at that time."

Mayer said that he remembered when the Germans surrounded the town of Bastogne, Belgium.

"The Germans went right in to General McAuliffe and they asked him to surrender and he refused," Mayer said. "Nuts."

Mayer often had to duck for cover.

"Often I was on my route alone, the planes would come down and start shooting at me," he said. "I would leave the jeep and run into a house and lay on the floor. Come out and the jeep had bullet holes."

The horrors of war are something that Mayer said many of the men remember, but rarely talk about.

"One guy had his chest completely gone and his eyes were wide open," Mayer said. "I saw enough of that."

Mayer said that he would often ride right up to the enemy



lines and give American troops messages and then return to the headquarters.

"One time I got too far up front. I was looking for the second battalion. There was a soldier laying in a ditch laying face down. I said 'Do you know where second battalion headquarters is?' He said 'Yeah, back there,'" Mayer said, motioning behind him.

"He said 'I'm a lead scout for 'B' company. I turned that jeep around and got the hell out of there. I'd gone too far.'"

According to Mayer, nighttime was the most harrowing. There were rules about working after dark.

"I had to make several trips at night and you couldn't drive with your light on or the enemy would see you," Mayer said. "That was difficult."

He said that during the night, American planes wouldn't fly overhead and the American soldier knew that when a plane was out, it was a German one.

"The Americans never even sent up planes at night," Mayer said. "When you heard a plane at night, you didn't wait. You started shooting at it. You knew it wasn't ours. The German pounded us pretty hard a few times."

"I'd jump into the fox hole, with the planes flying over. When they went away, one of our guys would come out and he'd go down along all the holes saying 'You all right? You all right? He'd go right down the line.'"

Mayer said that when the Germans began the retreat back across the Rhine, the Nazis were leaving everything behind.

"We would go into houses where the Germans had been," Mayer said. "And everything would be there. Apparently they got the word to get out in a hurry. There were sausages on the tables, cheese, and cans of food."

Mayer said that after V-E Day, he was told he would have to go to Asia and fight the Japanese. But a reprieve came in a form most of the world didn't expect.

"We were told when we were in Europe that we would have to go to Japan," he said. "But then we were told that they dropped the bomb (on Japan); that was it."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Navy veteran Robert Schmidt has held onto his photos from his service days.

Robert Schmidt

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

In the early hours of April 12, 1945, Radoman Second Class Robert Schmidt, stationed on the island of Leyte in the Philippines, made his way to the hut where James Roosevelt, the eldest son of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was sleeping.

"Wake up the colonel. I got a message for him," Schmidt told the aide.

As he stood at Roosevelt's bedside, Schmidt handed him the papers announcing the death of his father and the nation's 32nd President.

Experiences such as that would travel with Schmidt throughout his military career.

At the tender age of 18, straight out of McKenzie High School in Detroit, Schmidt was drafted into the Navy Great Lakes Boot Camp in July 1943.

After eight weeks there, Schmidt attended radio training at the University of Chicago.

After his stay in Hawaii, Schmidt worked with personnel attack vessel (APA 20), the U.S.S.

practicing invasions aboard a 56-foot LCC cruiser.

"Because we were on the East Coast, we just assumed we would be shipped to England for an invasion against Germany," Schmidt said.

But as he sailed aboard the attack cargo (AKA 55) the U.S.S. Al Shatin, Schmidt said they soon learned they were not heading for Britain.

"No one told us where we were going, so we thought we were going to cross the Atlantic," he said.

"Then all of the sudden we're going through Cape Hatteras and there was Cuba. Then a day later we see Haiti, so we knew we were going through the Panama Canal, but we still didn't know where we were headed."

The U.S.S. Al Shatin ended up in Pearl Harbor, where Schmidt continued practicing with radar and communications and working with underwater demolition teams.

Three months later, he was assigned to the amphibious corps in Little Creek, Virginia.

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Novi hoists the flag for 153 residents who were in uniform during WWII

The City of Novi's first World War II Veterans Recognition Day on Sunday will honor approximately 150 service men and women. The event will be held at the Novi Civic Center.

From 1-2 p.m.:
The Novi Concert Band under the direction of Jack Kopnick will perform war-era music.
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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION 2000-2001 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novni City Council adopted the 2000-2001 Fiscal Year budget for the City of Novi on Monday, May 15, 2000. Copies of the Budget are available at the Novi Civic Center, at the Office of the Finance Director, or Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan. (6-29-00 NR/NN 98190)

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR AUGUST 8, 2000 PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 10, 2000 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address within the City of Novi you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice. At the City Clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours. At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours. At the specific agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind. At the military recruitment offices for persons residing in the armed forces. By Mail: By returning and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election officials before the close of registration deadline, July 10, 2000. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting: Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48275 (248) 347-0456. Note: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Novi or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped. (6-29-00 NR/NN 98204)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL #154 SHAWWOOD WALLED LAKE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION — SANITARY SEWER CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT: The construction of approximately 618 feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Main in Section 10 which will provide a direct benefit to that portion of Shawwood Walled Lake Heights Subdivision containing the streets known as Pleasant Court and Crown Drive. TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the special assessment district's share of the cost of the following described public improvement: 50-22-03-128-002 50-22-03-128-009 50-22-03-128-012 50-22-03-128-016 50-22-03-128-021 50-22-03-128-023 The said special assessment roll is on file for public examination with the City Clerk, and any objections to said special assessment roll may be made in writing prior to the close of the hearing to review said special assessment roll. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council and the City Assessor will meet at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Prevaling Eastern Time, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Prevaling Eastern Time, or July 10, 2000, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An appearance and protest may be made by an appearance at the hearing to protest the special assessment or by filing an appearance and protest by letter. THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan. MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (248-347-0456) (6-29-00 NR/NN 98212)

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Is there an I-96/M-59 link in sight?

By RANDAL YAKE Staff Writer

Over the next year, a team of consultants will look over the northwestern end of Novi in an attempt to see if the city is the prime location to put the cornerstone of a possible new north/south trunk line in Oakland County. The road could link I-96 to M-59. The area to be studied will be bounded by U.S-24 on the west, the Haggerty connector (M-5) on the east, I-96 on the south and M-59 (Highland Road) on the north. Parsons Brinckerhoff, one of the oldest engineering firms in the country, will be leading the project from its Detroit offices. Road Commission of Oakland County Spokesperson Craig Bryson said a survey with a ran-

dom sampling of residents in the Southwestern Oakland County will be conducted this summer as part of the survey for a new north-south trunk line. Parsons Brinckerhoff, with over 8,000 staff nationwide, will be assisted by subcontractors Hubbell, Roth & Clark; SmithGroup JRR; ASC Engineering Services and Langworthy Strader Leiblanc & Associates. The RCOG is serving as project manager for the study, though the 16-member steering committee is guiding the process. The committee is made up of representatives of the 13 communities in the study area, including Novi, MDO, RCOG and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The cost of the contract with Par-

sons Brinckerhoff will not be major social, economic and environmental constraints within each community. The feasibility study is expected to take 18 months to complete. According to the mission statement developed by the steering committee, the evaluation process will take in a number of local and regional concerns, to evaluate all potential north/south corridors in western Oakland County between I-96 and M-59 (Highland Road) and select the preferred route for a new state trunk line which best reduces overall traffic congestion and improves motorists safety. The committee further determined that the study will recommend the project maintain character of existing communities in their adjacent state of development, strengthen the economic viability of existing traditional downtown, and benefit the greatest number of motorists.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-030

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Amson Dembs Development is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a temporary construction trailer at 28850 Cabot Drive from July 6, 2000 through July 6, 2001. Cabot Drive is located West of Haggerty Road and North of Twelve Mile 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 July 5, 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 July 5, 2000. C. J. KILLEBREW, SR. PRINCIPAL CLERK (248) 347-0415 (6-29-00 NR, NN 982528)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 00-031

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Novi Phase VII, LP, is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a temporary sales trailer at 42330 Joyce Lane from July 6, 2000 through July 6, 2001. Joyce Lane is located in the Brownstones at Vista West of Meadowcreek Road & South of Thirteen Mile 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 3:15 p.m. on July 5, 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 July 5, 2000. C. J. KILLEBREW, SR. PRINCIPAL CLERK (248) 347-0415 (6-29-00 NR, NN 982528)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #160 CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, has determined that it is necessary to make the following described public improvement in the City of Novi: The construction of approximately 6,500 feet of residential streets (approximately 24 feet wide) in Section 3 which will provide a direct benefit to the Lake Walk Subdivision, John Hawthorn Subdivisions 1 & 2, and Supervisor's Plat Number 2, containing the streets known as North Haven, Amos, Reston, Faywood, Leberita, Ludlow and West Lake Drive. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all of the cost of the above described public improvement shall be assessed against the following described property abutting the above described improvement: 50-22-03-128-003 50-22-03-128-004 50-22-03-128-006 50-22-03-128-008 50-22-03-128-009 50-22-03-128-010 50-22-03-128-011 50-22-03-128-012 50-22-03-128-013 50-22-03-128-014 50-22-03-128-015 50-22-03-128-016 50-22-03-128-017 50-22-03-128-018 50-22-03-128-019 50-22-03-128-020 50-22-03-128-021 50-22-03-128-022 50-22-03-128-023 50-22-03-128-024 50-22-03-128-025 50-22-03-128-026 50-22-03-128-027 50-22-03-128-028 50-22-03-128-029 50-22-03-128-030 50-22-03-128-031 50-22-03-128-032 50-22-03-128-033 50-22-03-128-034 50-22-03-128-035 50-22-03-128-036 50-22-03-128-037 50-22-03-128-038 50-22-03-128-039 50-22-03-128-040 50-22-03-128-041 50-22-03-128-042 50-22-03-128-043 50-22-03-128-044 50-22-03-128-045 50-22-03-128-046 50-22-03-128-047 50-22-03-128-048 50-22-03-128-049 50-22-03-128-050 50-22-03-128-051 50-22-03-128-052 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Developer paves Napier Road mile

South Hill Construction completed the paving of Napier Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads last week. Napier Road is the boundary road between Lyon Township and the city of Novi. Napier Road is an Oakland County Road.

The design and construction of the roadway was funded 100 percent by Robert Harris. Harris is a longtime Novi resident and owns South Hill Construction and Park Place Development. South Hill Construction is a prominent road building company in the region. Park Place is a new development of large estate-size lots on Napier Road.

Harris approached the city of Novi approximately two years ago

to see if there could be participation between Novi, Lyon Township, the Oakland County Road Commission, and Park Place development to build the roadway. Harris was informed that he would have to do it alone, as there was no government funding available. He did.

A ribbon cutting was held Thursday, June 22 to open the roadway. Attending were Novi Mayor Richard Clark, Novi Councilmen Hugh Crawford and Edward Kramer, Novi City Manager Rick Helwig, Lyon Township Supervisor Jim Aitchison, Lyon Township Treasurer Pat Carcone, State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi and Theresa Gilles from the Oakland County Road Commission.



Novi Mayor Richard Clark (center) cuts the ribbon on the newly paved Napier Road. To the left is Novi City Manager Richard Helwig. The work was done between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads.

Wanted: families for kids

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Northville celebrates July 4th with annual parade

By MELANIE PLENDA Staff Writer

Swirling feasts of air artistry, bikes decked in stars and stripes with hot rods revving in the rear, these are the stars in this year's July 4 parade, said event coordinator Shari Peters.

Peters, with the help of volunteers through the Northville Community Foundation, has put together the annual parade.

The parade has its usual homemade holiday fair of red, white, and blue, but this year boasts not only new characters for the kids but the

Air National Guard flying overhead. Peters said this kind of variety of new and old is part of the parade's appeal as well as what helps make it a true community activity.

"We don't try to slick it (the parade) up. It's made of what the people helping out put together and that's the attraction. It's very small town," Peters said.

The parade follows the traditional route through downtown. It begins on Griswold, slowly travels up to Main Street, down Wing Street, down Rogers Street, over to Cady, then along Wing, and finally

down Fairbrook Street, Peters said. However, before the first clown sets a big shoe onto Griswold, the parade festivities start at 10 a.m. with the singing of the National Anthem at Northville City Hall at the Fireman's Memorial, Peters said. Then around 10:15 a.m., the Michigan Air National Guard pilots of the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base will fly high over the parade in their F-16 Fighting Falcon jet fighters.

As for the rest of the parade's itinerary, homemade floats by different businesses and award winning designers will be cruising down Main Street this year.

Peters said Keller Williams Realty built a "House Sole" float complete with dog and little girl inside. Further, she said, Emerald City will be covered in an array of award winning wedding flowers, Peters said.

Peters said she is encouraging children to register to ride in the parade and be eligible for their costume.

Further, the parade has hundreds of vintage cars ranging from the majestic 1929 Ford to the souped up rigs of the fifties and sixties, she said.

Peters said parade coordinators wanted to keep some of the child-like flavor in the festivities with their pet parade as well as adding several new characters for kids. These include the tooth fairy, Easter bunny, a storm trooper and a special appearance by Ronald

McDonald. Also, she said the Northville Historical Society will host jugglers and clowns for the children at Mill Race following the hour and a half long parade.

Peters said while the parade is set as far as floats are concerned, they are accepting registrations for bike riders and pet walkers.

Registration forms as well as more information may be obtained by calling Shari Peters at (248) 374-0200.



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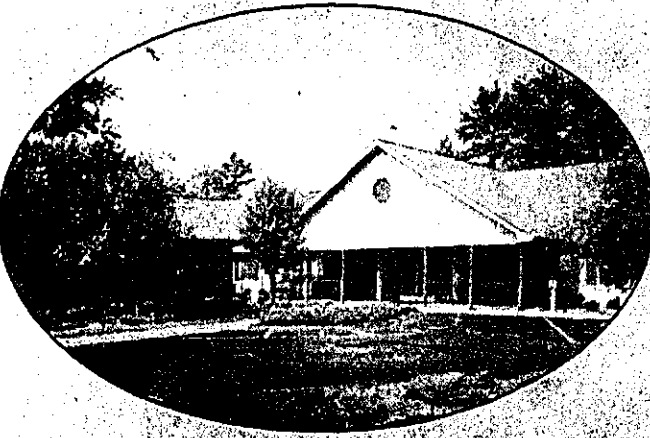
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ROBERT K. ANDREWS
Robert K. Andrews, 47, of Novi died suddenly June 25 in Providence Hospital, Southfield. He was born in 1952. Mr. Andrews was a 1970 graduate of Rapid City Central High School in South Dakota and a 1975 graduate of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He and his wife, Cathy, were married on May 24, 1975, then moved to Michigan. He was employed by Marsh Corp. in risk consulting where he traveled worldwide as vice president of the company for 18 years. He also served for 13 years as a volunteer fireman for the Novi Fire Department. Mr. Andrews was loved by all and will be missed by many. He is survived by his wife, Cathy (Pinkerton); daughters, Shannon and Jessica; parents, Robert and Donna Andrews, one sister, Sue Andrews, and mother and father-in-law, Bill and Donna Pinkerton. Services were held on Tuesday, June 27 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was at Mountain View Cemetery in Rapid City, S.D. Memorials to the Novi Goodfellow's, c/o Novi Fire Department, 42975 Grand River, Novi, MI 48375-1731 would be appreciated by the family.

CYRIL J. ARMSTRONG JR.
Cyril James Armstrong Jr., 76, died June 21 in Tulsa, Okla. He was born May 9, 1924, in Detroit to Cyril James Sr. and Eva Ruth (Hester) Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong spent his childhood and adult years in the Detroit area before retiring as owner of Russell Filtration Corp. While living in Allen Park, he was head of the school board then moved to Northville in 1965, where he was elected to the township board of trustees. Mr. Armstrong was a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church. He served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps during the China-

Burma-India Theater, supplying the British 8th Army by flying over 350 missions, including the "Hump" during World War II. After retiring from Russell Filtration, he moved to Paducah, Ky., then to Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Armstrong is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Linda; three sons, Jeffrey (Sandi) of Los Angeles, Calif., Greg (Tatti) of Denver, Colo., and Scott (Susie) of Reno, Nev.; two daughters, Lisa (John) Price of Tulsa, Okla., and Amy Armstrong of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Thomas (Shirley) of Novi; 11 grandchildren; plus numerous brothers and sisters-in-law in Paducah, Ky. A memorial service was held on Thursday, June 22 at Stanleys Funeral Home of Novi. Memorials may be made to the Northville In Memorial Fund, Washington D.C. at www.wmf-memorial.com or 1-800-639-4992.

ROBERT BRACKEN
Robert Bracken, 79, of Novi died June 5 at Providence Park in Novi. He was born 1921. Mr. Bracken was employed at Ford Motor Co. for 28 years. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla; two sons, Brian and Brett; and three sisters, Audrey Walchline, Dolores George, and Olivia Ramaut. He was preceded in death by a brother, the Rev. Walter Bracken. Services were conducted on Friday, June 9 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown, Mich. Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

THOMAS J. JAYROE
Thomas J. Jayroe, 76, died June 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. He was born in 1924. Mr. Jayroe retired from Ford Motor Co. after 38 years of service as a material manager. He also was employed for Uia as a sales engineer for 17 years. Mr. Jayroe was an avid fisherman and loved to spend time with his family. He was a World War II veteran who instructed gunnery for B-17 bombers. Mr. Jayroe is survived by his wife, Thelma; two daughters, Diane (Daniel) Flattery and Leslie (Daniel) Fetten; one son, Thomas (Lynn); four brothers, James, Earl, Robert and Paul; and eight grandsons, Thomas, Daniel, Ryan, Patrick, Sean, Kevin, David, and Tyler. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorials in memory of Leonard and "Jim" Pietrowski, c/o Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48375 would be appreciated by the family.

LEONARD PIETROWSKI
Leonard "Jim" Pietrowski, 59, of Novi died May 23 in Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township. He was born in 1940. Mr. Pietrowski is survived by his wife, Joan; three sons, James (Beth), David (Marguerite) and Nathan; parents, Leonard and Pauline Pietrowski; loving brothers and sisters; and five grandchildren, Rachel, Rebecca, Brennan, Elizabeth, and Noel. Services were held May 26 at Holy Family Church of Novi. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Memorials in memory of Leonard and "Jim" Pietrowski, c/o Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48375 would be appreciated by the family.

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these students trophies and cash prizes in a special ceremony at the utility's Southfield office. "The caliber of the science projects was outstanding," said Gary Moss, director of Detroit Edison's education and community services department. Novi student **Majed Afana** of Novi Middle School-South was among the ten students who won

first-place awards in the junior division. **Michelle Buelow**, also of Novi Middle School-South won a second-place award in the junior division. Receiving an honorable mention award was **Jane McHoughal** of Northville, a Meads Mill Middle School student.

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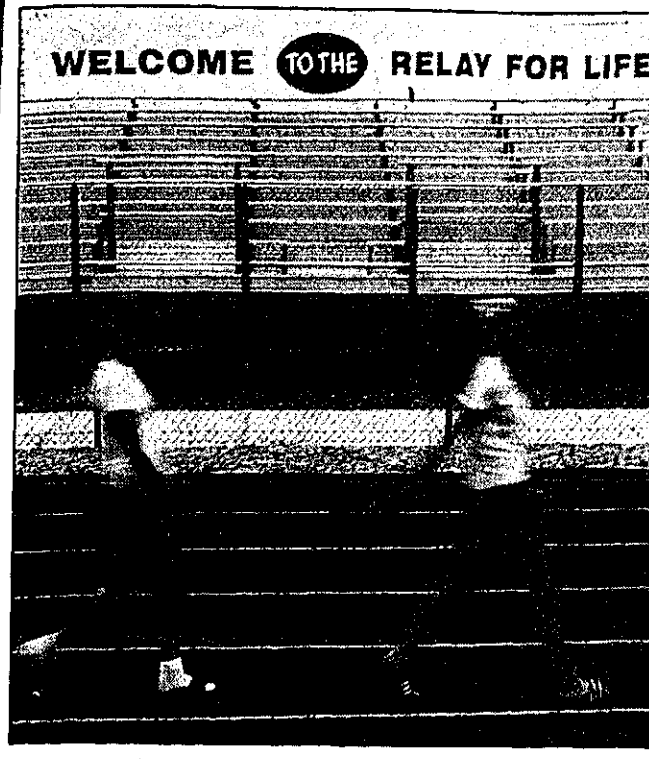
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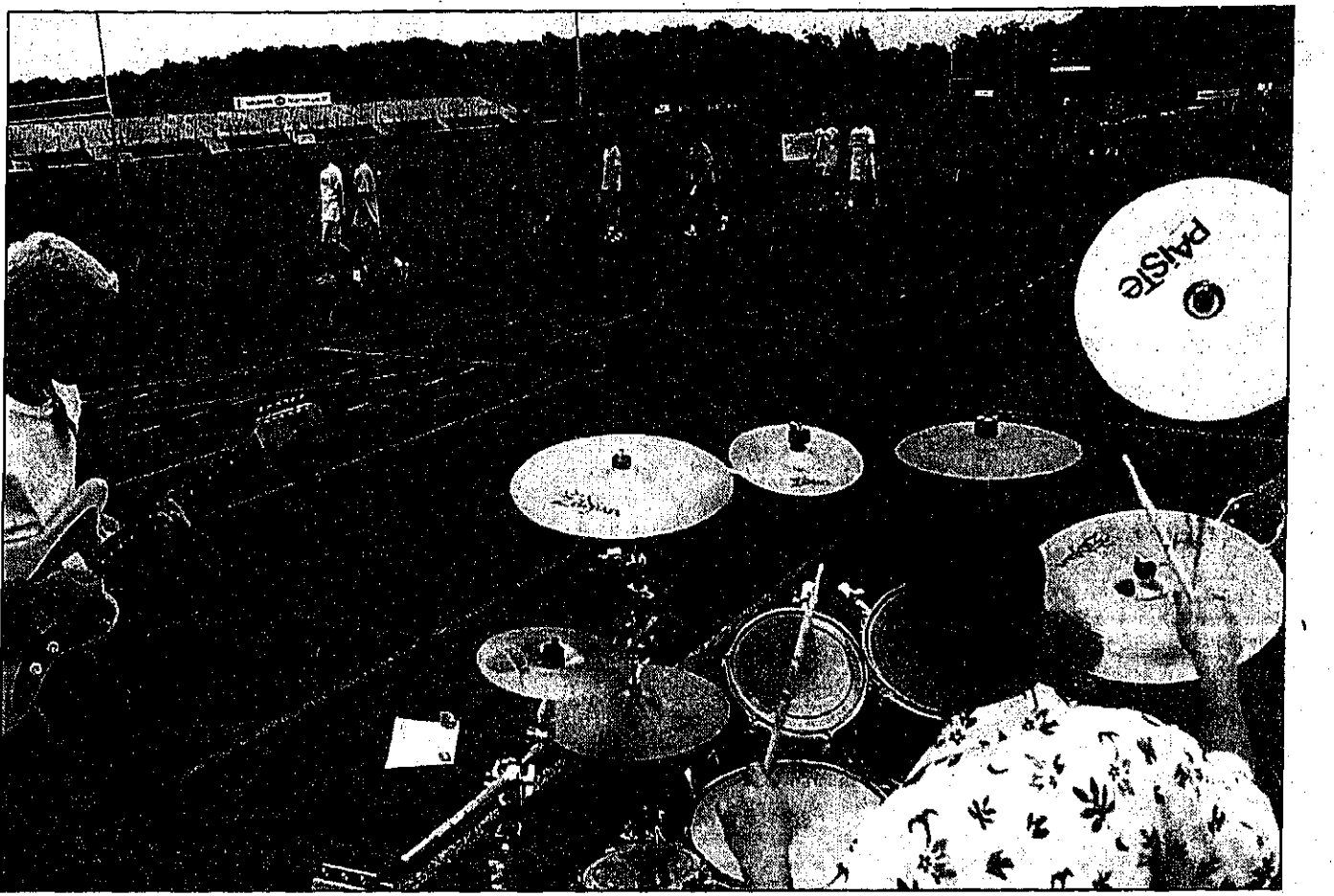
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Above: Relay for Life participants walk around the track at Novi High School on Saturday. At right: The musical group Chowder performs at the Relay for Life event, entertaining walkers as they round the track in an effort to collect money for the American Cancer Society.



Community raises cash for battle against cancer

By **STEPHANIE FORDYCE**
Staff Writer

It was an emotional event for all, as the Novi community came together in the fight against cancer in the city's first Relay For Life.

At the June 24 event, Novi volunteers raised a whopping \$19,000, which will be spent by the American Cancer Society on research and fulfilling the needs of local cancer patients and their families.

Held at the Novi High School outdoor track, the event celebrated life and honored those who have been touched by cancer. Friends, family and community residents recognized cancer survivors and remembered those who have died of cancer.

"This event is certainly to raise money for cancer research, but also to raise awareness," said Barb Iovan, Community Development Director for the American Cancer Society's Great Lakes Division. The event kicked off with a victory lap made up of cancer survivors. This year, ten Novi survivors lined the track, and many others were cheering almost every person, in every community, in some way, Iovan said. "But for those who are suffering right now and those who may be diagnosed in the future, there is more hope than ever before. Now, whole communities are empowered in the fight against cancer with events like Relay For Life and each individual can make a difference in the lives of those around them."

Iovan said she, too, was captivated by the moment when the survivors let off their balloons. "The rain stopped and at the end of the first lap, the sun had come

out. It was just beautiful," she said. To commemorate their triumph against cancer, the survivors also constructed a paper chain representing their years of remission. "We are proud to say that we had over 50 years of survivorship," Iovan said. Galecka is an example someone whose found hope in the battle. After undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, she went into remission, but four months later had to undergo a bone marrow transplant at the University of Michigan. That year, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. "It's frightening," Iovan said. "That's why we put the informational signs up. We hope people will learn something."

To make the facts even more realistic, volunteer Scott Blake went around with the "jar-o-rar"

"That really inspired us to do this as well," she said. Her brother is doing well and is now in remission, Malone said. "Cancer really does bring a community together," Iovan said. "That's why this event is such a great thing to participate in. People think of us (The American Cancer Society) as adversaries, but we're not, we're in this fight together."

Although cut short due to rain and lightning, Relay For Life brought nearly 170 residents to the high school track. This wonderful event has such a profound effect on Novi. The community has really embraced Relay For Life and as a result, we were able to exceed our goals for this first event," Iovan said. "The overwhelming support put forth by those who took part in the festivities certainly showcases the determination of the community to help end cancer. To the community of Novi, the American Cancer Society is respectfully thankful."

The 24-hour event was full of both inspiration and entertainment. With "gigs" speakers and a number of activities, Relay For Life featured magicians, tarot card readings and astrological charts, line dancing with Just For Kicks, The Tollgate and Sixth Gate Cloggers, Chuck Richards and the North Star Square Dancers, and a jazz band. The walk also provided some fun with the Pokor Lap, Pajama Lap and the Backwards Lap. Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for Novi News. Her e-mail address is sfordyce@thetrib.com.

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As We See It

July 2 is a day to remember in Novi

On page 18 of this week's Novi News, the Obituary section, you will see the death notices of, among others, two older men.
Cyril J. Armstrong, Jr., was born in 1924 and served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the China-Burma-India Theater. And Thomas J. Jayroe, who was also born in 1924, was a WWI gunnery instructor for B-17 bombers.
Their was a generation born with fate stamped on their foreheads, boys and girls who at too early an age would be called upon to play key roles in the single major event of the 20th century.
On page 12 of this newspaper, you will read the names of 153 local residents, hopefully all in excellent health, who are also WWII veterans.
The reason they are all listed here is that Novi's new mayor, Dick Clark, drummed up the concept of a WWII Veterans Recognition Day, to be held Sunday at the Novi Civic Center.
Clark, a history buff, explained that he felt that public applause for the survivors of 1941-45 has been long overdue. He explained that the event is a thank you for what they achieved, while many of them are yet around to receive this gratitude in person from their hometown.
Now, the veterans can be touched about this subject. Some say it's about time that someone, somewhere, staged a WWII Veterans Recognition Day. And they are right.
And we've heard another WWII veteran sputter something along the lines of "They can blow it out their barracks bag" when he was asked to contribute money to the WWII monument now planned in Washington. Of course, it's absurd that the very people who served are now asked to ante up the money to recognize their own achievements, especially when those who served in later wars already have their memorials.

Reading through the list of 153 veterans, and there are no doubt more whose names were not submitted in time, it's surprising how many of them are well-known around town. We see former planning commissioners, a former police chief...
The names that aren't recorded here are the Novi area men who perished in the war. And many of our living veterans will tell you stories about their brothers who never made it home.
What Clark is doing in Novi is unique and something of which the community should be proud.
And once he got the ball rolling, it's amazing how many people have been eager to jump on this bandwagon. Best of all is the way a team of Novi High School students have adopted the project as their own.
Students of teacher Gary Kelly's social studies class have built a website for Novi's recognition day and have been out interviewing local veterans. While the WWI vet's kids might have said, "Jeez, Dad, no more war stories," the grandchildren of this generation are realizing with awe that Grandpa and sometimes Grandma was involved in a major historic event. And they're racing out to record these stories for the future.
And how major was WWII? Consider the results. The free world saved from Fascism, The Atomic Age. And out of the waffling of the west, Eastern Europe was handed over to the Soviet Union, leading to the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, the race for space...
The event defined the 20th century, the bloodiest, and arguably the most fascinating 100 years in the world's recorded history.
So next time you encounter a WWI veteran, buy him (or her) a drink. Get him to talk. Turn off the TV and listen to some of the best surviving storytellers of the past century.

Stephanie Van Koevoering, Michigan Dept. of Treasury spokesperson, on Novi students' performance on the MEAP test.

Novi News Quote of the Week

"The fact that Novi has exceeded the state standards in all areas indicates that they are doing a good job in getting across the subject matter."

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Grandfather was held by Yanks



Stephanie Fordyce

Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to talk with two truly amazing individuals. Bob Schmidt and Isabel Collins, about their experiences during World War II.
This coverage of the City of Novi's World War II Veterans Recognition Day has made me think a lot about my own grandfather, who also fought in this war. My grandfather grew up Gephachheim, Germany. It still brings tears to my eyes just thinking of him, since he recently passed away.
During World War II, my grandfather, Kurt Bauer, was a part of the Mountain Skiers Battalion of the German Army. Because he was an excellent skier, he traveled into the Caucasus Mountains of Southern Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia, fighting the Russians. At the age of 19, he was captured by the Russians and was held as a P.O.W.
After some time, he and four of his fellow soldiers escaped the prison in the middle of the night and ran day and night for weeks to save their lives. It was very cold and because of the harsh weather conditions, his toe froze off.
Fortunately, this was the only injury he would suffer in the war.
After hopping trains and hiding in the forests, they eventu-

In Focus



Clark Gable. This shot of the actor was taken in 1942 in Miami Beach, where Gable was in officer's training. Photo from collection of Ray Jeffries.

Area July 4 parade started after WWII

Northville's Fourth of July parades are so popular that a few years ago a television crew came to town and staged a mock parade for nationwide commercial viewing.
July 4, 1776, of course, started it all. While Detroit was celebrating its 75th year of existence, the 13 eastern colonies declared themselves independent from England.
The first celebration of this historic event came one year later. In 1777, Congress also adopted the flag featuring the stars and stripes that still represent the United States.
Detroit, still under British rule, however, did not participate in the festivities. On July 11, 1796, the British finally evacuated the city and turned it over to the United States. One year later, the new American city of Detroit was finally able to celebrate its first Independence Day along with the rest of the country.
Freedom continued in Detroit until the War of 1812 when, in August of that year, the city was once again surrendered to the encroaching British. It remained under the British flag for one year. The city has celebrated its independence from foreign rule ever since.
On July 4 occurrence in 1871, combined the dedication of the new Detroit City Hall.
The Centennial celebration was widespread throughout the country. Detroiters enjoyed a processional, street decorations, boat races, fireworks, and more.
In Northville, "the Centennial Fourth of July was observed in our village in a very satisfactory manner," declared the Northville Record of July 1876, "although the program which had been advertised could not be carried out by reason of a severe storm, which continued until



Barbara Louie

afternoon." As soon as the storm abated, the people began to come into town so that by 2 p.m., several hundred had collected.
The festivities included a 13-gun salute at midnight, "...and a general din of lesser noise was kept up through the day..." A parade also marked the event.
As the years went by, the day began to get less political and more recreational.
"A large crowd witnessed the sports" on July 4, 1893, in Plymouth.
The Northville Record (sister paper of the Novi News) reported on a number of sporting events that took place that day, including a ball game against the Northville team (Plymouth won, 15 to 11).
Races of all forms took over the rest of the day, including horse races, a footrace, and even a bicycle race, where Northville's Thad Knapp was the fourth-place winner.
The patriotic flavor of the day, however, seemed to be missing. The Record commented, "the decorations were very scant and one had to hunt a long time to find a flying flag...there were a few, a very few, one cent flags scattered here and there about the village."
Patriotism was to return with world unrest in the 20th century. Large public-spirited ads in the Northville Record throughout the 1940s promoted patriotism, freedom and safety. "Be alive on the 5th" was a common phrase.
A day of sports, games, picnics and races was still the order of the day during those war-torn years.
The annual parade, however, did not make a regular appearance until 1947, with a "pet and costume parade" for youngsters.
By the next year, the Northville High School band led the procession and the tradition that still continues was on its way.
Barbara Louie is the author of the book "No. Vi on the Trail" as well as other local history books.

School reform doesn't get an A

Michigan fifth and eighth graders across the board improved their scores in the MEAP tests for science, writing and social studies, according to scores released last week.
More significant is the long-term trend. By and large, scores are far higher than they were when the MEAP test became the instrument of choice for assessing student performance. Interestingly, some of the biggest gains have come from districts that Lansing is now considering for takeover, such as Hamtramck and Inkster.
Various authorities greeted the report with enthusiasm. Local school officials say it's because teachers and teaching methods are improving.
State school authorities say the school system is finally beginning to make real progress in reform. Gov. John Engler, who directed the takeover of the Detroit schools, says it's because schools are realizing the reform is serious.
Whatever. When the news is good, everybody is entitled to take a chunk of the credit.
Although it's tough to do and takes a long time, reforming the public schools is not rocket science. Reformers proposed a sensible model for improvement years ago. First, you decide what kids are supposed to learn at various grades while they are in school. Second, you assess what in fact kids do learn. In Michigan, that's called the MEAP. Third, you release these scores — district by district, school building by

school building — to the public so as to insure accountability. Fourth, you demand that schools respond to the results by improving teaching methods and materials. Fifth, you make it clear that you are responsible in staying on the path of reform.
The main point to seize firmly — especially right now, before all the pro- and anti-voucher propaganda hits — is that the school reform model is working in Michigan. Kids are learning more, virtually across the board.
That's very, very good news.
It's important to realize that most of our schools were not so bad to start with and have improved considerably over the past decade. The districts with real problems have been the very urban and the very rural. In the case of urban districts like Detroit, where the outrageous politics of school governance got in the way of good schools, drastic measures like the state takeover appear to be yielding results.
Remote rural districts, where geographic isolation limits resources of all kinds, a technology fix such as increased reliance on computers and the Internet may offer hope.
State Board of Education president Dorothy Beardmore, one of the unstung heroes of school reform in Michigan, is delighted. "What these scores show is that standards-based education reform works because it makes sense to specify what kids should know at various stages in their education career," she says.
"All this goes back a long way," Beardmore continues. "I started in 1991 when we established model curriculum outcomes. In 1995, we established standards. We worked on the MEAP test and gradually turned it into an accurate assessment of what kids learn. And now we're starting to see some real progress as all this trickles

into every classroom in Michigan."
Beardmore's right. To improve an entire school system in a state as big as Michigan doesn't happen overnight. "People are beginning to figure they might as well get on board because standards-based education reform is not going to go away," she says. "Some years ago, people in the legislature were talking about abolishing the MEAP test, but you don't hear much about that anymore."
In fact, the numbers of pupils taking the MEAP are going up, evidently in large part because of Gov. Engler's bright idea of linking success on the junior year MEAP to a \$2,500 Merit Award scholarship to college. Starting in the 2000-2001 school year, eighth graders can earn additional awards by scoring well on the MEAP.

A small irony amidst all this encouraging news: Folks at the State Board of Education have yet to receive the official MEAP scores report.
Administrative responsibility for the MEAP was transferred from the State Board to the Department of the Treasury last year. Beardmore learned about the current results by reading the newspapers.
Maybe the next step in school reform should be to tidy up some bureaucratic organization charts so the right hand knows what the left hand is doing.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppou@homecomm.net

Thanks to postal workers for food donations

To the Editor:
We want to thank the Novi letter carriers for their food drive to support the Novi Emergency Food Program. On May 13, the Novi letter carriers collected over four tons of food donations from the citizens of Novi.
We would like to give a special thank you to Karen Deck from the Novi Post Office who organized this food drive with the Novi letter carriers. Also, a special thank you to Novi Truck & Trailer, who donated a truck and a wonderful driver who delivered the food to Faith Community Presbyterian Church. Thank you to the Novi letter carriers who collected the food and loaded the truck. Thank you to the Novi residents for your food donations. Thank you to our three church families for unloading the food.
Because of the generous donations, the Novi Emergency Food Program can continue to help our less fortunate neighbors. The food program is located at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. Distribution of food is every other Monday at the church, from 9-10:30 a.m.
Anyone needing food or anyone wanting to volunteer, may contact Debi Goodman or Kathy Laux at the church office, (248) 349-5666. Thank you.
Debi Goodman, Chair
Kathy Laux, Chair
Novi Emergency Food Program

Letters

skills competition held on June 21. Thanks for providing the opportunity to enjoy one more great high school baseball and softball event.
Rich and Linda Jo Hare

ENJOY SUMMER IN OUR CITY

To the Editor:
Many of the articles and letters about the city of Novi seem to focus on what most people consider negative elements: traffic, development, roads, bad investments, poor management, etc.
Yet, as we look forward to the upcoming Fourth of July weekend, our city has many understated and compelling charms that we should explore and be proud of.
Early in the morning before the traffic builds up, drive around the city and enjoy the cool morning mist hanging over the tranquil waters in our lakes and ponds and over the well-manicured lawns in our subdivisions.
Watch for the many animals and birds that make our city their home. Especially the rabbits eating some 540 worth of your neighbor's new and freshly planted flowers.
Drop in on a Rotary Club or Lions' Club meeting and spend some time with some of the best residents and business people who give of their time and money to better our community.
Stroll into the city and visit with the seniors enjoying themselves in the community center.
Walk out into your driveway and gaze upon your new, clean vehicle. Then notice how it has been decorated with fresh droppings from the many birds who have living and around our subdivisions. Must be some way of convincing the birds to give our politicians instead of us newly washed and polished vehicles.
Cruise slowly through the old and new subdivisions and observe how nice the lawns, flower beds, trees and shrubs look amid both the older homes and the newly-constructed homes.
Pay some attention to the young, energetic kids going to school during the week or playing soccer on a summer Saturday.
Take a look at the families going to and from church on Sunday. There are just a few of the nice things about our city that we should enjoy and be grateful for.
Joseph G. Toth

SORRY TO LOSE TEXTRON

To the Editor:
It was a shame to lose Textron as a new neighbor and a big tax payer as well. Our city could certainly use the tax revenue they would have paid, especially with the Sandstone issue hanging over our heads. Novi is not the only game in town and we need to make some concessions on taxes to attract these companies to locate here versus another suburban city.
It is important to note that even with a tax abatement, the school district still collects all the taxes due just as if there was no abatement. So, the school district lost "but on all the potential tax revenue and the city lost out on a significant income source even with the abatement. We gave that up to another city willing to make a limited concession in favor of a long term gain. Let's not lose out on the next opportunity that comes along that fits in with our community plans. Sandstone is still out there and I would like the city to have a "lot of revenue if the time comes to buy the piper."
Gerry Blesi

KUDOS FOR SOFTBALL GAME

To the Editor:
We appreciate the time and effort spent by sports editor Jason Schmitt and the other HomeTown News staff or organizing the first-ever East-West All-Star Baseball and Softball Games on Thursday, June 22. It was a good opportunity for seniors players from the ten high schools involved to get together for a real multi-community event. An added bonus was that any varsity player could participate in any

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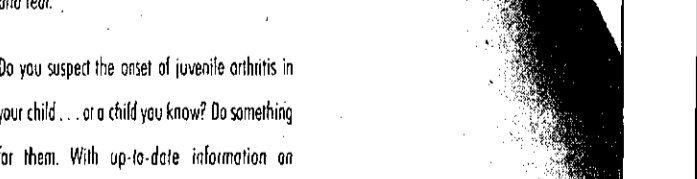
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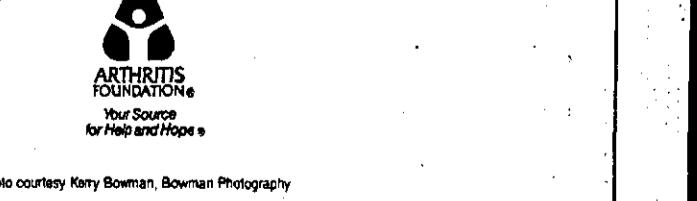
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Expo Center will ask council for tax abatement

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 notion that they will come here because we are Novi," he said.

"We have seen too much quality development occurring around us and in many cases, stepping over us and as a businessman and a member of this community, I am interested in the best interest of the community in the long run."

According to Bowman, asking for the tax abatement is different for his company and he's a long-time investor in Novi.

"We probably have a stronger argument than the typical abatement," Bowman said. "We have a substantially larger amount of economic spin-off and we'll have a

tremendous amount of positives from the new state-of-the-art program we'll put in place. We'd like to think that we've had a decent amount of success in our current location and helped to put Novi on the map, in some respects.

"Now, we're looking to take it to the next level."

He also noted that most projects of this nature are government subsidized, but a new expo center would be privately funded.

"If you look at other programs like this, there is not a single other program like ours in size or nature in the state of Michigan that isn't government subsidized. Totally bought and paid for by bonding for

construction and subsidized on an annual basis due to operating losses," he said.

Bowman said that the investment by the city in a tax abatement for the center would bring big dividends in the long run.

"We are looking for a minimal amount of investment and it will be an investment where the bottom line will be the public being better off than they would have had if they had not granted our abatement," he said.

"We'll be paying more taxes and the city will be generating more tax dollars even in an abated fashion."

With new construction planned for Grand River over the next two

three years, Bowman said that the road work will help with pushing the project forward.

"With the \$5 Million in road improvements and the jobs that will be created for this project, it will be a catalyst for an area that has stagnated over the last twenty years," Bowman said.

He gave kudos to State Representative Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi for helping coordinate road repair projects in the area between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and the city.

"Infrastructure and road issues were a key thing," Bowman contin-

ued. "Rep. Cassis announced that there were some specific figures to Governor Engler's Build Michigan III Program and that will help."

As a cooperative effort between the RCOC, MDOT and the city, Grand River between Wixom and Beck Roads is expected to be widened from three lanes to five sometime in the year 2001, according to officials at the RCOC. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$6.4 million.

MDOT is expected to reconstruct interchanges over Wixom and Beck Roads sometime in 2002 and 2003 at a cost of over \$80 Million. The city of Novi has been asked by MDOT to help contribute twenty

percent to the project.

MDOT has requested the RCOC speed up the Grand River improvement, so that the work does not coincide with I-96 interchange construction.

"Obviously we are keenly interested in seeing what is happening with the interchange programs and it was good to hear that those are progressing well. Both the county and the state both seem to be cooperating on that and that is good news," Bowman said.

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Water fills church's basement

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 said. "We're operating on volunteer funding. We can't afford hiring somebody to take a look at this."

Novi's Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki said that he didn't think the retention basin had anything to do with the flooding in the area.

"I don't think it's part of the problem," Nowicki said. "I really can't speculate, but first we need to find out where the water is coming from and make a decision based on that. I think the basin is quite a ways away and I don't think the basin and the school basement flooding are related."

The flooded basement at the First Baptist Church was not unusual, according to receptionist Heidi Betts.

"It floods about once a year," Betts said, who has been working for Novi Christian School for the past five years. "It floods when it rains hard and fast."

Ellner also said that the drain leading from the west side of Taft Road drains under the road to a ditch on the east side of the street next to the school. Ellner said that ditch does flood when it rains.

A home over on West Lake Drive was flooded over the week-end and Department of Public Works was over on Monday trying to elevate the problem for residents.

"I think we were over there most of the day," Nowicki said. "I think their problem was a combination of the old sewer and drain system and we just got a lot of rain."

According to Nowicki, there have been some individuals who experienced flooding, but did not call the city. He asked residents with these problems to call the Department of Public Works (DPW), his office or the police at the time the flooding occurs, so that crews can assess the situation and determine a cause.

"Even if it's not the city's fault, we want to know where it is before it becomes unsolvable," Nowicki said. "And so we can help advise them. We need to rely on the residents to tell us what is going on out there, so we can do something about it."

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Department upgrade

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 the building.

A bond issue was passed by the community in 1998, which provided funding for the project. According to Shaeffer, the addition will be used as a training center, which would be accessible both inside and outside the building. Another part of the addition will include storage space, as well as an expansion of the vehicle repair garage. The new addition will be built out of the same materials used to originally construct the building.

Shaeffer said that he wanted to be good neighbors to the residents, as they are directly adjacent to the building and would take the issues into consideration.

According to Shaeffer, any concerns about preserving existing vegetation, lighting, and parking have all been addressed in the final site plan.

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Christianity is a cool club for Young Life membership

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

"Young Life has greatly affected my relationship with God," said Northville High School junior Dana Crawford.

For more than 55 years, Young Life has been a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organization reaching out to high school teens.

"The whole idea is to taking the ministry of Jesus Christ to kids," said Young Life Committee member Greg Purcell.

Young Life's approach in reaching young people is to go where they hang out, according to Novi and Northville Area Director Brian Trost.

"I'd say the biggest thing about Young Life is that we don't sit back and let the kids come to us," he said. "We try to go and hang out where the kids are and get to know them on their turf a little bit. We hang out at practices and games, in hopes of reaching some kids that are maybe disinterested in God."

Trost said the most important thing is to just get to know the teens and be their friend. "A lot of time is really spent on just building strong and lasting relationships with them," he said.

Carol Nazzari who has been a Young Life staff leader at Novi High School for three years said that with teenagers going through the most turbulent time in their lives, it's important to know they are loved.

"I want kids to know that God loves them," she said. "With all these things bombarding them, they have the right to know what the bible says and that God loves them. To teach them of Christ and all that he encompasses."

Nazzari said by showing the kids they are of worth, she hopes to make an impact on their lives.

"It's not about just having good morals but to present them to the kids," she said. "Just to be with them and love them is a natural process for me, so just being their friend and being there for them is a good influence."

During the school year, Young Life communicates its message in casual conversation, at weekly club meetings, and camping trips.

"The meetings are really just to pull kids together. It's usually like 100-150 of them crammed in a basement somewhere having a good time," Trost said.

Every Monday evening the kids play games, listen to music, sing, and do silly skits together.

"Almost everything in Young Life involves humor which I think breaks down a lot of barriers between kids," Trost said.

The last ten minutes, Trost said, is then dedicated in spreading Christ's message.

"We just give introductory basics about the Christian faith in ways that relate to things going on in their lives. It's a Christian message, but it's really designed to be non-threatening to kids," he said.

"Kids won't feel weird their first time. It's very relaxed. They don't have to join or commit themselves to anything, they just come to the meetings when they want."

Trost said by providing them with wholesome fun, it helps kids deal with the stresses and temptations of adolescence.

"Aside from our weekly meetings, we go on a number of camping trips throughout the year that the kids really enjoy," he said. "This summer we're going to Rock Bridge in Virginia."

At camp, the teens enjoy activities like rock climbing, zip-line, and other adventurous activities.

Crawford said Young Life for her has been a life changing experience.

"It gives you much more insight on yourself because you have someone (God) with you who knows everything about you," she said. "You learn so much about yourself and you become so much stronger than you ever could have been before. It's amazing, it just completely changes your life. It's not only learning about God but about coming into a relationship with God."

Novi High School senior Scott Minke said Young Life has really taught him a lot about his own relationship with God.

"I think my relationship with God has gotten so much more intense," he said.

"It's a lot about him but it's more about my walk with him," Novy High School junior Jeremy



Members of the Young Life youth group pose for a shot at a recent golf outing held to raise money for club service projects, regular meetings and special trips like camping out.

Cunningham who has been involved with Young Life since he was a freshman, said Young Life helps give kids a larger understanding about God.

"Most kids who go to church with their parents know about God, but you don't have that deeper knowledge about him like you do with Young Life," he said.

The students said because the meetings are so much fun, it's become the "thing to do" on Mondays for many kids.

"I look forward to Monday nights very much," Crawford said. "It's fun socially but it's also really cool to see your friends get into it too."

Minke said it doesn't matter if kids aren't involved with God or

know a lot about him. "Just give it try," he said. "I didn't know much about it my first time and now I love it."

Minke said he hasn't met anyone yet who didn't have a good time.

"Sometimes the devotional at the end is what they end up liking the best, which is awesome," he said.

Throughout the year, Young Life does a number of service projects and fundraisers.

For example, they have built homes in Detroit and on June 1, they held a golf outing at Links golf course in Novi where golfers played 72 holes to raise money for the organization.

To date, Young Life is active in more than 550 communities across the United States and 36 countries.

with over 570,000 kids, almost 10,000 committee members, 1,800 staff members and more than 18,000 volunteers.

"It's a sin to bore a kid with the Bible," Young Life's founder Jim Rayburn said. "Exciting action, adventure, and a caring community. That's what most young people want and that's what Young Life delivers."

If you would like to learn more about the organization, visit www.younglifedetroit.com or call (248) 477-5001.

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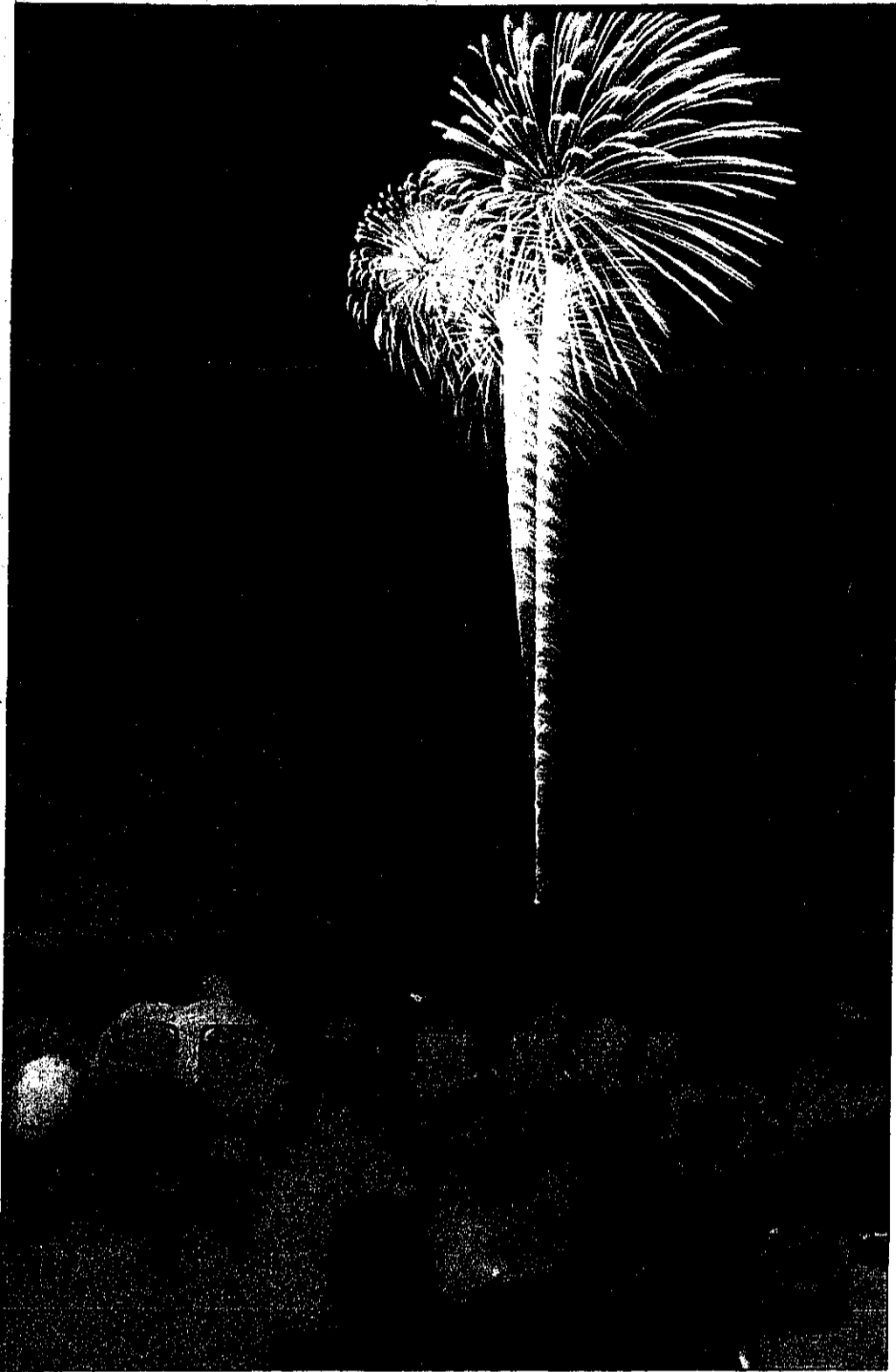
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The BFI Landfill fireworks in 1998.

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Freedom

The true meaning of Fourth of July

By **STEPHANIE FORDYCE**
 Staff Writer

Independence Day isn't just the name of a "Will Smith-saves-the-world-against-alien-domination" movie.

It's not just about barbecues and fireworks or a "day off from work" either.

The Fourth of July is the birthday of the United States of America, the celebration of our freedom.

HISTORY

Independence Day is the anniversary of the day on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress - July 4, 1776. The day they announced to the world that the 13 colonies no longer belonged to Great Britain. A committee of five men, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston were appointed to write the document. It was altered a total of 47 times before independence was declared. John Hancock was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 4, 1777, the night sky of Philadelphia lit up with the blaze of bonfires. Candles illuminated the windows of houses and public buildings. Church bells rang out loud and cannons were shot from ships

breaking the silence. The city was celebrating the first anniversary of the founding of the United States. The Fourth of July soon became the main patriotic holiday of the entire country. Veterans of the Revolutionary War made a tradition of gathering on the fourth to remember their victory. In towns and cities, the American flag flew; shops displayed red, white, and blue decorations; and people marched in parades that were followed by public readings of the Declaration of Independence. In 1941, Congress declared July 4th a federal legal holiday.

WHAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED
 We often take for granted rights like freedom of speech, the press, and religion. The right to protest and to vote. Each year, many immigrants flock into this country to live the "life of the free." Some even die trying. Other countries are still struggling to obtain freedom. Freedom to choose their careers. Freedom to marry whom they want. Freedom to express themselves and to choose their religion. The list is

endless. Today, many immigrants from all over the world are becoming U.S. citizens.

"I did not come to this country because of political persecution but after living here for over 25 years, I felt more like an American than a European," said German native and Novi resident Judy Demarest.

"I wanted to be able to vote and have a say in government decisions."

She formally became a citizen on April 17, 1997.

According to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), in order to become a citizen of the United States, an alien or immigrant must have been in the country (legally) for at least 30 months out of the previous five years, resided within a state or district for at least three months, and has never committed or been convicted of a crime.

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usage of the English language, unless they are over 55 years of age and have been in the United States longer than 15 years.

"Being an American or living in America means being able to express yourself in any which way - popular or unpopular," Demarest said.

"People have sacrificed many things in order to live here, even their families."

So while your grilling your burgers and lighting your sparklers, raise your glasses to the men who made this the country that it is today.

"Let freedom ring."

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American Recipes

Southern Fried Chicken

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| 18 boneless chicken breasts, skinned | 2 tsp. onion powder |
| 2 c. flour | 1 1/2 tsp. black pepper |
| 2 eggs | 1 1/2 tsp. rubbed sage |
| 2 c. milk | 1 tsp. white pepper |
| 3 c. vegetable oil | 1 tsp. thyme |
| 4 tsp. salt | 1/2 tsp. garlic powder |

DIRECTIONS: In a small bowl, combine salt, onion powder, black pepper, sage, white pepper, thyme and garlic powder to make the seasoning mix. Mix seasoning ingredients well. Sprinkle the seasoning on chicken and rub in. Seal chicken in a plastic bag and refrigerate overnight, if possible. Remove chicken from refrigerator at least 1 hour before cooking. Place flour in a pie pan and set aside in a wide shallow bowl, beat eggs and milk and set aside. In a large deep skillet, heat oil to 375 degrees. Just before frying, dredge chicken in flour, shake off excess. Immediately place chicken in egg mixture and back into flour once again. Place in hot oil in a single layer and fry until crisp before turning. Turn only once.

Honey Lemonade

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| 1 c. honey |
| 1 c. hot water |
| 3/4 c. lemon juice |
| 8 c. cold water |

DIRECTIONS: Stir honey and hot water over low heat until blended. Let cool and add lemon juice and cold water. Pour into iced glasses. The honey/water syrup may be refrigerated and used to make lemonade a glass at a time. To serve, mix 4 T syrup to 1 1/2 T lemon juice and 1 c water per person. Pour into iced glasses.

*Tip: Dazzle up your picnic with red, white and blue napkins

Apple Pie in Cheddar Crust

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| Cheddar Crust: | Filling: |
| 2 c. unbleached flour; sifted | 7 c. apples, peeled, cored, sliced thinly (Macintosh or Granny Smith's) |
| 1 1/4 c. cheddar, md, shredded | 1/2 c. sugar |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | 2 tsp. unbleached flour |
| 2/3 c. vegetable shortening | 1/2 tsp. cinnamon; ground |
| water; iced | 2 tsp. butter or regular margarine |
| | 1 lg. egg yolk, beaten |
| | 1 tsp. water |

DIRECTIONS FOR CHEDDAR CRUST: Combine the flour, cheese and salt in a bowl. Using a pastry blender or two knives, cut in the shortening until coarse crumbs form. Sprinkle the iced water (5-6 tbl. will be needed) and using a fork, toss the crumbs until a dough is formed. Press the dough firmly into a ball.

Apple pie continued

Divide the pastry almost in half and roll out the larger half, on a lightly floured surface, to a 13-inch circle. Line a 9-inch pie plate with the pastry, trimming the edges to 1/2-inch beyond the rim of the pie plate.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILLING: Combine the apples, sugar, flour, and cinnamon in a bowl, mixing well. Arrange the apple mixture in the pastry lined pie plate. Roll out the remaining pastry to an 11-inch circle.

Gently fold into quarters and cut steam sits in the folds. Unfold the crust and place on top of the filling, trimming the crust to 1-inch beyond the rim of the pie plate. Fold the top crust under the lower one and flute to form a ridge around the edge of the pie plate. Combine the egg yolk and water, then brush the mixture over the top crust and rim.

Bake in a 400 F. oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until apples are tender and the crust is a golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

Source: Abigail's July Fourth Picnic at www.aclace.com

HISTORY OF FOURTH OF JULY

1781- The first official state celebration as recognized under resolution of a legislature occurred in Massachusetts; at Newport, Rhode Island, the militia hosts French officers at a celebration dinner

1801- The first public Fourth of July reception at the White House occurred.

1804- The first Fourth of July celebration west of the Mississippi occurred at Independence Creek and was celebrated by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

1805- Boston has its first fireworks display in Charleston, S.C. the American Revolution

Society and the Society of the Cincinnati meet at St. Philips Church.

1866- General George G. Meade watches 10,000 war veterans parade in Philadelphia; the Nashville Banner, in an editorial, urges its citizens not to celebrate the Fourth

1876- Centennial celebrations (many are three-day celebrations, July 3-5) occur throughout the United States and abroad.

1884- The formal presentation of the Statue of Liberty takes place in the Gauthier workshop in Paris.

1887- First Fourth of July celebration in Yellowstone National Park takes place.

1912- The new national flag with 48 stars is formally and officially endowed.

1926- The 150th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence takes place throughout the nation.

1960- The 50th star American flag waves for the first time as Hawaii is given statehood.

1976- The nation's Bicentennial occurs.

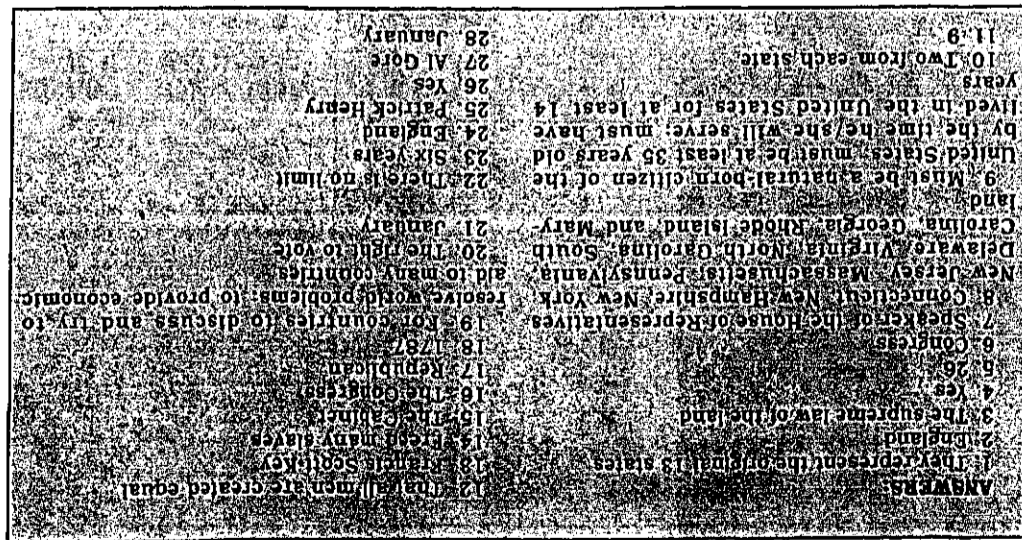
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4. Can the Constitution be changed?
5. How many amendments are there to the Constitution?
6. Who makes the laws in the United States?
7. Who becomes President of the United States if the President and Vice President should die?
8. Can you name the thirteen original states?
9. According to the Constitution, a person must meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for Presidency. What are they?
10. Why are there 100 senators in the Senate?
11. How many Supreme Court justices are there?
12. What is the basic belief of the Declaration of Independence?
13. Who wrote *The Star Spangled Banner*?



14. What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?
15. What special group advises the President?
16. Who has the power to declare war?
17. What kind of government does the United States have?
18. In what year was the Constitution written?

19. What is the purpose of the United Nations?
20. What is the most important right granted to U.S. citizens?
21. In what month is a new President inaugurated?
22. How many times may a senator and a congressman be re-elected?
23. How long do we elect each

24. What country did we fight during the Revolutionary War?
25. Who said "Give me liberty or give me death"?
26. Can the constitution be changed?
27. Who is the current Vice-President of the United States?
28. In what month is the new President inaugurated?

Novi Highlights

Novi Christian School End-of-the-year activities included graduation of grades kindergarten through five. The children wore blue gowns and hats complete with tassels and entered the sanctuary at First Baptist Church to the traditional processional march. Rose Young and Miram Byrtus were in charge of the program which included memory work; the five senses; the days, months, and date; Psalm 100; singing "Our Country"; counting by 10's to 100; and singing the Alphabet song. Diplomas were presented to kindergarten graduates Jared Nelson and Ashley Crockett; preschoolers Taylor Gasko, Devin Arnett, Lauren Zampas, Martin Noble IV, and Alexandra Nowicki. First-year preschoolers included Cameron Slajpuro, Masanori Kawaguchi, and Kristen Froger. Following the annual victory banquet held in the school gym was the presentation of Character Awards by Mary Lou Lopez to students in elementary grades. Included were: Matthew Fox, copier and most improved first grader; Amelia Betts, joyfulness and most paces completed; Megan Dzewil, initiative; Abby Turner, creativity and best grade points of 91.68.

Second graders included Sarah Beatty for diligence; Logan Gasko, gentleness; and Cassie Zawislak, dependability. Most improved was Olivia Hamilton and Logan Gasko scored a 98.1 point average. Sarah Beatty was noted for only one absence. Novi Youth Assistance The annual summer teen center opened this week. Anyone missing last week's registration can call Joan Morris, office secretary at 347-0410 for sign-up. Space is still available on the combined drop-in and field trip format for this year. The center is located in the high school cafeteria, from 12-5 p.m. Monday through Thursdays; children must be at least 11 years of age. The center will have movies, workshops, crafts, music, video games on free play, arts and crafts, and special programs on conflict resolution. Trips will include horseback riding, Waterford Oaks, U.S. Blades, Sportsway, Howell ropes course, Zap Zone, Detroit Science Center, and Joe Dumars' ballhouse. The program will conclude with a lock-in, a community lunch, and a field day and picnic at Lakeshore. An ongoing program in Youth Assistance is "Plus Program," trained volunteers who make a difference in a child's life by giving of their time on a weekly basis. Many youngsters ages 5-16 are in need of an adult friend, man or woman, to be a positive adult role model in their lives; a one-to-one mentor. Training is available throughout the summer at the Oakland County Courthouse, July 15 and Aug. 12, both at 9 a.m. and Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. "Plus" is a program to help prevent juvenile delinquency. Many single parents need an adult to help give time, attention, companionship, and guidance to their child. The program emphasizes the formation of a "helping" match, not on the treatment of any specific program the child may have. Call caseworker Claudia Walkers at the office, 347-0410 for information or the Oakland County Youth Assistance at (248) 858-0041. Meadowbrook Congregational Church The church is investigating the building of a Christian Education wing due to the need for additional classrooms as the growth of their families continues. A recent Community service honored ten young people who completed a course of study with the Rev. Hunt. They confirmed the tenets of baptism and joined Meadowbrook as members. Included were Cara Oblinger, Allison Melvin, Ben Landry, Lisa Gasser, Karen Becker, Shannon Zingie, Emily Zajac, Scott Wagner, and Stacey and Dan Pasquerelli. Children enrolled in this year's Vacation Bible School will participate in a play, "HolyWord Studios, God's story." Ages for participants will be 4 years through completed fifth graders. VBS will be held July 24-28, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Other summer plans for the young people include a pool party and a trip to Cedar Point (later in the summer) plus a canoe or white water rafting if enough interest is indicated. Recent activities have included Road Rally and go-carting. Parents of children who have completed second grade or higher and who have not received their Bibles are requested to call the church office. The Membership Committee is looking for new members. Committee officers are Dick Faulkner, chairman; Jim Burnett, vice chairman; and Tom Marcus Sr. and Kevin Rhea, members-at-large. The spring rummage sale sponsored by the Women's Service Group was very successful. They are asking everyone to save paper grocery bags for the "Fill the Bag" sale at the fall rummage sale. A recent Community service sponsored a trip to C.O.T.S. (Coalition of Temporary Shelter) in Detroit, where they prepared food on Friday and served it the following day.

The Pastoral Care Team recently sponsored a program called "Live Your Life After 65?" where issues regarding community resources, Medicare and Medicaid, alternative living arrangements, etc. were discussed. Novi Lions and Lionsess Election of officers for the Board of Directors 2000-2001 was recently held with the following named: Dick Stojanski, president; Otto Greiner, second vice president; Bill Barr, third vice president; Les Stelzer, secretary; George Green; treasurer; Jim Cooper, Hon. Emerit; John Fundukian, tall twister; Jerry Wehner, two-year director; Dick Wehner, two-year director; Jim Threw and Fred Young, one-year directors; and Kevin Rhea, immediate director. The Lionsess will also be assisting at the Motor Fest. They recently enjoyed a very successful ice cream social at Novi Charter House. Their next meeting will be July 18 at Kerby's, located on Haggerty at Eight Mile Road. Novi Highlights is written by Jennie Clarke. If you wish to contribute, please write to this column, call 624-0173.

Engagements

Dianne and Harold Howard of Novi announce the engagement of their son, James N. Mercer Jr., to Jennifer Elliott, daughter of Wesley and Robin Asgworth of Collierville, Tenn. The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's degree in nursing, and is currently nursing at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Novi High School. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and is currently enrolled at Tennessee Technological University, where he's studying for a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. An Aug. 4, 2001 wedding is planned. The couple will live in Nashville, Tenn.

The engagement of Josephine Ana Caruso to Brian Douglas Ruhl, son of Alan and Janet Ruhl of Fowler, Mich., is hereby announced by her mother, Giacomina Caruso of Northville. Josephine is also the daughter of the late Salvatore Caruso. The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Northville High School. She is a graduate of the University of Detroit-Mercy, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology in 1991, a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in clinical psychology, both in 1995. She is employed with North America Inc. The groom-elect earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University in 1990, and his master's in business administration in 1997, from the University of Detroit-Mercy. He is currently employed at Ford Motor Credit Co. as profit reporting supervisor with the North American Operations Division. Their wedding will be held Sept. 16.



Elliott-Mercer



Caruso-Ruhl

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

Table listing various churches and their contact information, including Good Shepherd Lutheran, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod, and others.

Community Events

VOCAL GROUP TO ENTERTAIN AT OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE Gardenview will be sponsoring the La Cappella Performing Arts Series this year. Featured for Tuesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. is "Revel in the Renaissance," a performance/lecture of festive early music using replicas of 16th century instruments by "A Reasonable Facsimile." The performance will be held at Our Lady of Providence Center, 16115 Beck Road, Northville, MI 48167. Call (734) 453-1300 for admission charge, if any.

Reunions

Northville High School Class of 1975: Out-of-state Mustangs are searching for local classmates to help plan and schedule their 25th high school reunion this summer in the Northville area. For more information, contact Kim Millington, Kleckner at kklecknerfam@earthlink.net or 260-0620 at DCR-ports@aol.com or (703) 237-5460. West Bloomfield High School Class of 1980: Out-of-state Mustangs are searching for local classmates to help plan and schedule their 20th high school reunion this summer in the Northville area. For more information, contact Kim Millington, Kleckner at kklecknerfam@earthlink.net or 260-0620 at DCR-ports@aol.com or (703) 237-5460.

"Weight Control," Novi Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. First 45 minutes of orientation is free/859. Registration required. Call 1-877-345-5500. Behavior modification techniques with the power of self-hypnosis. *Thursdays, July 6-24, from noon to 1 p.m., "Return to Golf Program-Session 2," South Lyon Mulligan Golf Center, 54300 Ten Mile Road. Fee: \$7 per session. Registration required: 1-877-345-5500. This program is designed to help people who have suffered an injury or other physical limitation. *Tuesdays, July 11-25, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 12-Aug. 16, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

"Ceramic Classes," Novi Assarian Center Studio, 47601 Grand River Ave. No charge, registration required: 1-877-345-5500. Classes include hand building, sculpture, and throwing on the potter wheels. Ceramic classes are offered to cancer patients who will be guided through easy and fun claying projects. *July 20, from 7-8 p.m., "Pre-Marriage Classes," Novi Park: Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Fee: \$25/couple; \$15 single. Registration required: 1-877-345-5500. Couples applying for a marriage license must show proof that they have received counseling regarding the transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. Individuals will be issued a certificate as proof of class participation. Certificate is valid indefinitely. *First and third Tuesday of every month, from 8:30-8 p.m., "Cancer Support Group," Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free. For adult cancer patients and significant others: 1-877-345-5500.

NORTHVILLE GARDEN WALK TO BE HELD IN JULY The seventh annual Garden Walk sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville and Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will be held on Wednesday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit seven area gardens, as well as the Mill Race gardens, enjoy music on the green, purchase plants offered by local artisans and florists, purchase raffle tickets to win a prize and savor home baked cookies and beverages at the Cady Inn. Tickets may be purchased for \$8 at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main Street, Northville or Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main Street. No tickets will be sold during the day of the event at the homes or Cady Inn. There will be exhibits of miniature bonsai trees, market place for gift items and a garden area to select bonsai trees, pottery, and tools. Call (248) 354-6119 for additional information.

PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR THE SUMMER

*July 3 and 15, from 1-3 p.m. November 25 at Ely's Banquet Hall in Washington. Milford High School will hold a 30-year reunion Sept. 30 at the Novi Hilton. Northville High School Class of 1990 will hold its 10-year reunion on Sept. 30 at the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. Pioneer High School of Ann Arbor is having a 20-year reunion on July 15 for the Class of 1980. Plymouth High School Class of 1980 will hold its 20-year reunion on July 29 at the Novi Hilton. Royal Oak Class of 1950 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Sept. 16 at Michigan State University Management Center. Southfield High School Class of 1980 will hold its reunion on July 8 at the Novi Hilton. South Lyon High School Class of 1980 is having their reunion Nov. 24 at Vladimir's. Utica High School Class of 1980 will hold their reunion on Aug. 19 at Ernie's Kings Mill. West Bloomfield Class of 1990: 1990 is having a reunion on Oct. 26 at the Westin in Southfield. Waterford Township High School Class of 1980 will celebrate their 40th reunion Oct. 7 at Clarkston Creek. Walled Lake Western High School Class of 1990 is holding their reunion July 22 at El Dorado Country Club. Northville High School Class of 1980: 40th reunion on Aug. 19 at Radisson Suites in Farmington Hills. Local contact is Carole (Tabor) Miller, (248) 348-0474. Romeo High School Class of 1990 is having a reunion on

TOASTMASTERS LOCATION CHANGE

New location: The Novi Toastmasters will now meet at the Novi Civic Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road at Haggerty. For details, call Arnette Findlay at (248) 349-6192. CHILDREN'S BICYCLE PARADE The children's bicycle parade has long been a part of the July 4 parade celebration. This year, Northville Parks and Recreation has offered to sponsor the event. All children of the Northville community, ages 5 and over are invited to participate by decorating their bicycles and riding in the parade. The parade route is 1 1/2 miles long. Bicycle parade applications are available at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street; Northville Township Hall, 41000 Six Mile Road; Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street; Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street; and the Northville Community Foundation, 321 W. Center, Suite 130. For further information, contact Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203. Show dates and hours will be Friday

BLOOD DRIVE IN NOVI

"Give the Gift of Life" by donating blood at a blood drive hosted by WJBR FOX2 Detroit and Art Van Furniture in Novi. The American Red Cross is in critical need of blood, especially during the summer holiday times. The drive will be held on Friday, June 30, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-5433) to make an appointment. BONSAI CONVENTION The Mid-America Bonsai Alliance (MABA) 2000 Detroit-Bonsei Convention will be held June 30-July 2 at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1-96 and Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 348-0474. Show dates and hours will be Friday

Large advertisement for Dress Barn 50% Off Sale! featuring a man in a striped shirt. Text: '50% Off SALE! Striped TEES 50% OFF Now \$9.99. Select Spring DRESSES 50% OFF Now \$19.50-\$29.50. SEPARATES 50% OFF. Shorts 50% OFF. 20% off Any Single Item DRESS BARN. For a store near you visit www.dressbarn.com or call 800-639-6064. Lower priced than 50% off prices are only higher at Dress Barn Women's Sale ends 7/6/00.'

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On Campus

Amy Petreica of Northville and **Lisa Antuna** of Novi were named to the Dean's List at Oakland University for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Petreica is majoring in elementary education and Antuna is a communication major.

New resident **Melissa L. Ducker** was named to the Dean's List in recognition of her achievement of a 3.5 or better grade point average for spring semester at Michigan State University.

Ducker is the daughter of Stanford Ducker.

Thomas Fleming of Novi was among the 45 seniors at Williams College elected its associate members in Sigma Xi, a national scientific research honorary society. Fleming is a mathematics major.

Students are elected to associate membership in Sigma Xi based upon their achievement in and potential for scientific research. These students have demonstrated their research ability through their work at Williams, particularly, in senior thesis investigations.

The University of Michigan has selected the following high school seniors from Northville and Novi to receive the Regents Merit Scholarship award for outstanding academic achievement, scholarly promise, and potential contribution to the university community.

Annalite Amieskandari, Ryan Andrew Falzer, Amanda Marie Halasb, Matthew Richard Hare, Meredith Marie Haase, Cara Anne Locklin, Daniel Stephen Mihalik, Sonya Narain Raisingham, and Eunice Zhou.

Errike Rene Alpert, Andrea Jeanne Bullen, Brian Joseph Dodds, Alana Reller Guiney, Richard Robert Harris, Janice Clara Liao, Sneha Jagdish Shah, Aditya Prasad, and Lina Diana Srigedaa.

Terry Ty Fowler, a senior psychology major at Bowling Green State University, was inducted into the University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the most prestigious collegiate leadership honor society in the nation. Ceremonies were held in April.

Selected for membership under the athletics category, Fowler is a four-year letter winner on the varsity soccer team. The recipient of numerous honors for his athletic ability, he was twice named to the All-Mid American Conference Soccer Academic Team and is a two-

time recipient of the Mid-American Conference Commissioner's Award for academic excellence. This past year, he was named to the All-Chico Collegiate Soccer Association Academic Team. The recipient of numerous academic scholarships, he is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, a freshman academic honor society.

Fowler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Fowler of Northville.

Earning a 3.8 or better grade point average at Washtenaw Community College during fall semester '99 were Northville students **Almee C. Edge, Monica Susan Gabry, Robert L. Messer, Susan Marie Null, and Mark Joseph See.**

Lake Superior State University has announced that **Erik Isele** of Novi has been awarded a Board of Trustees Community College Scholarship for fall semester 2000.

Isele is the son of Dorsanne and Karl Isele Jr. of Novi. He is a Dean's List scholar at Schoolcraft Community College.

Pamela Joy Beal, a sophomore with high honors, accounting and a major in professional accounting, was named to the Dean's List for spring semester.

Horn is the son of Peter J. and Pamela Horn of Northville and a 1998 graduate of Northville High School.

Novi students **David J. Gallo** and **Paul A. Garabelli** have been given the distinction of being named Allion College Fellows for spring semester.

Galido is a senior majoring in theater. He is the son of John A. and Theresa Galido of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Garabelli, a junior and chemistry major, is a member of the Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of John L. and Mary Garabelli of Novi and a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

Stappaticci, a sophomore with honors, building construction management, was named to the Dean's List for spring semester.

Andrew P. Abel is a junior and a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management. He is the son of George F. and Cynthia B. Abel of Northville and a graduate of Novi High School.

Charles T. Cash is a sophomore and a graduate of Catholic Central High School. He is the son of George T. and Donna A. Cash of Northville.

Kelly M. DeLeonardis, a sophomore, is the daughter of Darryl J. and Judith K. DeLeonardis of Northville and a graduate of Northville High School.

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Aian J. Lyskawa has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame for spring semester. He is recognized for maintaining a scholastic average of 3.4 or above for the semester.

Lyskawa, a sophomore, is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School. He is the son of Michael and Grace Lyskawa of Novi.

The following is a list of local area recent graduates of St. Mary's Preparatory, all-boys college prep school in Orchard Lake. Also included is the college or university the graduate is expected to attend in the fall:

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They received recognition for their outstanding academic performance of achieving at least a 3.5 or higher grade point average for the term.

Freeland is a graduate of Northville High School; **Treloar** graduated from South Lyon High School, and **McKinnay** graduated from Novi High School.

St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., has awarded a Dean Scholar award to **Anneliese Claire Woolford**. A graduate of Novi High School, Woolford is the daughter of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Students named to the Dean's List at Albion College include:

Brian P. Horn, a sophomore and biology major at Hillsdale College, was named to the Dean's List for spring semester.

Jason Adam Elliott of Northville recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., with a bachelor of fine arts degree in video/film.

Emily Rebecca Freedland of Northville graduated in May from Castleton State College with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

To be designated a Fellow at Albion College, a student must maintain a 3.7 grade point average for three consecutive on-campus semesters.

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Pitcher is a sophomore majoring in secondary education. She is a

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I spend a lot of time these days answering this question, "Won't I be hurting the value if I have this refinished?" Thanks, "Antique Roadshow." As entertaining as you are (and I do enjoy watching), you are doing the majority of the general public a huge disservice. We all know that a finish is to protect the wood that it is on, that is how furniture has survived for hundreds of years. Without this protective coating, the wood would deteriorate over a period of time through general use.

By redoing this finish, you not only extend the life of the piece but actually protect its value. But what value are we speaking of? To whom? Oh sure, there are those occasional art pieces that shouldn't be tampered with, but for most of us that aren't "high end" collectors we have what I call functional antiques, that is, a nice old piece from grandma that we actually use. Is it valuable? You betcha it is. How do you price sentimental value?

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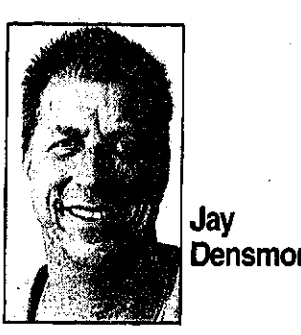
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Jay Densmore

Jay Densmore works for Plymouth Furniture Refinishing. He can be reached at (734) 453-2133.

Summer concerts are here!

Novi Parks and Recreation summer concerts will be held on Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, (248) 347-0400 or program hotline, 347-0473. (Concerts inside Civic Center if raining.)



Air Margaritaville

July 6, "Air Margaritaville" Get ready to fly Air Margaritaville as Mike Fedorka, J.D. Jones, and Dennis Farac conjure up the songs you know by heart by the parrothead himself, Jimmy Buffet (tunes and Buffet style songs will be played along with famous cover tunes. Joining Air Margaritaville will be The Camelon Caravan as part of the "No Tickets, No Problem" tour. Put on your favorite Hawaiian shirt and grab your flip flops as the Caribbean music lifts you away to "Air Margaritaville."

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• Aug. 3, "Detroit Brass Society"
• Aug. 10, "Novi Concert Band" Enjoy the classics, marches, and show tunes.

OTHER CONCERT DATES

July 13, "Joe Kingsley's Dixieland Ramblers"

Annalise Woolford

While at W&L, his memberships included the varsity soccer and varsity track teams; the Freshman Orientation Committee; Freshman Leadership Council; and the Sophomore Leadership Council. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hagfors of Newport Beach.

Robert Licata, a sophomore production and purchasing management major at Bowling Green State University, is the recipient of a \$1,000 Honeywell Scholarship and the \$200 Ray R. and Catherine (Lickes) Pury Book Scholarship. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honor society. A 1998 graduate of Northville High School, Licata is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Licata of Northville.

Andrew I. Busch of Walled Lake was named to the Dean's List at Calvin College for spring semester. He earned a 3.5 or higher grade point average for the semester, and has a 3.3 cumulative grade point average. Busch is a senior majoring in mathematics. He is the son of Roger and Tonia Busch and a graduate of Walled Lake West-

ern High School. Grand Valley State University announced the names of local area students who were placed on the Dean's List for winter semester. They were recognized for their academic achievement of maintaining a 3.5 or higher grade point average for the semester.

NORTHVILLE: **Julie L. Locklin, Amanda M. Sabo, and Brendon R. Tapp.**
NOVI: **Amanda B. Curly, Brian L. Coles, Michael J. Curle, and Sarah E. Miller.**
WALLED LAKE: **Charles E. Carlson, Angela M. Garcia, Kelli J. Kaska, and Dale Parrie.**
NOVI students **Banan Obeld, sophomore; Cynthia Russette, senior; and Angela Santoni, senior** were named on the Dean's List at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus for achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF NOVİ OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, intends to issue special assessment bonds of the City, in total principal amount of not to exceed \$18,435,000 for the purpose of defraying a special assessment district's share of the cost of road and related improvements in said special assessment district, including drainage, curb and gutter, landscaping, traffic signalization and right of way acquisition in the City. Said bonds shall mature serially in not to exceed fifteen (15) annual installments with interest payable on the unpaid balance at a rate of not to exceed 7% per annum or such higher rate as may be permitted by law.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS shall be payable primarily from collections of an equal amount of special assessments on the lands in the special assessment district, and the bonds shall also pledge the limited tax full faith and credit of the City of Novi. IN CASE OF THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM ANY GENERAL FUNDS OF THE CITY LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS will be issued without vote of the electors unless a PETITION requesting an election on the question of issuing the bonds, signed by not less than 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS in the City, is filed with the City by depositing the same with the City Clerk WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS after publication of this notice. If such a petition is filed, the bonds affected cannot be issued without an approving vote by a majority of electors voting on the question.

This NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 5(g) of Act 279, Public Acts of Michigan, 1909, as amended. Further information concerning the matters set out in this notice may be secured from the City Clerk's office.

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Local couple experiences Ecuador

By Sheryl and Bill Signorelli

We've always looked forward to travel as perhaps more of an adventure than relaxation. Needless to say, we, again, were not disappointed. Once we landed in the capital of Quito (following a detour in Guayaquil to refuel), we were met by George Cruz (Hosteria San Jorge) who turned out to be our faithful guide and companion for the next two weeks.

Waterfalls were also part of the scenery in our eco-tours around Hosteria. We rode horses into the Andes Mountains passing by sprawling native farms with lush vegetation and wide-eyed children with fattered clothing. George took us to the center of the earth where north and south equator meet, and we were actually holding hands and standing in different hemispheres.

A wonderful museum at that facility afforded us the opportunity to become acquainted with the many different groups of Ecuadorian indigenous Indian tribes explaining their history as well as geographic locations. Later in the trip, we were actually privileged to be able to witness a ceremony of a tribe of Indians along the Amazon, which we stumbled upon as we ventured out from our 30-foot motorized canoe. Even more awe-inspiring was the couple of hours spent with a very primitive indigenous native family in their home setting. The proud father of ten was shown with red paint markings on his forehead and chest. Atop his head was perched a dried animal skull of the largest cat in the world before we got past this visualization.

Other moments, such as visiting the 500-year-old Spanish churches with Mass in progress, were overwhelming experiences. All laden in gold with statues of saints everywhere you looked. These churches were filled with many poor, disabled Ecuadorian people continuing to keep their faith alive.

The day we were driving to the mouth of the Amazon, George abruptly stopped the car and pointed to Mount Pinchinchu in the distance, which was erupting. Smoke appeared to pour from its summit as we maddly grabbed for our cameras to capture this once-in-a-lifetime moment.

Ah, yes, aspects of Ecuador can be difficult to adjust to, e.g., poor rattry roads, exhaust fumes, vigilance to avoid parasites (we weren't so lucky... probably fruit sampling at market and coolness of highland temperature (low 50s-60s) and no heat in Ecuador, but we decided the positives far outweighed the negatives of this diverse country. Where else could you experience the Amazon Highlands, Pacific Coast, Cloud Forest and Galapagos Islands all in one amazing country?



Sheryl and Bill Signorelli with Domingo, left, in Ecuador.

Novi Meadows poet wins \$50 bond

Earlier this year, Jenna Kuhn, daughter of Keith and Cindy Kuhn of Novi, submitted a poem to a contest that was held for young poets. Kuhn is in sixth grade at Novi Meadows Elementary.

From thousands of entries, this poem was selected as one of the top ten in its grade division. The contest was held for all students in grades 4-12. The top ten poets in each grade division (grades 4-6; 7-9; 10-12) are each being recognized by receiving special recognition in the poetry anthology "A Celebration of Young Poets," receiving a complimentary copy of the anthology and by receiving a \$50 savings bond. Poems are selected for their literary merit, creativity, and social significance. Creative Communication also awards over \$10,000 each year in Language Arts Grants to schools to further encourage young people's writings.

World War II Veterans Recognition Day, Sunday, July 2 at 1 p.m., Novi Civic Center.

The city of Novi is having a very special event to honor World War II veterans. Plan to attend this extraordinary tribute. Inspiring music, delicious refreshments, interesting displays, and special presentations. If you know a World War II veteran, please have them register at Novi Parks and Recreation. Attending World War II veterans will receive special recognition on this day. No fee.

BELIEVE

By Jenna Kuhn
Novi Meadows Elementary school Grade Six

Believe in yourself
No matter what you do
Go ahead, don't be afraid
Try something new.

Take all that you've become
Into all that you can be
Soar above the universe
And let your dreams set you free.

Don't listen to what others say
Do what you choose
Keep a winning attitude
And you can never lose.

Don't let yourself down
Cause you are the best
Keep going until you win...
Never settle for less...
Once you reach your goal
You know that you've soared high
You can do most anything
Maybe even fly!

Religion

Getting into the spirit...

Bishop Donald A. Ott is appointing the Rev. Jennifer Lynn Bixby to Northville First United Methodist Church as associate pastor; this will be Jennifer's first appointment.

She is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. At this year's annual conference session, she will be accepted as a probationary clergy member and commissioned for local church ministry.

The Rev. Bixby will join the church for her first Sunday on July 2.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church presents HolyWord Studios Vacation Bible School, where kids soar to God's store. Costing kids ages 4 through completed fifth grade. Also needed are film crew leaders middle school and up.

The shoot will last from July 14-28; all cast members are to report at 9:30 a.m.; release will be at 11:30 a.m.; bring a friend and sign up in Fellowship Hall now. Any questions, call (248) 348-7757.

Single Adult Ministries (S/M) of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville - July Calendar. For information about the following programs, call (248) 374-5020 or the number so indicated.

- Fourth of July Theme. Celebrate 224 years of independence. Rotary Park picnic starting at noon. Reserve a place for \$5 and a dish to pass. Call for further details.
- SPM Showcase, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend, adult volleyball, softball and whatever other item you wish to bring. Cost is \$6. Call for details.
- Talk 'n Over, July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

In Knox Hall, Dick Bort will speak on "Who Can You Trust?" Part 1. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Knox Hall, \$6. Call for details.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi is holding Vacation Bible School July 24-28, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 4-11.

Biking. Biking events on Saturdays for fun, friends, outdoors, exercise, great rides and more. Call the S/M office for a schedule of biking locations.

Keller Williams Realty in Northville got into the spirit for the annual Fourth of July parade by meeting for a backyard barbeque and working on a float that included a house, picket fence, chicken wire and pom-poms.

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DIVERSIONS

AA-7 Thursday, June 29, 2000

Novi Seniors
Kelli Cooley, Copy Editor 248-349-1700

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) 347-3265.

COMING EVENTS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

- **Still time to sign up for several summer time day trips**
Casino Windsor, July 12; Motor City Casino, Aug. 2; Mystery Tour, Aug. 9; Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles at Comerica Park, Aug. 10.
- **Extended trips are too numerous to mention.** Visit the Novi Parks and Recreation office to pick up flyers on great destinations such as Greece, Hawaii, Branson, Cape Cod, Colorado, New Orleans, Stratford, France, New Hampshire and many more.
- **Ballroom dancing/live band:** from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 25; Tuesday, Aug. 22. Cost: \$3.
- **World War II Veterans Recognition Day, Sunday, July 2 at 1 p.m., Novi Civic Center.**
- **The city of Novi is having a very special event to honor World War II veterans.** Plan to attend this extraordinary tribute. Inspiring music, delicious refreshments, interesting displays, and special presentations. If you know a World War II veteran, please have them register at Novi Parks and Recreation. Attending World War II veterans will receive special recognition on this day. No fee.
- **Looking for a Few Good Men and Women.**
You don't even have to be that good. Anyone wishing to be in the cast/chorus for our big fall musical variety show "Showstoppers" Sept. 13, 14, 15 and 17. Come to Novi Parks and Recreation to register. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays.

- **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 within the city of Novi. Call Community Cab at (248) 349-8118 for a ride. Novi senior vans 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.
Novi Camera Club, second Tuesday, monthly at 7:30 p.m.
Book discussion for seniors, Nov. Library, second Thursday, monthly, 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.
- **Depart at 1 p.m. and return at 12:45 a.m.** Cost is \$69 for residents, \$70 for non-residents. Dinner included.
- **July 27-29, Stratford Festival, Canada.** Cost is \$399 per person, double occupancy, for residents.
- **July 29-Aug. 5, Vancouver and the Rocky Mountains.** Cost is \$1,649 per person, double occupancy.
- **Aug. 10, Clinton River Cruise.** Depart 7:30 a.m. and return 4:15 p.m. Lunch included. Cost is \$57 for residents and \$64 for non-residents.
- **Aug. 14, Double JJ Dude Ranch (Family Day Trip).** Depart 7:30 a.m. and return 6:30 p.m. Barbecue lunch included. Cost is \$69 for residents, \$76 for non-residents and \$49 for children age 4-14. (Two children per full price adult or pay full price.)
- **Aug. 17-25, America's National Parks.** Cost is \$1,599 per person, double occupancy.
- **Aug. 24-Sept. 1, New Hampshire and Maine.** Cost is \$1,799 per person, double occupancy.
- **Aug. 28-29, Amish Country, Indiana.** Cost is \$199 per person, double occupancy.

Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, please call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES

- **Newsletter**
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips, and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.
- **Telephone Reassurance (Tele-care)**
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to talk and check on their well being. Free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.
- **Nutrition**
Hot, nutritious meals are provided Monday through Friday at Allen Terrace for a donation of \$1.50. Meals can be delivered to your home through the Meals on Wheels program. If interested, call (800) 851-1454.
- **Focus: HOPE**
Food distribution is the fourth Friday of every month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**
Meets every Thursday. Weigh-ins take place from 8-9 a.m. The meeting runs from 9-10 a.m.
- **Blood Pressure Screening**
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 12-2 p.m.
- **Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors**
Qualified Northville and Northville Township senior citizens age 65 and over are eligible to receive three months worth of prescriptions through the MEPPS program. For more information, call the Senior Center.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips**
Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.
Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hi-Ler's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's

parade starts at 10 a.m. (Cady Street will be closed by police at approximately 9 a.m. in preparation for the parade so you'll want to come early.) Bring a chair and watch the parade in front of the Senior Center. There will be a picnic lunch of hot dogs, chips and pop afterwards. Cost is \$4. Please call to register.

- **Dinner Out at Baker's in Milford**
Join us for dinner at Baker's in Milford on July 20. We will depart at 4:30 p.m. from MAGS. Cost for transportation is \$4. Please call to register.
- **Travel Show Meeting**
Join us on Aug. 22 at 10:30 a.m. for the travel show meeting. Tour companies will be at the Senior Center to present information on upcoming trips and travel. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be presented. No charge. Call the center to register.
- **Tiger Game at Comerica Park**
Please join us as we head to Comerica Park on Sept. 7 to cheer the Tigers on to victory. Cost is \$37. The bus will leave from MAGS at 6 p.m. 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. Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks retirement community has offered to co-sponsor this trip; therefore, trip prices have been reduced. Now the cost for a resident is \$470 for double or triple accommodations and \$600 for single accommodations.
- **CONTRACTED TRIPS**
• **July 11, Irish Hills**
Depart at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$69 for residents, \$74 for non-residents.
- **July 12, Pelee Island Adventure**
Depart 6:30 a.m. and return 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$60 for residents and \$61 for non-residents.
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MOVIES

Karl Kling, Editor 248-685-1507

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Latest Carrey comedy has double the personality

In "Me, Myself and Irene", Jim Carrey returns to the comedy scene and brings together a bit of his past characters (Ace Ventura, Stanley Ipkiss and Truman Burbank) to create Charlie, a Rhode Island police officer who's lack of dealing with problems eventually causes him to develop a split personality. Jim Carrey plays Charlie, and officer who gets no respect from the citizens he's looked over every day for 18 years. Similar to Stanley Ipkiss in "The Mask", Charlie's constant generosity and niceness made him the likely candidate to constantly be taken advantage of. Even Charlie's wife had an affair the same day she told Charlie "I do."

When Charlie's wife leaves him to raise their three "children" (African-American triplets who resemble his wife's new love more than Charlie), Charlie soon discovers that the only place he isn't getting laughed at is in his home. After 18 years of being the town joke, Charlie snaps. All his hurt and anger that has been building inside is finally let loose, creating an alter-personality by the name of Hank. While Charlie resembled Stanley or even Truman Burbank with his good heart, Hank, with his take-no-crap-from-anyone attitude, resembles Ace Ventura. While Charlie would move someone's car out of a no parking zone instead of having the violator

do it himself, Hank would drive the car through the window of a barber shop. Now, Charlie is out of control and at war with himself. In the midst of finding out who he really is, Charlie is sent out on an assignment to protect a woman (played by Renee Zellweger) accused of a crime she didn't commit. However, before Charlie can complete his assignment and save the girl, he must first figure out how to save himself before Hank gets both of them killed. While most comedies show the punchlines in the trailers, "Me, Myself and Irene" leaves the true comedy for those who see it.

Despite a few serious moments when Charlie is getting picked on in the beginning, the laughs are non-stop. The film's R rating also gives Carrey a chance to use more adult humor, something his past comedies didn't allow. Although the supporting cast (minus Charlie's three sons) is weak, viewers won't be let down because, similar to every other film Carrey has starred in, "Me, Myself and Irene" is Carrey's film. The actors who play Carrey's co-workers deliver their lines with little emotion, and the bad guys are as dull as they get. Still, for every unemotional line delivered, and for every dull character, Carrey is

doing something in the background that is getting a laugh. And while Zellweger's constant pouting should be obnoxious, viewers eyes are drawn to Carrey's physical comedy so much that they barely notice. Carrey hasn't been this physical since "The Mask", and audiences will be happy to see him in full force once again. After a two year break from comedy, audiences will be delighted to find Carrey back in full comedic force. Although "Me, Myself and Irene" isn't as funny as some of his earlier work in "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls", Carrey performs the Jeckly and Hyde routine the way Eddie Murphy wished he could in

the "Nutty Professor". However, Carrey's more adult-like performance isn't as slap-stick as he has been in the past, and should gain a new respect from those who thought he couldn't do much more than talk out of his butt. Whether you are a true Carrey fan or not, "Me, Myself and Irene" is this summer's must-see comedy. For an audience looking for an adult comedy with some heart and a few adolescent jokes, "Me, Myself and Irene" won't disappoint them. This review was submitted by Northville resident Heather Wardowski.

Curl up this weekend with a good video

Snow Falling on Cedars (1999)

Rated PG-13
Scott Hicks' reworking of writer David Guterson's enriching novel about crime, prejudice, unrequited love and ultimate forgiveness is a bit heavy-handed with its multiple flashback sequences. Set in a Pacific Northwest town just prior to the U.S. entry into World War II, the secret romance between two high school sweethearts—Ishmael Chambers (Ethan Hawke) and Hatsue Miyamoto (Youki Kudoh)—is ripped apart physically and emotionally after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Hatsue and her family are sent to an internment camp while Ishmael goes off to fight in the Pacific theater. Both return after the war, Hatsue now married to Kazuo (Rick Yune), who is accused of murder-

FILM RATING SYSTEM

Don't Miss! - A must see film; award-winning caliber
Strongly Recommended - Entertaining and/or thought provoking; strong audience interest
Recommended - Film may have some weak spots, but

still worth watching

Not Recommended - Only those who are fans of the star or film genre should see this one
Avoid at all costs! - This film stinks
Note: Recommendations do not reflect film MPAA ratings

ing a local man over a land deal that went sour. The film opens in the courtroom, with Ishmael reporting on Kazuo's trial for the town paper. The background is unraveled through a web of flashbacks, mainly Ishmael's reflections, as is the mystery of the murder. With its variety of themes, *Snow*

Falling on Cedars is deep. It complicates rather than simplifies the novel; usually the opposite is true. Still, its beautifully filmed and worth viewing.
Recommended

The Thief (1998)

Rated R
Life was dreary in the Soviet Union, a fact not lost on modern Russian film makers. Russian director Pavel Chukrai does a superb job of weaving the drab Soviet lifestyle into the fabric of his film, *The Thief*. Katia doesn't have much going for her in Post World War II Russia. She and son Sonia are homeless, and her husband died of injuries sustained on the battlefield. Enter Solia, a soldier, thief, con man, womanizer, and all around freebooter. The trio meet on a train, and Katia falls in love out of desperation. Soon they begin posing as a family, moving in to communal apartments. After gaining the tenants' collective trust, Solia robs

them blind and all three flee under the cover of night to another city to start anew. All the while, Solia teaches Sonia the arts of thievery. In so doing, he becomes a dastardly father figure that not only steals material things, but love, trust, and dreams. The ominous presence of Joseph Stalin permeates *The Thief* much like the drab post war countryside and Soviet way of life. The pres-

ence also permeates the thief, Stalin's portrait tattooed on Solia's chest. In another scene, he brags that Stalin is his father. And people toast the leader throughout. *The Thief* is a bleak but brilliant film—for those that can withstand subtleties.
Strongly Recommended
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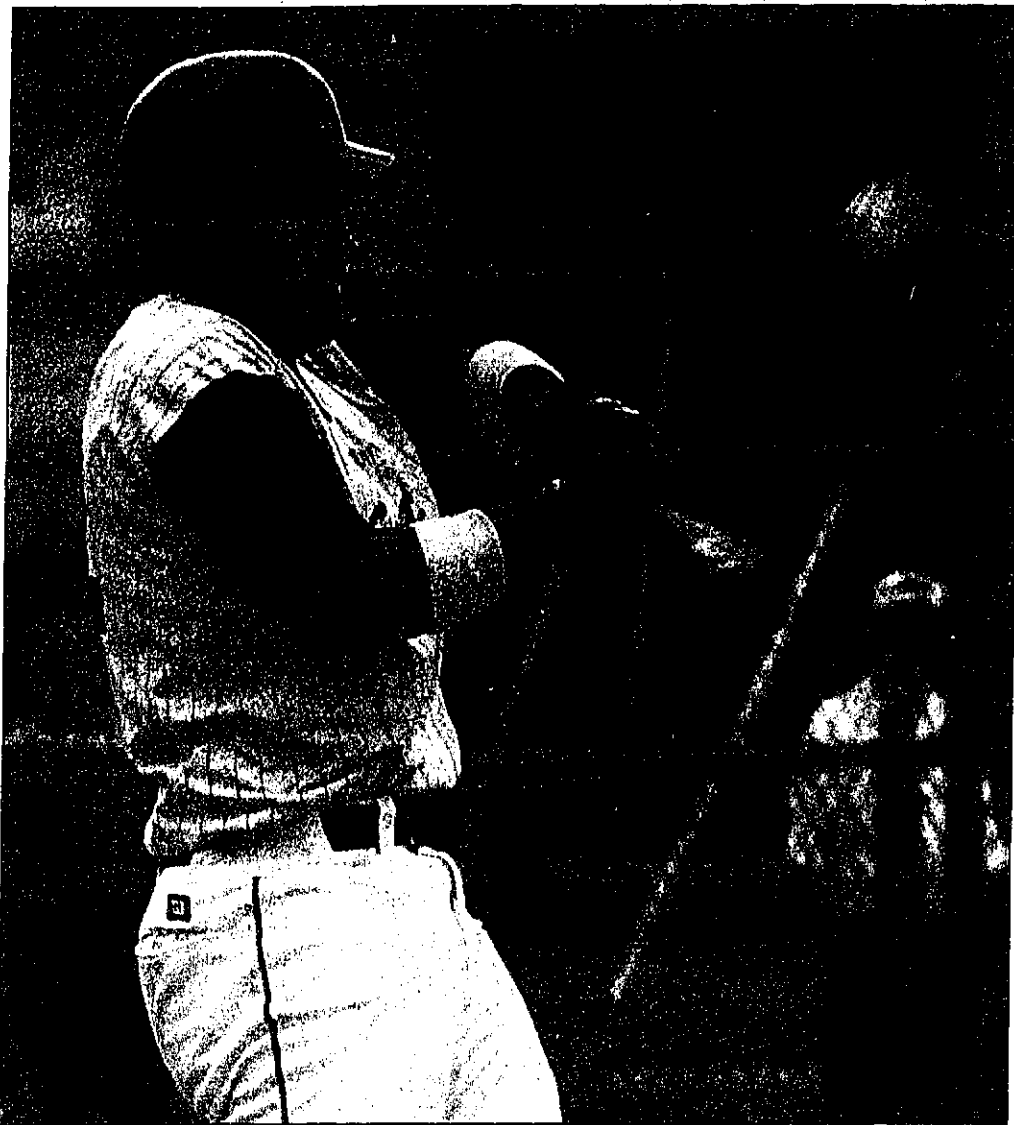


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Novi's Brendan Hadley pulled double duty last Thursday, playing in an all-star game at Comerica Park before heading to Brighton to help the East to win in the HomeTown contest.

Skilled players get their shot

By SCOTT KELLEY
Brighton Argus Sports Editor

The first-ever HomeTown Newspapers Skills Competition has gone down in the record books, and for the next year, Livingston County can hold the bragging rights with a sweep of both the softball and baseball events.

On Wednesday night, participants for the East All-Star team schools (Novi, Northville, Lakeland, Milford and South Lyon) joined participants from the West schools (Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Pinckney and Fowlerville) to take part in a skills competition.

For softball, the competitions consisted of the fastest pitch and a hitting contest. Baseball consisted of fastest-pitch competition, accuracy throw and a home-run derby. All events were tightly contested, but in the end, it was a representative from the West schools which took first in each event.

Over at the baseball diamonds the evening kicked off with the fastest-pitch competition. Each

person participating was given five pitches and each pitched was clocked with a speed gun.

Of the five pitches, the fastest and slowest were thrown out and an average was taken by combining the three speeds left over. The top five average speeds would then move onto the second round and the same process would be repeated and a winner would be crowned.

This event brought out the top hurlers in the area, however the favorite to take home first place was missing as Novi's A.J. Rowe was out of town playing for his summer baseball club.

But still, the competition was not without other big names, including Hartland All-State pitcher Heath Craven. The first round drew over 10 participants as each reached back, hoping to throw the fastest pitch.

As the first round kicked off, the early favorite was Tommy Hughes of Northville. The Mustang topped out at 85 mph, and averaged just

over 83 mph to briefly take first place. Craven then stepped up to with some hard and very consistent throwing. The Eagle ace threw five pitches, all of which were clocked at 84 mph.

But the consistency was about to be matched. Two pitchers later, Howell's Kane Clark did exactly the same thing, throwing five pitches at 84 mph. The two tied for first moving on to the second round. Also advancing were Hughes of Northville with the third fastest, Howell's Jason Jacobs and Pinckney's Chris Kouris.

In the finals, it once again came down to Craven and Clark. Craven did manage to top out at 85 mph twice to come back with another average of 84 mph. Clark then stepped up and threw his first two pitches at — you guessed it — 84 mph. But one pitch just barely cost him as the Highlander finished with an average of 83.66. Nobody else came close and Craven was crowned the winner.

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Game-high six 'Cats help East to 10-9 win

By STEVE BELL
Milford Times Sports Editor

In a game featuring glamorous names from some of Michigan's best teams, all-state players and state record setters, in the end it came down to a couple unglamorous plays by some workmanlike players. With a little luck and a lot of skill, the East All-Stars completed their comeback in the top of the ninth to win the first-annual HomeTown Newspapers East-West All-Star Baseball Game last Thursday, 10-9.

With the game tied 9-9, South Lyon shortstop Pat Flynn led off the top of the ninth with a walk. The next East batter, Lakeland center fielder Ryan Atherton, laid down a bunt, which not only advanced Flynn, but allowed him to reach base safely, too. Flynn then reached third on a ground out, and scored what would be the game-winning run on a wild pitch.

The West All-Stars had one last chance in the bottom of the ninth. Hartland pitcher Wes Craven singled, and reached third on a one-out base hit from Brighton's Steve Sharpe. But pitcher Wes Howland, who had come on to win a number of tight games for Lakeland during the regular season, bore down and retired the last two batters to pick

Baseball

up the win.

Howland was the winning pitcher, throwing two crucial innings. He also held the West at bay in the bottom of the eighth. He had some help from fellow Eagle Atherton. Ryan made the defensive play of the day with a diving catch in center field for the third out in the eighth.

The mound performance of Northville's Matt Hare was just as crucial. He held the West scoreless in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

The West All-Stars led 9-6 after sixth innings. However, the East was able to manufacture three runs in the top of the seventh. Novi first baseman Brendan Hadley — playing the second-half of a personal double header which began earlier that day with an all-state game at Comerica Park — led off with a walk, and eventually scored on a fielder's choice. Hadley's Wildcat teammate, Justin Shaw, walked and eventually scored to make it 9-8. Howland scored the tying run.

The West's bats were alive early, and after four inning the Livingston County team led 9-4. During that

run, Hartland's Mike Cleszkowski scored twice, and drove in a run. Brighton's Greg Landry entertained the home crowd with a double and three runs batted in. Sharpe had a base hit, scored a run, and drove in a run, while Fowlerville's Brian Corl scored twice, had an RBI and stole a base. Hartland's Mike Sattler had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run, Howell's Eric Walters scored. Pinckney's Dan Kessler had an RBI double and Craven scored and hit a double.

The East actually had the first lead, scoring twice in the top of the first. Novi centerfielder Jon Cervi, banged out a double to open the game, and then scored on Novi teammate Mitch Maier's base hit. Maier scored on a sacrifice fly by South Lyon's Jason Rohraff.

Cervi went on to have a big day at the plate, with two more hits, a run and an RBI.

Coaching the victorious East All-Stars were Rick Green of Novi, Jason Melynychek of Milford and Aaron Strand of Lakeland.

Josh Sabol started on the mound for the East squad, while teammate Mike Kossik also saw action in the game. Novi senior A.J. Rowe and Northville's Tim Edick were playing travel baseball in Florida and were unable to play in the game.

East softball holds on for 11-9 win

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The East All-Stars used a seven-run third inning to power itself past the West All-Stars 11-9 in the first-ever HomeTown East/West All-Star softball game played last Thursday at Brighton High School.

The East squad sent 10 batters to the plate in the inning, which was capped off by a three-run double by Milford's Jessica Gillis. Gillis, who started the inning off with a walk, reached base three times in the game.

The big inning gave the East a 9-1 lead, but the West fought back with three runs in the third to make it a five-run game.

The East pushed its lead back up to seven as Novi's Sarah Bajorek scored on Milford's Jodie Nouhan's triple in the sixth. Nouhan then scored on a wild pitch to make it 11-4.

But the West didn't give up. The team rallied in the bottom of the seventh, scoring five runs to close it out and make the score respectable. Fowlerville's Autumn McNally had a three-run triple, which cut the lead to two.

"Kelly (DeWitt) went out there to settle the team down," East coach (Novi) Carol Diglio said of her co-coach from Northville. "We just wanted to slow the game down, cut into their momentum and get the girls to relax and get the last out."

That they did, and the East squad walked off with the win. Milford's Lindsay Watson went the distance for the East, which had just one full-time pitcher on its roster. Gillis, the lone catcher on the squad, went the distance behind the plate as well.

"That's just a credit to them being seniors and being great athletes," Diglio said of the Milford duo.

Pinckney's Katharine George and Fowlerville's Monica Kingsley shared time on the mound for the West squad.

Offensively, McNally led the west with a double and her triple and four RBI. Brighton's Tara Evangelista and Melissa Dudley, Howell's Kristy Pohl, Fowlerville's

Softball

Sara Nowka and Mandy Shaeffer, along with George and Kingsley all scored runs.

For the east, Bajorek was 1 for 2 with two walks and three runs scored. Nouhan finished 3 for 4 with a pair of singles and her triple. Watson, Northville's Jackie Magnuson, Novi's Katie Cameron, Milford's Nikole Carlson and Novi's Vanessa Byrwa all scored for the East.

More importantly than any of the stats and possible outcomes of the game were the friendships made and the camaraderie the teammates displayed throughout the afternoon.

"I thought it was really interesting to see how well the kids meshed together," Diglio said of the event. "To see how well they worked together and got along with each other — that was the neatest part of the whole event."

West co-coach Amy Jarvis of Fowlerville agreed and said it gave girls who have had a heated rivalry against each other (Brighton and Hartland) a chance to work together and get to know one another.

"It was nice to hear the girls talking in the dugout, telling each other where they were going to be going to school next year," Jarvis said. "This was just a nice opportunity for all of them."

Twenty three of the 31 players invited to play made it to the game. The East roster included players from Lakeland (Martha Digsby and Melissa Brendel), Milford (Nouhan, Watson, Gillis and Carlson), Northville (Magnuson, Jennifer Caverly and Natalie Wooderson), Novi (Cameron, Bajorek, Byrwa, Emily Major, Erin Gibbons and Joelle Frantz) and South Lyon (Rachael Vibber).

The West squad included players from Brighton (Evangelista, Dudley and Rachel Faber), Fowlerville (Shaeffer, Kingsley, Nowka, McNally and Katie Dana), Hartland (Angie Spain and Jackie Parker), Howell (Stephanie Benaar and Pohl) and Pinckney (Emily Gladney, Gibney and George).

Northville dominates all-area tennis team

The local tennis world didn't turn itself upside down this past season. There were no major upsets, no state titles or league crowns. The status quo stayed pretty much intact.

Almost. Northville remained the best team in the area this year, finishing second in the Western Lakes Activities Association and at the regional (both to North Farmington). The team then went on to place sixth at the Division II state meet in Midland.

Novi failed to grab at least a share of a sixth-consecutive Kensington Valley Conference crown, finishing second to an upstart Brighton team. The Wildcats made a vallant run at the league tournament, but the Bulldog's singles lineup was just too dominant, winning championships at all four flights.

Two teams in the KVC, Hartland and Milford, continued their drive towards the top of the league. Led by junior standout Kyle Jasieniecki, Milford captured a tie of Novi in one dual and had an impressive 7-4 record in league play. Lakeland and South Lyon tied for fifth at the league meet with Lakeland's third doubles team of Cory Baker and Joe Scandy capturing the league crown in the process.

The Mustangs were the clear-cut best team in the area, but every flight was pushed by someone. Be it from Novi, Milford or Lakeland, the talent level in Western Wayne and Oakland counties is on the rise.

Kyle Jasieniecki Milford Junior

Sometimes, you can judge a book by its cover. "You can look at a match and tell which player will win, the one who is in control," Milford coach Rich Kynast said. "Kyle displays that at all times. He's one of the coolest competitors I've seen recently in the KVC." Jasieniecki was 16-2 on the year, and 15-0 in regular season dual matches.

Kynast said Jasieniecki is an aggressive, proactive player, which is something of a rarity at the high school level.

As he grew and became stronger, Jasieniecki's game expanded, and this season he evolved to a one-handed backhand with which he continues to become more comfortable.

"With another year, he will be a force," Kynast said.

Mark Thomson Northville Junior

Like most of his teammates, it seemed the only person who could beat the junior was his counterpart at North Farmington (Jay Berman).

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ALL-AREA TENNIS

First Team

Flight	Name	School	Grade
1 singles	Kyle Jasieniecki	Milford	Junior
2 singles	Mark Thomson	Northville	Junior
3 singles	Dan Drake	Northville	Senior
4 singles	Kyle Dehne	Northville	Sophomore
1 doubles	Brendan Green Scott Eller	Northville Northville	Senior Junior
2 doubles	Kyle Wargo Nate Gudritz	Northville Northville	Junior Junior
3 doubles	Brian Arndt Brian Wilson	Northville Northville	Senior Senior
4 doubles	Garrett Brun Phil Gutowski	Northville Northville	Senior Junior

Second Team

Flight	Name	School	Grade
1 singles	Dean Conway	Northville	Junior
2 singles	Divyesh Sarman	Novi	Senior
3 singles	Jim Hurst	Milford	Junior
4 singles	Rick Harris	Novi	Senior
1 doubles	Brian Dadds Ryan Bateman	Novi Novi	Senior Senior
2 doubles	Brian Chiang Joe Lynch	Novi Novi	Junior Freshman
3 doubles	Cory Baker Joe Scandy	Lakeland Lakeland	Senior Senior
4 doubles	Eric Garnham Asim Kagzi	Novi Novi	Junior Junior

Honorable mention

Lakeland - Ryan Lewalski
Milford - Josh Martens, Aaron Storey
Novi - Ryan Slater, Mike McKenna, Matt Peurach
South Lyon - John Belanger, Jim Hicks

Major makes the finals of accuracy throw contest

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In the second baseball competition of the night, the festivities turned to an accuracy throw. Players threw a ball from about 200 feet out at a 4-by-6 target placed in front of home plate. The target consisted of different areas with points on them. This competition also drew another large turnout.

Leading the way after the first round was Adam Duncanson of Fowlerville with a total of 45 points. Novis Kyle Major was not far behind in second with 40 points. Also advancing were Howell's Jason Jacobs, Milford Matt David and Hartland's Aaron Ollila. The finals proved to be a bit tougher, but Jason Jacobs found a way to pull it out with 25 points and the title.

The final baseball event was the one event which everybody was waiting for — the home-run derby. The contest drew over 20 participants, the largest of the day. With a good wind blowing out to right-center field, it looked like it would be a left-handed-batter's day.

In this event, each batter was given 10 outs. A strike, foul ball or anything which landed inside the fence was considered an out. Surprisingly, the first half of the lineup yielded no home runs, even with power hitters such as Novis' Mitch Mader and John Cervi and Pinckney's Craig Reynolds taking pokes at the ball.

Finally it was a Highlander breaking through with the first home run of the day. Howell's Andy Gerkin finished the first round with two homers to take over first place.

Two batters later, Hartland's Eric Kumor stepped up to the plate. Kumor had missed the second half of the season with a bad knee which required surgery. But the Eagle assured all he was ready to hit in the competition. And was he ever. Kumor finished with three home runs to advance to the finals against Gerkin.

In the finals, each batter was given five outs this time, and again, Gerkin came through. The Howell senior found a way to put one over the fence and turn up the heat on Kumor.

The Eagle junior took on the

pressure and launched the first pitch over the fence to tie the contest up. A couple pitches later, Kumor capped off the win with another home run to lay claim to the title.

While things were heating up at the baseball diamond, the softball field was also seeing quite a show.

The first contest of the day was a hitting contest. In this contest, each batter had to hit the ball in the air into the outfield. In the outfield, different zones were set up and depending on where the ball landed in the air, certain points were given.

This competition also drew some big numbers as all batters enjoyed some sort of success. But leading the way by a pretty large margin was Brighton's Julianne Wilke in the first round with 115 points.

Tied for second was Northville's Famiko Kawamura and Hartland Jennifer Miller in second with 65 points. Also advancing were Pinckney's Angela Gibney with 50 points and Brighton's Rachel Fisher with 45 points.

In the finals, again it was a tightly contested contest, but Hartland's Jennifer Miller pulled it out with a total of 65 points. Fisher took second with 60 points.

The final softball event was the fastest pitch and it was a freshman running away with it. Brighton's Jill DeBoeche averaged 51.66 in both rounds to claim the fastest pitch title.

Hartland's Amanda Wallace took second with an average of 55.33 in the first round and an average of 55.66 in the second round. Pinckney's Kallarine George took second with Wilke finished fourth and Sara Kossin in fifth place.

The Skills Competition was part of a two-day affair which was sponsored for the very first time by HomeTown Newspapers. On Thursday, the extravaganza was capped off by a senior East/West All-Star game for both the softball and baseball players.

In the all-star games, the East team earned revenge as both of the East teams won the softball and baseball games to retain bragging rights. The competitions are scheduled to be an annual affair.

First-team slots evade Novi players

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Thomson finished runnerup to Bertram at the conference and regional tournaments. At season's end, Thomson finished with an 18-6 overall record.

Dan Drake
Northville Senior
The most consistent of Northville's singles players, Drake just won, won, won. The senior won the Western Lake's title, then followed that up with a regional crown. He lost just three times all season long, reaching the state quarterfinals. His final record was 22-3.

Kyle Dehne
Northville Sophomore
His best tennis came at the end of the season, where the junior reared to the D-2 state semifinals

before losing to the eventual state champion from Okemos. Dehne was a conference champion and a regional finalist this year while finishing with a 16-8 mark.

Brenden Green
Northville Senior
Scott Eller
Northville Junior
Following the lead of Thomson, Green and Eller beat nearly everyone they faced this season. But they had the most trouble with their rivals from North Farmington. The duo lost to their Ratter's opponents three times, twice in third-set tiebreakers.

They finished second at the conference and runnerup again at the regional tournament. A fourth-seed at the state tournament, Green and Eller bowed out in the quarterfinals with a 19-5 overall record.

Nate Gudritz
Northville Junior
Kyle Wargo
Northville Junior
Picked up big wins all season long, defeating powerhouses from Seabrook along the way. Gudritz and Wargo were regional finalists, falling to North's second dubs in three sets. Up to that point the team didn't lose a game en route to the finals. They finished 17-7 and were also conference finalists.

Brian Arndt
Northville Senior
Brian Wilson
Northville Senior
A very good third-doubles team, Arndt and Wilson overcame their No. 2 seed at the regional tournament to bring home Northville's second regional title

(Drake). Although they needed three sets, the team topped North Farmington's Robert Finkel and Greg Boothroyd 6-1 in that third set to win.

Arndt and Wilson finished the year 15-5 together and were conference runnerups.

Garrett Brun
Northville Senior
Phil Gutowski
Northville Junior
It's too bad the state tournament hasn't gone to four doubles, because this duo would do nothing but help Northville's chances at the big tournaments.

Brun and Gutowski completed what was a formidable Northville doubles lineup. Their 6-4 third-set victory helped Northville to a tie with Seabrook. The tandem finished 12-4.

Five flights wrap up 2nd-team positions

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10-8 record may be skewed a bit. He was 8-4 against league opponents three times. He was a conference semifinalist.

Rick Harris
Novi Senior
He started out the season at second doubles, but coach Jim Hanson quickly realized his value in the singles lineup. Harris won his first eight matches of the season, and finished with a 12-5 record. His losses came to Brighton (twice), Hartland, Rochester and Berkley. He was undefeated in all of his matches against area teams.

Brian Dodds
Novi Senior
Ryan Bateman
Novi Senior
Playing in perhaps the best flight in the area, Dodds and Bateman

were every bit as good as Northville's top pair. The duo finished 16-2 together, 13-0 in the league. They won the KVC title and did not play a three-set match all season long. Aside from their losses (Rochester and Saline), the pair gave up no more than four games in any one set all year long.

Brian Chiang
Novi Junior
Joe Lynch
Novi Freshman
In the future, these two will be key members in the Novi lineup. But for now, they were 9-5 together, having spent the early season at three and four singles.

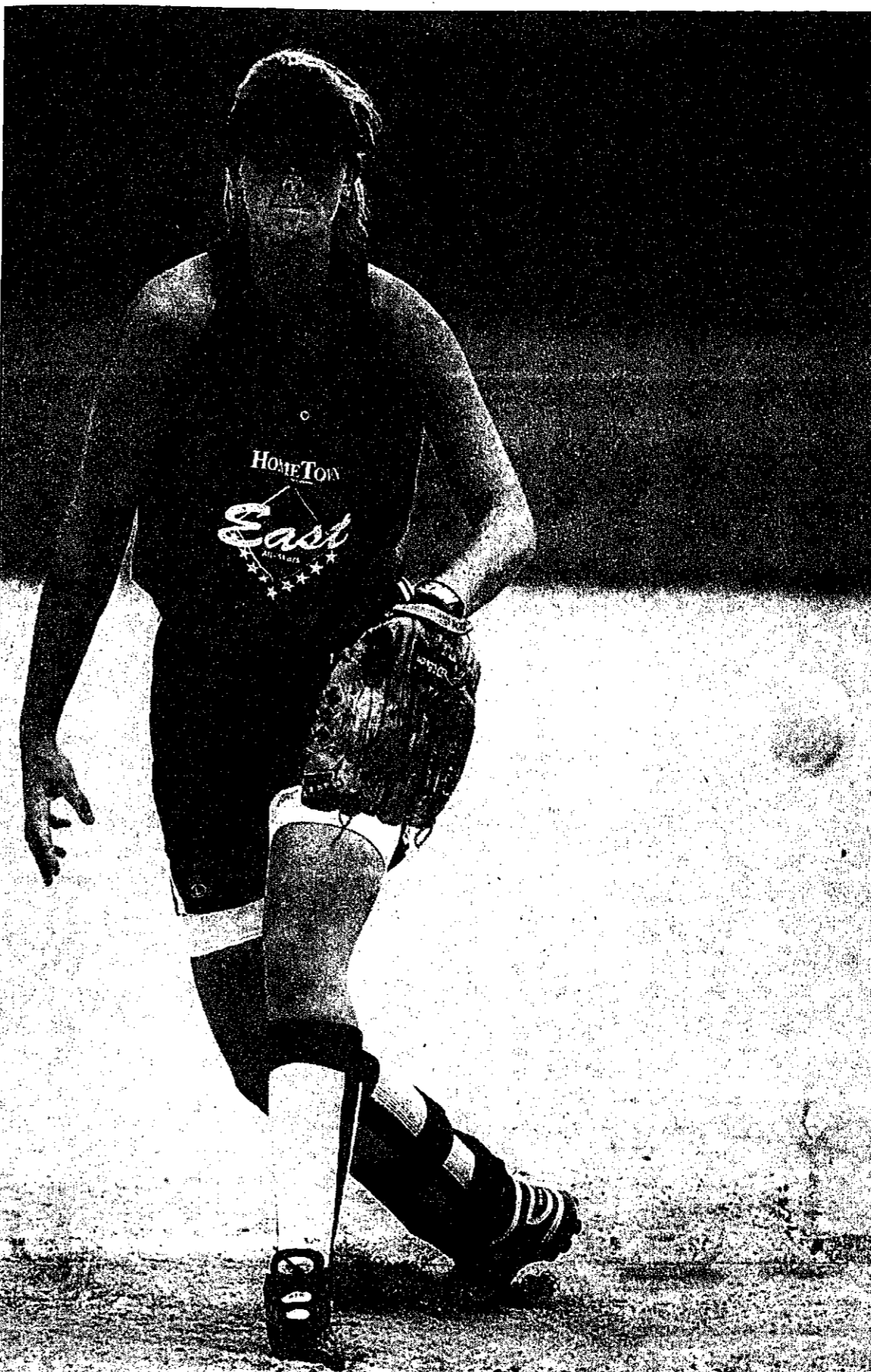
Chiang and Lynch fell to Brighton in the KVC championship match.

Eric Garnham
Novi Junior
Asin Kagzi
Novi Junior
Garnham and Kagzi took the long route to the KVC championship, but took the title nonetheless. The pair were unseeded at the league tourney, but defeated Lakeland, Hartland and then Milford in the championship match.

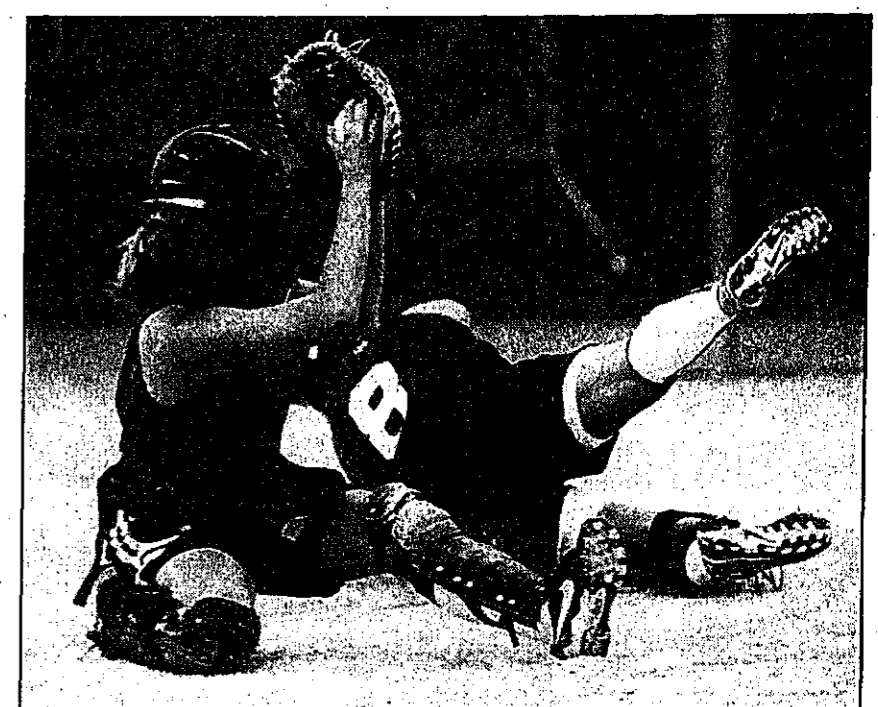
Garnham was 14-5 overall this season, while Kagzi was 15-4.

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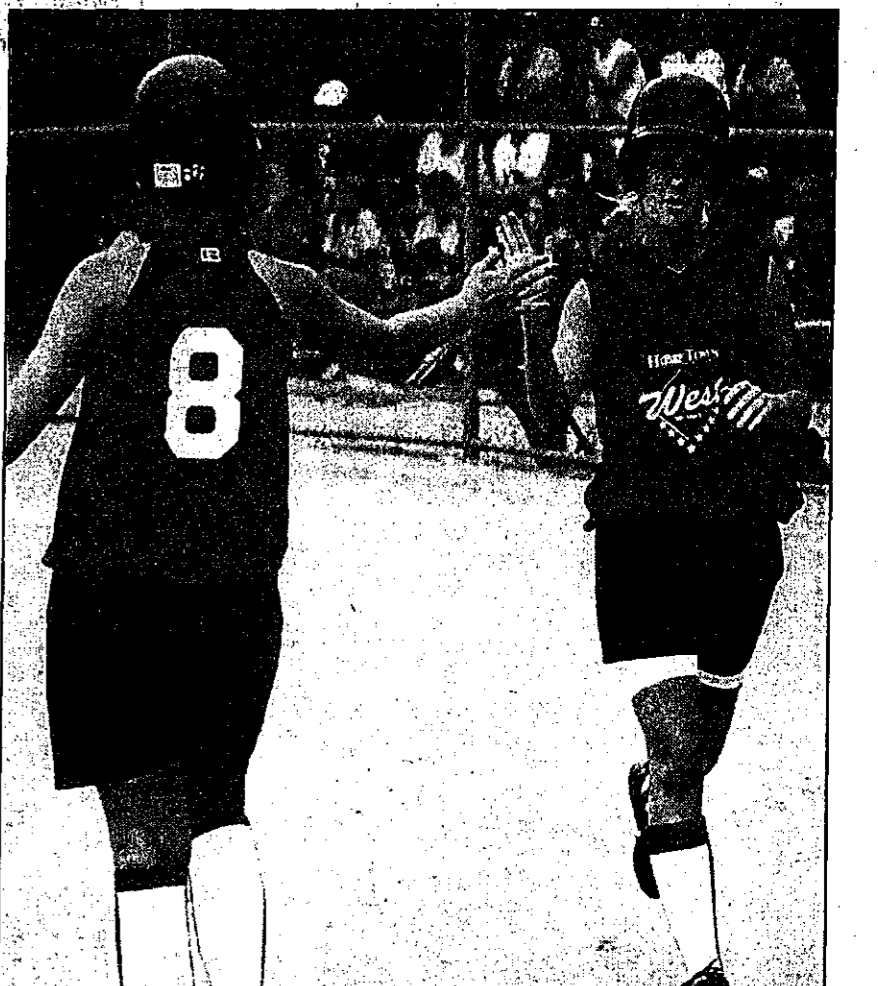
Milford's Lindsay Watson hurls towards home plate in the HomeTown Newspaper's 1st Annual East/West Softball All-Star Classic.



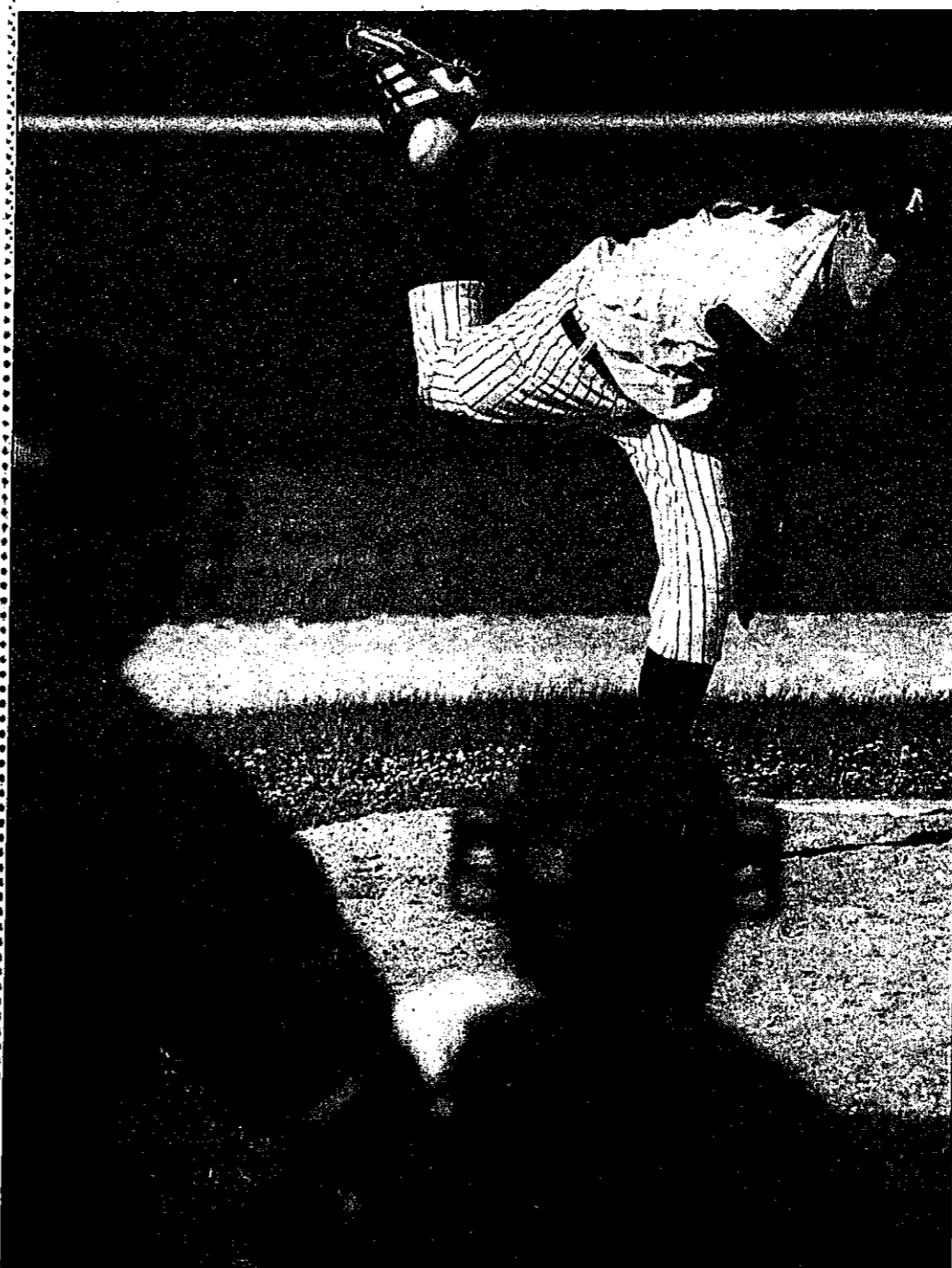
Howell's Kristy Pohl collides at home plate with Milford's Jessica Gillis.



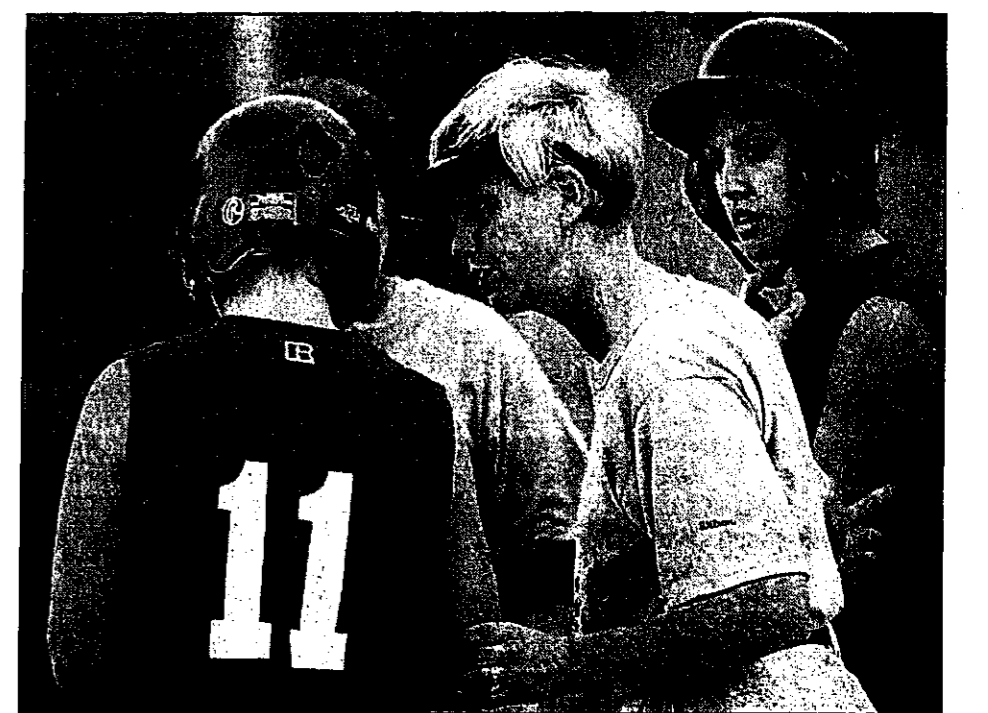
Novi High's Katie Cameron takes a swing during the All-Star Classic. Cameron had one hit and scored a run in the East's victory.



Fowlerville's Mandy Shaeffer, left, gives a high-five to a fellow West All Star who's just scored in the game against the East.



Northville's Matt Hare fires towards home in the 1st Annual East/West Baseball All-Star Classic.



Novi High School coach Carol Diglio talks to Nikole Carlson as the East All-Stars had some scoring threats on the base paths.

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Health Column

Special light may ease hardening

By aiming a special kind of ultraviolet light at scleroderma patients' hardened skin, researchers at the University of Michigan Health System are also hoping to shed some new light on the nature of the disfiguring and debilitating disease.

A new clinical trial at the U-M, the first of its kind in the nation, will use repeated doses of a particular form of UV light in an attempt to soften patients' skin over time. The light will come from the nation's first machine capable of bathing a patient's entire body in nearly pure UVA-1 light.

The U-M dermatologists leading the study report good results from early patient experiences and will now measure the treatment's effect in a carefully controlled study. They hope to enroll 30 scleroderma sufferers who can come to the U-M for sessions under the UVA-1 lamps.

The trial springs directly from discoveries made in U-M dermatology labs over nearly a decade about the effects of different kinds of UV light on skin and the layers underneath. Most of that research focused on the harm - including wrinkles and skin cancer - caused by UV rays known as UVB and UVA-2.

Now, the researchers believe that the far less dangerous UVA-1 may hold a key to treating localized scleroderma, a disease of unknown cause that affects as many as 300,000 Americans and has no effective treatment or cure.

"Although we don't know the fundamental cause of scleroderma, what patients experience is a buildup of too much collagen, the protein that is the main structural element of the skin," said Sewon Kang M.D., an associate professor of dermatology and leader of the trial. "UVA-1 light essentially stimulates the breakdown of collagen, so if you can mobilize collagen by shining this form of light, you can expect to soften up the skin."

Softening the stiff, almost wooden skin that characterizes scleroderma may not cure the disease, but for patients with the condition, any relief is welcome. Scleroderma's nickname, "stone man disease" hints at its potential effects on skin, joints, organs, movement and ability. Its severity depends on whether patients have the localized or systemic form of the disease.

"Scleroderma can be quite disfiguring because it can affect any part of your body," Kang said. "It can involve the head and neck, or the fingers, toes, hands, wrists, arms, legs, skin and even leading to loss of tissue in that area. And we really haven't had a good treatment available to our patients." Sufferers may try steroid creams and injections, but nothing really seems to work.

With the new full-body UVA-1 machine and a smaller portable machine also used by U-M physicians, the researchers hope to show that

they can change that. The equipment was built by Sellas Inc. in Germany, where recent research has hinted at a positive effect from UVA-1 on scleroderma. The U-M trial will try to prove or disprove that effect using a rigorous scientific protocol. And the full-body unit will allow them to treat each patient's lesions together, rather than individually with the portable unit.

Patients will lie under the lamps three times a week for 32 weeks, for a half-hour at a time. For the first 16 weeks, one side of their body will be covered, while the other side will be exposed to the light. Then, for the second 16 weeks, they'll switch the cover to the other side. This will let the researchers compare the treated areas to the untreated areas immediately and will show how long the light's effects last. A special ultrasound scan will monitor the thickness of the skin. For now, the trial will enroll scleroderma patients whose skin falls within a certain range of tones, to allow the results of the study to be consistent.

"Based on what we know, this will stimulate the removal of unwanted collagen," Kang said. "We're extremely excited, and we have positive response already in some of the early patients."

Though it looks something like a tanning bed, the U-M's full body UV machine and its smaller portable cousin are quite different. They don't emit the full spectrum of UV light, including the harmful rays that readily cause sunburn and can increase the risk of skin cancer. Natural sunlight and lightboxes used in conventional phototherapy also emit a wide range of UV light.

Rather, both U-M machines are specially tuned to deliver only the range of light wavelengths known as UVA-1. These rays are weak enough in energy that they are 1,000 times less efficient than UVB at causing sunburn. They also can penetrate farther into the skin to deliver skin-softening effects where patients need them.

"We know exactly what comes out of our light bulbs, whereas that comes out of tanning bed booths is really anyone's guess," Kang said. As a result, the U-M physicians can determine the exact dose of UVA-1 that patients are getting.

Once the UVA-1 enters the skin, its effects begin. Kang and his colleagues have found that this specific form of light is effective at breaking down a natural signal in skin cells called AP1 transcription factor. In turn, it tells the cell to produce more "worker" proteins, or enzymes, called matrix metalloproteinases - or MMPs.

Normally, MMPs help cells break up old collagen and make room for new collagen, as part of the natural renewal process. But when they start working overtime as a result of a light signal, the MMPs break down collagen

faster than the cell can replace it.

In healthy people, this can gradually lead to wrinkles as the skin cells fail to repair the damage fully and the skin builds up tiny scars from many years sun exposure. But in scleroderma patients, this increased MMP activity should break down the overabundance of collagen beneath the skin.

If the current trial yields good results on scleroderma, Kang and his colleagues have more plans in store. "We hope we can use this same light source in other skin conditions where there is too much unwanted collagen," he explained.

University of Michigan Health System. For more information via phone, call TeleCare at 1-800-742-2300 category 1010. This information will be available from June 19-23.

UM-FACTS

Facts About Ultraviolet Light: UV Light's Effect on Skin and Scleroderma

Ultraviolet light comes in a range of types based on the wavelength of the light rays. UVC has the shortest wavelength, and is the most powerful, but is filtered out of sunlight by the Earth's ozone layer. UVB is the name for the middle range of wavelengths, and UVA includes the longest wavelengths. Within UVA, there is UVA-2 and UVA-1, with 1 being the longest wavelengths and the least powerful light.

Research at the U-MN Department of Dermatology has shown UVA-1 and every short UVB light wavelengths are the best at activating skin enzymes that break down collagen.

UVB and UVA-2 light cause sunburn and raise the risk of skin cancer far more than UVA-1.

Scleroderma's cause is unknown.

In localized scleroderma, the collagen stays within the dermis layer of the skin, making it hard, shiny and tight in patches that come and go with no apparent reason. It can be disfiguring and painful.

In systemic scleroderma, the excess collagen affects the tissue surrounding internal organs, often causing further problems with movement and organ function. It even can lead to death.

Scleroderma occurs in about 14 people per million worldwide and affects people of all races.

Three times as many women as men get scleroderma, usually starting in the 30s or 40s.

There is no known cure for scleroderma.

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Health Notes

Food Allergy Counseling

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

Prostate Cancer Support Group

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

Foot and ankle consultations

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

Menopause Support Group

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

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

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

Health Risk Appraisal

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and HDL readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required. For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

Intermediate Water Aerobics

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and postphysical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required. For registration and information, call the Botsford Center at (248) 473-5600.

Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County. Services include heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed. Appointments are required. For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

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

ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required. The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome. There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

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