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Walled Lake News

You'll find something a little different in your copy of the Novi News today.



Beginning this week we're including a page dedicated to reporting news and information from the Walled Lake area. You'll find the Walled Lake News on page 9A.

The move is part of a strategy geared towards providing Walled Lake readers a place where they can find pertinent information about their community. Currently, there is no weekly newspaper that truly serves the Lakes area.

We're trying to change that. I also want to make it clear to our faithful Novi readers that this new addition will not mean less news and information about Novi. This newspaper's priority is, and will always be, providing quality coverage for our growing Novi community. The Walled Lakes page is just an addition to that.

Simply put, we won't sacrifice our coverage of Novi.

We will, however, begin providing our Walled Lake neighbors with pertinent information about their community. Who knows, perhaps in the future they will become a HomeTown community like Novi.

LIVING

Bands on the run



The Novi Concert Band has a busy schedule, with performances and rehearsals.

And a group of local high school students with their own bands will host Novi Palooza at the Novi Civic Center.

Read all about it on— Page 1AA

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Their art was in it



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Jan Malaniak, right, of Plymouth, and other shoppers peruse the mosaic mirrors of Robyn Crosfield at the Novi Art Show at the Novi Town Center over the weekend.

Fest paints the Town Center red and every other shade

Art fans browse and shop at sixth annual festival of creativity.

By Stephanie Fordyce STAFF WRITER

Beautiful art, soothing music and great food made for a perfect summer afternoon, as the 6th Annual Novi Art Festival painted the town last weekend.

On August 5 and 6, the fete, sponsored by

Howard Alan Events, returned to the Novi Town Center, attracting a crowds from all over Michigan.

"It amazes me how talented these artists are," said Sheila Kovach from Canton. "I fall in love with every piece I see."

More than 150 talented and award-winning artists participated in this year's event, including Novi resident Nina Cambron.

Cambron, known for her whimsical tiles and fused glass, was the only Novi artist at this year's

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Road bond set for fall ballot

Residents will be asked for second year in row to okay millage.

By Randal Yakey STAFF WRITER

Mayor Richard Clark has given his word. He's said that the new road bond proposal voters will be asked to support this fall will be last, for at least five years.

"If this proposal is approved by the voters, we will not submit any-

more proposals for five years," Clark promised. "You have my word."

The Novi city council unanimously approved the updated \$18.4 million bond proposal at a Saturday special meeting. As part of that package is a citywide neighborhood roads proposal that will "bring the city into the 21st century," according to Clark. The proposal will go in front of the voters on November 7.

A major part of the road bond

proposal will be the paving of a number of gravel roads in the north end, as well as the western end of the city.

"We need to get these roads paved," Clark said. "We have to come up with ways to get this done at the lowest possible cost."

If the road bond is passed, Clark said that he would like to set up a goal session in November to best look at how to implement the road projects, including which gravel

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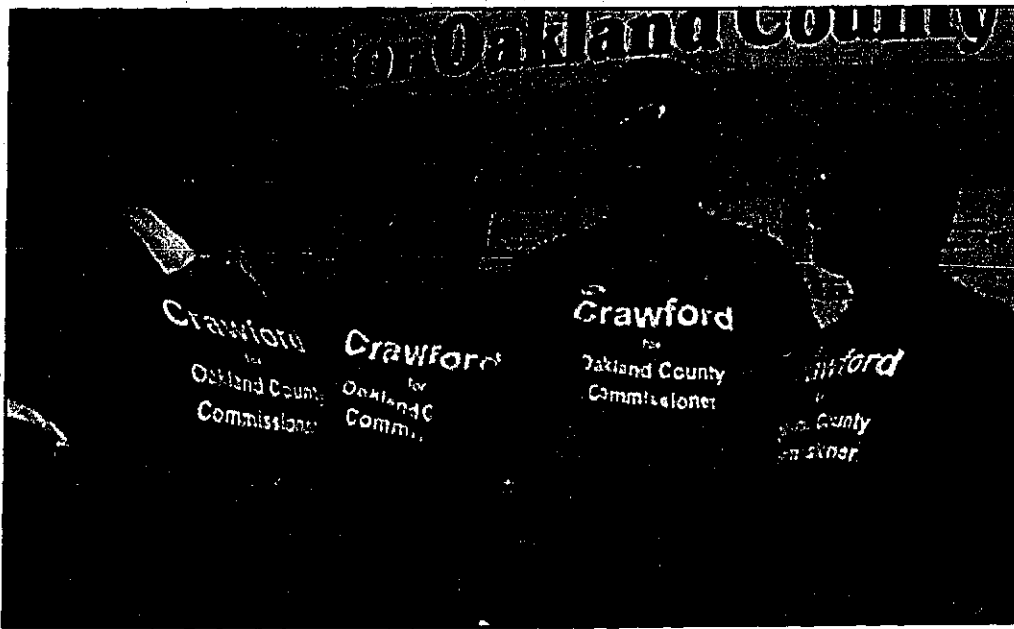


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Commissioner Crawford

Oakland County Commission challenger Hugh Crawford, fourth from left, is with fans at his Novi Expo Center party. From left are his campaign co-chair Diana Canup, wife Kathy, grand-

daughter Alexis Mattison and Bob Gatt. Crawford edged out incumbent Kay Schmid in the GOP primary by 3 percent and faces no Democratic competition. The story's on page 13A.

EMS upgrade will appear before voters

Voters will face two millage proposals in November, one for a full-time fire department and the other for roads.

By Randal Yakey STAFF WRITER

It seems that everybody has an opinion on if there should be a 24-hour full-time fire department in Novi.

But those opinions are just talk, soon there will be an opportunity for voters to take action.

The Novi Firefighters Union Local 3232 was able to secure 2,077 signatures to get the issue on the November 7 ballot. Only 1,575 signatures were needed.

According to the petition, the city charter will be amended to levy an additional tax not exceeding 0.15 mills to increase the fire department staff level. This would provide 24-hour staffing, advanced life support (ALS) emergency medical services and fire station modifications.

Word for the ballot has already been sent to the state for final approval and is expected back for the Oakland County Elections

Division's final approval well before the August 29 deadline, according to the Novi City Clerk's office.

In a report drafted by the fire union, which represents the full-time Fire Protection Officers (FPO) the city would be able to provide ALS services 40 percent faster than the private company is currently providing.

The cost increase to a resident whose home is valued at approximately \$200,000 would be \$150 a year.

Paid-on-call Firefighter Mark Pehrson said that the on-call response times cannot be so far off that it would be detrimental to public safety because that Fire Station Number One, located on Grand River Ave. is manned by on-call personnel after 6 p.m. until the full-time crew shows up at 6 a.m. The team on the sleep-over shift at Station No. 1 is called crew 507.

"If I felt my life of that of my family was in any type of danger or peril, I would be the first in line signing up and soliciting support for this issue," Pehrson said in a letter to the city council.

"However, that is not the case and what is being requested by the union is simply to make their posi-

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Quick-thinking teen



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Andy Jewell, right, and his grandfather Joseph Madill take a look at the medal awarded Andy by the Boy Scouts.

Scout's honored for pulling family from fire

Andy Jewell's mom and grandfather didn't know they were in danger.

By Stephanie Fordyce STAFF WRITER

A house fire can equal disaster for the lives of those inside, but due to the fast action of 18-year-old Andy Jewell of Novi, his mother, grandfather and even his dog are safe and sound.

It was around 5 p.m. in May 1999, and Jewell, who lives on Mallot Avenue, was hanging around outside with his friends. "I was a couple doors down playing street hockey when I

noticed smoke," he said. Jewell followed the thick gray clouds and was shocked at what he discovered. Instead of finding what he thought would be an out-of-control barbecue, he found that it was his own garage going up in flames.

"The flames were about four feet high," he said. "I'm known as a quiet person, but that day the entire neighborhood could hear me (yelling)."

With his heart racing, Jewell dashed inside to warn his mother, Natalie, and grandfather, Joseph Madill. His father, Russell Jewell, and sisters Christine and Michelle, were not home at the time.

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Sister cities forge a bond

Japanese delegation experiences differences of America

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer



Photo by STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Novi City Manager Richard Helwig meets with the 24-member delegation from Novi's sister city Owani, Japan. Each year since 1991, representatives take turns visiting each other's communities, learning about customs across the sea.

In 1991, after a parent from Owani took that country kites made by students of Orchard Hills Elementary, Novi and the Japanese formed a special bond.

Since then, the two sister cities have worked together to develop an international exchange for both their students and school administrators.

On July 29, 18 Japanese students and six members of the Owani school district came to Novi for a four-day stay in America.

The Owani guests stayed with volunteer host families in the community, giving Novi families the opportunity to experience another outlook on life, while sharing their own customs and values with the students.

"It's wonderful because it's a cultural exchange," said Superintendent for Instruction Dr. Rita Traynor. "Also the students get to know one another, our students pick up some Japanese, they learn a little English and we have the opportunity to continue correspond with them."

Throughout their stay, the Owani visitors went to a Lansing Lugnuts baseball game, took a tour of the Novi High School, and enjoyed an "all-American" picnic celebration in their honor.

Novi has sent its own delegations to Owani in 1993, 1995 and again through the Rotary Exchange last year.

At the picnic held on August 1 at the historic Novi Township Hall, students and school officials from both countries, along with host families and city administrators, joined to honor the Owani guest and commemorate the sister city program.

The celebration included lunch, games, and speeches, as well as an exchange of gifts by both parties.

(Americans) "are very straight forward and their hearts are bigger."

Syusaku Kida and Mizuaki Yamada, Owani visitors

community, we would like to welcome you to Novi," said Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe. "We hope you have enjoyed your stay."

Lippe, who visited Owani through the sister city exchange, said he gained a deeper regard and knowledge of their culture and was delighted to have had the chance to visit.

"I had the opportunity to visit Owani and I enjoyed your hospitality and your beautiful town and mountains," he said.

Superintendent of the Owani School District Noboru Yamachi was mutually appreciative of Novi's generosity and kindness and said "this huge land has huge hospitality."

Yamachi thanked the school board and the city of Novi, followed by a presentation of gifts to City Manager Rick Helwig and other community administrators.

Gifts included a book on the history of Owani, which is known for snow skiing, calligraphy supplies, a fan, banner, baseball hat and a pin.

For Jack Wang, a former Novi High School student now attending the University of Pennsylvania, and his family this is the second time they have been host families for Owani visitors.

"I think this is a great program," he said. "In fact the two students we are hosting now are the cousins from the previous exchange students we had."

On behalf of the school district and the entire

aski Yamada, 16, who stayed with the Wang family, said they have really enjoyed their visit, even despite the rainy weather.

In fact this is not just Kida and Yamada's first time in the United States, but their first time outside Japan.

One major thing the two students noticed when they arrived is that Americans "are very straight forward and their hearts are bigger."

Other differences between the two countries, they found, were that cars drive on the other side of the road, American food is served in much larger portions, and that Japanese television is more host-based.

Surprisingly, while Kida and Yamada say the youth style of dress is pretty much the same as theirs, although the American teenagers are more mature.

In terms of schooling, the two said students in the United States have more freedom in choosing their classes, while in Japan, the schools are more structured.

To give them a taste of another country, the Wang family took Kida and Yamada across the border into Canada for dinner.

The two said it was really appealing being able to travel to different countries by car, as Japan is an island.

Kida and Yamada added that they would love to come back.

Traynor said the sister exchange program is a wonderful example of global education, and that they couldn't have done it without the cooperation and willingness of not only the city's administrators, but the host families as well.

"We especially would like to thank the host families because without them, none of this would be possible," she said.

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Spots open for Chamber golf outing

Room is still available for the Novi Chamber of Commerce's 13th annual golf outing, the Tycoon Tee-Off. The event will take place on August 17 at the Cattaits Golf Club in South Lyon.

The outing will not only include a great day of golf, but contests, prizes and food as well.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and tee-off begins at 10 a.m. The complete golf package is \$125 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, bag service, lunch at the turn, refreshments on the course, four drink tickets, a 2-hour standard bar at dinner, and a steak entree.

The event is sponsored by the Novi Expo Center and Verizon Wireless. The Hole-In-One contest is sponsored by Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC.

If you can't golf, but would still like your company to have a presence, you can donate a gift or giveaway with your company logo - whether it be a coffee mug or a dinner for two. Last year's putting contest winner took home over \$200, so don't miss out on the fun. Plan to arrive early and get in the contest.

Any questions? Call the Novi Chamber of Commerce office at (248) 349-3743.

Cattaits Golf Club is located between Curry and Griswald Roads on 9 mile in South Lyon.

Volunteers needed for facility committee

The Northville Board of Education is looking for citizens and employees of the Northville Public School District who are willing to volunteer for the Citizens/Staff facility review committee.

This committee will recommend options to the district to alleviate the over crowding projected for the next several years in the Northville School District.

All interested parties may submit their names to Assistant Superintendent Dave Boltho by August 31.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said he hopes to begin the meetings for the committee in September and conclude in January of 2001 with a recommendation to the board of education.

More information may be obtained by calling (248)344-8441.

Novi teachers learn technology for class use

By Stephanie Fordyce
STAFF WRITER

"Kids lives are very different than when we went to school. We need to keep our kids up to date so they will be able to compete with the rest of the world."

Milan Obrenovich
Novi Middle School principal

Approximately 90 percent of Michigan students sit in classes with teachers who are unprepared to use technology, according to a recent study by the Governor's Next Day Teacher Innovation grant program sponsored by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Michigan Virtual University.

So in order to help educators and administrators better incorporate today's technology into their classrooms, the Ameritech Technology Academy (ATA) designed a two-day workshop hosted by Novi Middle School. On August 3 and 4, teachers and other school administrators from the area overheard the ATA program.

"A school's inclusion in the ATA program indicates that it values using technology to improve student learning," said Executive Director of the Michigan Association for Computer-related Technology Users in Learning (MACUL) and Director of ATA Ric Wiltsie.

In addition to the two-day summer session, the ATA project includes on-site visits by trainers, online mentoring and sharing among participants and other educators of the best technology integration practices reported.

Wiltsie explained that out of 250 applicants, 100 school-based teams were selected to participate in the first ever ATA workshop with four members to each team.

The middle school's team consisted of Carolyn Kidder, Sharon Kowalski, Debra Felton-Levy and Milan Obrenovich.

Obrenovich said he was eager to take advantage of the ATA training.

"We want to assess where we are and evaluate how to meet the needs of our kids now and for the future," he said.

"We want to do a better job of integrating technology into our classrooms. No matter where you are, you can always move to a higher level."

Obrenovich feels the networking and connections created during the workshop will be very valuable for his team and the Novi Community School District.

Wiltsie said the ATA program positively affects the students as well as the community, because the program gives educators the expertise and the confidence to use technology.

"The community benefits because the school becomes more in tune to what's happening in technology and society, and the students obviously benefit because their teachers are more skilled in using it," he said.

The first day of the ATA workshop focuses on technology integration. Featured are lab sessions and team activities intended to make the learning practical, with direct application to a classroom and a school.

The day concludes with a

technology in a sustained and effective manner, develop and implement educational technology training programs for their schools, mentor fellow educators, identify common topics on which to focus building level training, and sustain their professional development by participating in on-going opportunities for growth, among other skills.

Director of Technology Programs for Novi Community Schools James Fry said in order for schools to continue to be successful, the staff must be up on the latest technological advancements.

"Kids lives are very different than when we went to school," he said. "We need to keep our kids up to date so they will be able to compete with the rest of the world."

As a result of the ATA program, participants will be able to use

Additional support for the ATA has been provided by Michigan Virtual University and the Michigan Department of Education. ATA partners also include the MACUL, Michigan Institute for Educational Management (MIEM), Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA), and the Offices of Michigan Governor John Engler and United States Senator Carl Levin.

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Festival winners

Brian Gluck, 12, and Erik Hjelmsberg, 7, of Novi along with Karen Polzin, 8, of Milford show off the radio-controlled cars they received from the Novi News after entering a contest at this year's Music & Motor Fest at the Novi Expo Center.

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Days and times are: weekdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m. Adult admission is \$5; senior admission is \$3; and kids 17 and under, free. Coupons are available at all Damman Hardware locations. Southeast Michigan Bank One locations, participating MHA members, retailers, or online at www.michhome.org. For more information, call the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association at (517) 349-3300.

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Woman suffers identity crisis of credit card

By Andrew Dieterich
STAFF WRITER

Northville resident Betty McBride-Stratton said her credit card bill from Lerner's of New York seemed a little funny — especially since she didn't even have an account there.

That was what she thought, anyway, until the company started calling her looking for a payment on a card with her name on it. She later learned that not only had an account been opened with her name, but someone applied to other accounts with her information.

A Wayne County Sheriff's Department investigation led them to a former co-worker of McBride-Stratton's who had taken information from old employment applications to open credit accounts.

LaToya Whitlow, 22, Westland, was arraigned July 31 on felony charges of credit identity theft. She also may be involved in as many as 20 cases of credit card fraud, investigators said, as far away as Oklahoma.

"It makes you feel very angry and vulnerable," McBride-Stratton said. "You're living your life and then all of the sudden something like this happens. It's very disruptive."

McBride-Stratton said she then received calls from representatives of Discover and Sears who asked her if she had applied for credit. Those places did not give the credit to the applicant so there wasn't any monetary damage. She was instructed to put her name on fraud alert by the credit companies, which she did. However, Whitlow was able to obtain an instant credit account at Lerner's, where she immediately ran up more than \$500 in charges.

Lerner's called her looking for a payment and I told them I didn't even have an account there," McBride-Stratton said.

County investigators were able to trace the fraudulent applicant to a former temporary worker of McBride-Stratton whose job duties included inputting employment application information from applicants to the computer. The information included things such as social security numbers and addresses.

McBride-Stratton said it has been hard to identify anything she could have done to prevent the access to her information.

Detective Rescoe Jackson, Wayne County Sheriff's Department, said

McBride-Stratton didn't have many options.

"The perpetrator in this case is a co-worker and had contact with this information," he said. "She would then go to a public library and order these cards."

However, her Livonia place of employment has given applicants the opportunity to not put social security information on applications at least until hired.

Detective Paul Sumner, Northville Township police, said there are several steps people can take to prevent identity theft.

"The first thing to do is be cautious about giving away credit card information on the Internet," he said.

Identity theft also may be prevented by being cautious with canceled checks because they do have account information, he said.

"Unfortunately, there is always going to be a certain amount of that kind of theft," Sumner said.

Vandals target new Northville middle school

By Melanie Plenda
STAFF WRITER

The writing is not only on the walls of Meads Mill Middle School, but on signs around town and even the new Hillsdale Middle school.

There has been a recent rash of vandalism around town the first of which was reported June 15 and seeming to end July 25. This four week spree which covered area street signs and the walls of several Meads Mill schools included several students breaking into an outdoor classroom and damaging the property in the building.

Detective Paul Sumner said the end of the vandalism seems to coincide with the end of summer school which was held at the middle school.

However, Principal Sue Meyer said the incidents are completely unrelated to summer school.

"There was similar vandalism around town," she said.

"(At Meads) The outside light was out at the back of the school and there was a big blank wall that's all they needed."

Sumner said he felt the vandalism had something to do with summer school mainly because the time span in which most of it took place fell into the scheduling of classes. Also much of the graffiti

was found at Meads Mill, he said.

Meyer said they check the building every day, photograph the graffiti if there is any to help the police, and then quickly remove it.

She said this is the best way they have found to deter further writing.

Further, she said they let it be known vandalism of any kind will not be tolerated and punish those caught accordingly.

Meyer said they try to make the punishment fit the crime and intent plus a large part in determining this.

"If a light or window gets broken but the kid didn't mean to do it they will have to pay for it but life goes on," she said. "But if it looks as though it were malicious then we follow the district guidelines for vandalism."

According to the district handbook the punishment for intentional destruction of school property ranges from suspension to expulsion and is left to the discretion of school administrators.

Sumner said for their part if the school or property owner wants to press to charges the police often work with Northville Youth assistance and the juvenile diversion program through the 35th District Court.

Here minors are offered community service projects and put on probation.

If they stay out of trouble for the next year the incident is cleared from their record. If they do get into trouble, however, they will go through the court system.

Sumner said it is hard to tell what percentage of these cases are repeat offenders, because vandalism is often difficult to trace.

However, due to some clever police work and working closely with the teachers at the school they were able to catch some of the vandals from their artistic ability.

"We showed pictures of the writing to some of the English and art teachers. They were able to tell us who had the writing skills and artistic ability to create this type of graffiti and through the process of elimination they were caught," he said.

Sumner said with the rise of the incidents they have increased police presence around the building.

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Fire log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Aug. 4. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad which reported to the call.

Monday, July 31
Medical, 24994 Sarah Flynn, 12:35 a.m., Squad 4.
Vehicle fire, 1-275 Ramp, 11:45 a.m., Engine 3.
Fire alarm, 40000 High Pointe, 12:26 p.m., Engines 3, 1.
Tuesday, Aug. 1
Medical, 24111 Meadowbrook, 1:14 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 41710 Manor Park, 5:27 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 40000 High Pointe, 7:01 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
Car fire, 1-96 and Beck Road, 7:05 a.m., Engine 4.
Fire alarm, 43055 Crescent, 9:43 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 10:17 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 1919 Paramount, 3:42 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 7:15 p.m., Squad 1.
Wires down, Eight Mile and Beck Road, 10:29 p.m., Engine 4.
Wednesday Aug. 2
Medical, 24524 Old Orchard, 12:48 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:48 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 3:42 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 4:24 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Haggerty, 7:05 p.m., Squad 2.
Building fire, 24379 Surfside, 9:19 p.m., Engines 4, 1.
Car fire, 25916 Bollau, 10:43 p.m., Engine 2.
Thursday, Aug. 3
Medical, 22238 Solomon, 12:39 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, noon, Squad 1.
Medical, 26210 Wyoming, 1:58 p.m., Squad 4.
Investigation, 42010 Grand River, 4:46 p.m., Squad 1.
Electrical fire, 45663 White Pines, 6:24 p.m., Engine 4.
Wires arcing, Taft and White Pines, 6:28 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:03 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 24655 Old Orchard, 8:37 p.m., Squad 1.
Friday, Aug. 4
Medical, 624 Fieddermouse, 4:24 a.m., Squad 4.
Investigation, 44400 Ten Mile Road, 9:45 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Grand River and Novi Road, 12:28 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 50927 Delaware, 3:24 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 22536 Terrace, 4:15 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Twelve Oaks and Novi Road, 5:21 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 6:33 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 8:50 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 40172 Ladene, 10:04 p.m., Squad 3.
Saturday, Aug. 5
Car fire, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 11:17 a.m., Engine 3.
Trash fire, 721 South Lake, 11:22 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, Penny's and Twelve Oaks, 3:25 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 47289 Scarlet Drive, 6:59 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 31216 Kingswood, 8:08 p.m., Squad 2.
Sunday, Aug. 6
Medical, 41781 Onaway, 9:18 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 45182 West Park, 3:59 p.m., Engines 2, 1.
Fire alarm, 45182 West Park, 4:42 p.m., Engines 2, 1.
Injury accident, Novi Road and West Oaks, 5:56 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23624 Chipmunk Trail, 7:31 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 47185 Scarlet Drive, 8:20 p.m., Squad 4.
Wires down, Eleven Mile and Arcadia, 10:15 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 3101 Beachwalk, 11:17 p.m., Squad 2.

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Arts, crafters park their wares at Novi Town Center

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It was a very successful weekend. Cambron said. My sales were brisk and the other artists really enjoyed Novi. While Cambron only had to travel as far as her backyard, some artists came from as far away as Florida, New York, Texas, California and even Canada to exhibit at this two-day extravaganza.

The Howard Alan shows are wonderful," said Cambron, who has displayed her art work at the Novi festival for the second year in a row. "What makes them unique is that they draw a lot of out-of-state artists. So you find things at the show that you wouldn't ordinarily find at a local festival." Displayed at the festival were oil and watercolor paintings, bloom glass, fine ceramics and pottery.

metal and wood sculptures- both small and life-sized, photography, furniture, stained glass, and jewelry. Artwork ranged from \$20 up to \$30,000. Fifty-seven-year-old Mona Jablonski of Livonia said while she was initially only there to observe, she ended up purchasing a large wooden pelican sculpture for \$250 that she'll be placing in the back-

yard of her cottage up north. "It just caught my eye and I knew I had to have it," she said. "My husband is going to love it. He's real big on birds." In addition to the wide assortment of art exhibited, the festival also featured musical entertainment including Indian satirist Steve Mike, saxophonist Mark Maxwell and keyboardist Dan McClerran.

A number of food pavilions also filled the festival, with treats such as frozen yogurt, roasted almonds, hot dogs, hamburgers, Chinese cuisine and kettle corn. Whether participants were there to browse or buy, it was an occasion appreciated by all. "This is even better than the Ann Arbor art fair," said Jablonski. "You don't have to fight off the enormous crowds and the art here is much more interesting." Jablonski added that this is the first time she has attended the Novi event and that she'll definitely be back again next year.

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Expo Center gets into art action later this month

The art fair craze continues in Novi as the Novi Expo Center welcomes the First Annual SnapOne Fine Arts Festival on August 18-20. Artists from all over Michigan will be at the event, which will feature photography, oil and water paintings, jewelry, metal art, hand-blown glass, hand dyed silk scarves, and sculpted tin umbrellas. The art gala will also include food and drink concessions and acoustic musical entertainment. Exhibitors such as black and

white photographer Monte Nagler, aviation painter Rick Herter, and many Michigan galleries including Art Leaders Gallery of West Bloomfield and Geoffrey Robert Fine Art of Grand Rapids are showcased at the event. Photographer Patricia Noubhan, founder of SnapOne's Fine Arts Festival, will also be displaying her work. Noubhan has been a life-long photographer of the outdoors. This festival is her inaugural kickoff to a

yearly fine arts event. According to Noubhan, the goal is to bring together the finest nationwide showcase of art to the area, no crafts. "Of all the shows and art fairs I've exhibited in, I haven't found one that truly kept in to fine arts," said Noubhan. "Most shows seem to want to fill as much space as possible, even those claiming they are fine arts shows." Although this does provide more choices to attendees, I feel people have to really search

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out for what they like or want." While Noubhan said SnapOne's festival may have fewer exhibitors than most art fairs, she is keeping true to her work of quality versus quantity. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$6 and children 12 and under get in free. Proceeds from the event benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

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Golfer gives cash for heart disease

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ural and engineering firm in Wixom. Because his father suffered a heart attack at such a young age, Neville is at high risk for developing heart disease. With that in mind, he exercises, watches his diet and limits the stress in his life. He also realizes the value of the research that the American Heart Association helps to fund. "If my father would have had his heart attack today, he may have had a better chance of survival with all of the new treatments available," said Neville. The American Heart Association spent \$327 million during fiscal year 1998-99 on research support, public and professional education and community programs. With more than four million volunteers, the American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.

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Camille Kureth, with the Novi Concert Band, plays her notes carefully under the direction of Jack Kopnick.

Big Band Boom

Novi Concert Band keeps the music alive

Songs like Zoot Suit Riot or groups like the Brian Setzer Orchestra have brought back the big band sound.

Well, for a group of local musicians, the big band sound never went away. Neither did the sounds of the classics or any number of styles that have been banished from the FM dial in recent years.

The Novi Concert Band is embracing the music of the past and presenting it to those ears unfamiliar with it.

Novi Band Director, Jack Kopnick, who worked for 38 years in the Allen Park School System as a band, choir and English instructor, continues to pursue his love of music. He's been the Novi Concert Band Director since 1992 and has always been excited about music.

"My major instruments are the clarinet and the saxophone," Kopnick said. "I'm also a publisher, a composer and an arranger."

Kopnick said that the Novi band is extremely flexible with the ability to go from jazz, to pop, big band, and even classical concert music. They also change up the kinds of music they perform.

"We do a little bit of everything," Kopnick said. "From symphony to Broadway and right now, we're working on some Dixieland."

According to Kopnick, there are a wide range of musicians that are dedicated to music and the band.

Diran Kochyan is the music director of the Garden City Schools, instructing students from grades 6-12.

"I'm the first clarinet and I help tune up the band," Kochyan said. "I started early. My first clarinet was made of wood, but I soon graduated to plastic."

Kochyan comes from a musical family. He has a son at Novi Meadows interested in music and a brother who is a band member in an Armentan folk band.

"We do folk music, weddings, and

cultural festivals," Kochyan said. "My brother plays the Oud (which) is the grandfather to the guitar. It's a double five string guitar much like the Greek Bozouki. My brother plays it in the band."

Kochyan and Kopnick, both alumni of Wayne State University's music department, have been involved with the Novi band for over eight years.

"We both graduated (together)," Kochyan said. "We had an anniversary and were both were in the alumni band."

Like Kopnick, Kochyan loves the idea that the Novi band is willing to try many different types of musical styles.

"We like to do classical and modern music," Kochyan said. "Basically, I like performing. I like getting up there and playing for the audience, that's where it's the most fun for me."

But each musician in the band has different influences. Kochyan said that he likes many different kinds of music.

"I like Pete Fountain," Kochyan said, "and my instructor in college was a real big influence on me. Paul Schaller was the first chair of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for 38 years. He was a fascinating person and a real good musician."

Kochyan likes the classics also. He's always been interested in how the classic composers used the clarinet.

"I love Mozart," Kochyan said. "He's my favorite composer and I love Mozart's Clarinet Concertos. It's just they way the piece works."

Kochyan also performs in a number of bands besides the Wayne State alumni band and the Novi band including the Michigan All-Star Band.

"I'm kept pretty busy," Kochyan said.

But not all of the members of the Novi band are professional musicians or instructors wishing to

maintain their stage presence, however. Some are music lovers wanting to get back into the habit of playing music in a band setting.

Camille Kureth grew up in Lake City, Minn., along the banks of the St. Croix River that separates Minn. and Wis.

"I went to St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.," Kureth said. "Where Jesse James had his last bank robbery."

Kureth was interested in children's health and wanted to move into the medical field.

"I went to graduate school at the University of Minnesota to become a pediatrician," Kureth said. "I did my residence at Children's Hospital in Detroit. My husband was from the area; we just stayed on here."

With an interest in music and finding herself in unfamiliar surroundings, Kureth went to the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

"We moved to Novi in 1979," Kureth said. "Later, I began looking for a musical outlet and I found it with the Novi (Concert) Band. I've been with the band now for 16 years. It's been fun and I really enjoy making music with the other musicians in the band."

Kureth said that the band gives her a chance to get away from the other things in her life: the stress and strain of work and family. Kureth is employed by the Henry Ford Medical Group.

"I use it to release a lot of tension," Kureth said. "It really helps to get those things behind you."

Kureth's musical taste is widespread.

"I listen to almost anything," Kureth said. "I'm not a real country or acid rock fan."

The next band appearance will be on August 10th beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information on the Novi Concert Band, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.



Matt Smith plays the vibraphone with the Novi Concert Band.

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Music to dance to

By Randal Yaakey

STAFF WRITER

What do moving your feet and the Novi Concert Band have in common? Well, get your dancing shoes on and call up your best girl or guy and head down to the Novi Civic Center Auditorium beginning around 7:30 p.m. That's where the Novi band will be entertaining those interested in foot stomping music.

The band has been practicing down at the Novi High School on Tuesday night to get ready for the concert. And the Novi band is the only band where professional musicians get together with some of the top amateurs in the area.

Some of the songs that the band will be playing will include a medley of Irish and Hungarian Folk Dances, the fifth of 21 Dances created by the composer Johannes Brahms - Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral. The band will also do Richard Wagner's

wedding processional, all to get your feet tapping.

"The band is very versatile," Novi Band Director Jack Kopnick said. "These are very talented musicians."

And if you into Polka music, you get a good taste of it down at the Civic Center. The band will be doing the Polish Polka called Red, White and Brass; a medley of American Polkas including that old standard, the Pennsylvania Polka.

The band has been also working on some Broadway production pieces by the late Bob Fosse.

There will be Italian folk songs as well as a number of American folk dances and the American square dances; Fanfare, Canto and Fandangos.

But, according to Kopnick, the band has really been working hard on the New Orleans style Dixieland featuring the "State Street Strut."

Locals dream up Novipalooza

Punk rock is alive and well in Novi, and Saturday night, August 12, four local bands will hit the stage at the Civic Center for "Novipalooza."

The band 9miles2go will headline the event along with Mega Men, Mattress Testars and Janitor Jake.

The show runs from 7-10 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at www.tourdates.com or by e-mail at ninemiles2go@juno.com. Tickets must be bought in advance. For more concert information call (248) 342-5377.

NOW MEET THE BANDS:

9miles2go

9miles2go, otherwise known as "your mom's favorite band," was formed in 1998. Members include vocalist Bryan Beeler, 16, on guitar, Chris Kauffman, 17, on bass and Derek Michaelson, 17, on drums. The group describes their music as somewhere between N'Sync and N.K.O.T.B. The guys said their biggest influences have been "everything."

Mega Men

Mega Men has been together since 1999. Members include lead vocalist Mark Bonaventura, 14, on guitar, Chris Brandis, 14, on bass and back up vocals, and Brad Dobryden, 14, on drums. The guys say their influences encompass bands like Blink 182, No Use For A Name, and MxPx. The band describes their music as, simply, "fun." To learn more about the group, check out their website at www.angelfire.com/bc/megamen

The Mattress Testars

The Mattress Testars was formed in March of 2000. Band members include Andrew Krupansky, 14, Adam Crepeau, 14, John Paul Sherbeck, 13, Will Elkins, 14, Jason Bates, 14, and Jon Postema, 14. The group says their biggest influences have been bands like Less Than Jake, Reel Big Fish, MxPx, AC/DC, Mustard Plug, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and Bad Manners. The guys, who describe their music as ska/punk, will have a CD coming out this fall entitled "The Ideal Job." The guys add, "we like girls."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

(Above) Mattress Testars; from left, Adam Crepeau, John Paul Sherbeck and Andrew Krupansky (on guitar.)

(Above Left) 9Miles2Go members Bryan Beeler, Derek Michaelson (in vampire cape) and Chris Kauffman.

(Left) Mega Men Brad Dobryden, Mark Bonaventura (middle) and Chris Brandis.

MOVIES

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"Space Cowboys" is out of this world fun

Space Cowboys
MPAA Rating: PG-13
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By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Get ready to blast off into outer space. *Space Cowboys*, starring Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, James Garner and Donald Sutherland, will leave audiences laughing and marveling at how four senior citizens were able to pass NASA's requirements to be launched into outer space.

The Warner Bros. film, which was released Aug. 4, begins with scenes set in the late 1950s. The four men were expert jet pilots for the Air Force who were gyped out of astronaut training by NASA, who decided to send a monkey up instead.

Nearly four decades later, Eastwood is called out of his retirement to retrieve a malfunctioning deadly Cold War satellite. The Russian satellite, Ikon, is equipped with ancient technology that only Eastwood and his flying buddies understand and is scheduled to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere within a matter of weeks.

Officials from NASA request the former pilot to go up in a space shuttle to repair the satellite and save the Earth from imminent disaster. Eastwood reluctantly agrees, but only under the condition that his three retired chums accompany him on the mission.

The three men share about the same level of enthusiasm as Eastwood and form the renowned Team Daedalus.

After much controversy and much to

NASA's dismay, the four retired men are the only ones capable of understanding and repairing the outdated technology. Eyebrows are also raised by NASA officials and younger astronauts as the four pass the required physical exam and begin their intense but brief training.

Space Cowboys, which is directed and produced by Clint Eastwood, is filled with laughs and pokes fun at the aging characters competing against their younger and more athletic counterparts.

A hilarious scene is set in the space facilities cafeteria, in which trim and muscular astronauts have a round of Ensure drinks delivered to the retired pilots' table. Playing along with the joke, the four men raise their jars and the health drink. Not to be outdone by their wit, the four men later have several jars of baby food delivered to the young astronauts' lunch table.

Other comedic acts include the four men undergoing their space training and competing to prove "they've still got it" to NASA.

Predictably, plans to repair the shuttle go awry and the crew of the space shuttle, which includes the four senior citizens and two other members, faces unexpected obstacles and difficult decisions.

Space Cowboys has the typical plot of a problematic space mission, complete with the usual nuisances of shuttle difficulties and even having to deal with six nuclear warhead missiles attached to the satellite.

Eastwood and his team's solution to dealing with these unexpected dilemmas is a bit predictable but in spite of the ordinariness of the plot, *Space Cowboys* will give viewers some laughs, some chuckles and a little bit of mystery.



James Garner, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland, high tech adventure, "Space Cowboys." The movie and Clint Eastwood appear in the Warner Bros. Pictures' opened in theaters nationwide last weekend.

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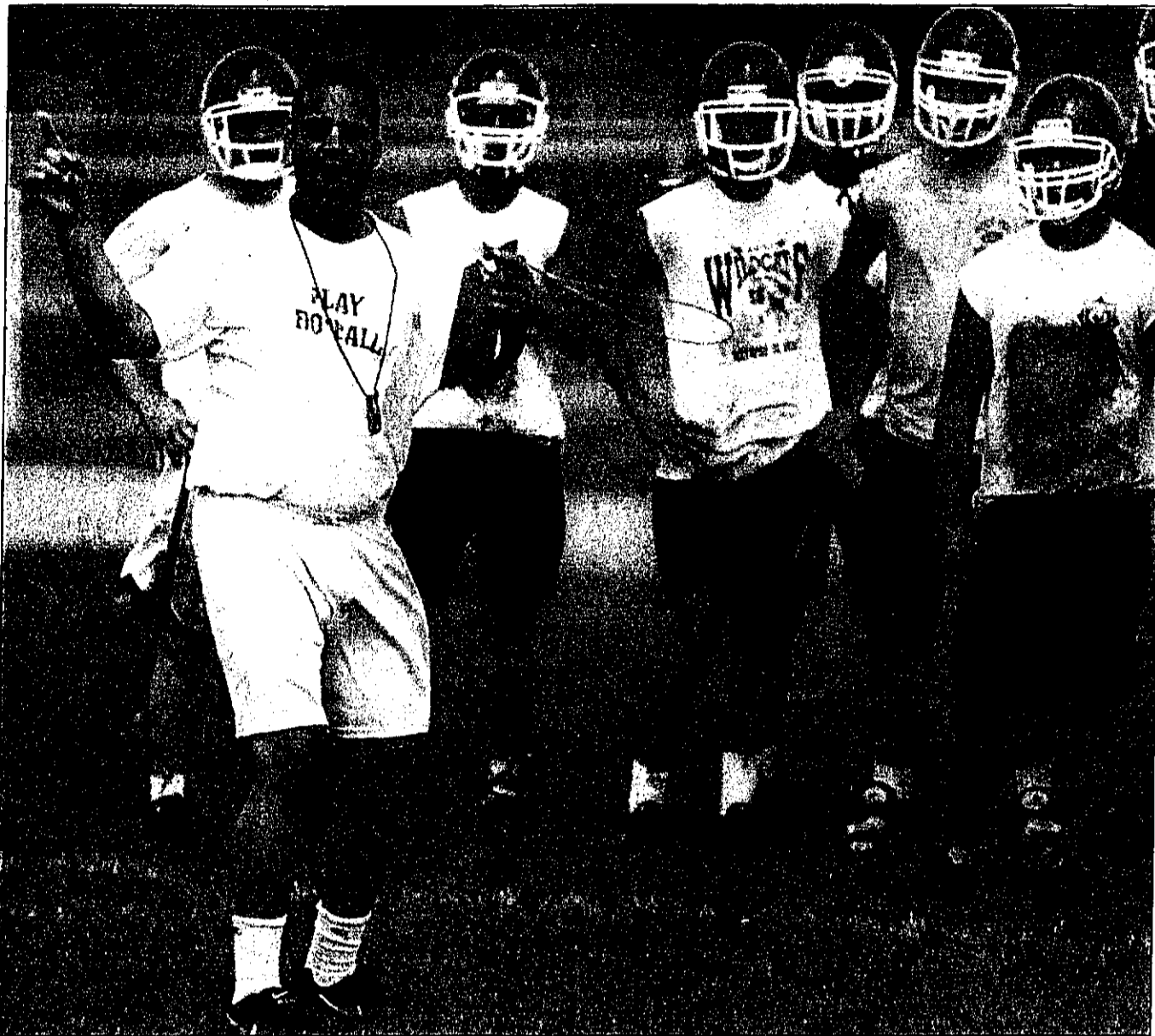
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New coach, new season at Novi



Kellepourey likes what he sees at first practice

By Jason Schmitt
SPORTS EDITOR

The faces on the sidelines are the same as they were seven years ago. Tab Kellepourey made his official start as the Novi varsity football coach, when his team took the practice field for the first time Monday morning. Kellepourey was a member of former coach John Osborne's staff throughout much of the late 1980s and early 90s. He is back on the Novi sidelines after a six-year stint as the head coach at Hartland High School.

"I'm already impressed, as usual," Kellepourey said about his return to Novi. "I was simply amazed at what they've got over here. The practice facilities are tremendous. It's nice to have real estate to work on."

Osborne was on the practice field Monday as two-a-day practices began, so it's not as if his retirement has taken him away from the program. "He's going to be with us as a program coach," Kellepourey said of his former mentor. "He'll be working with the varsity some, but he'll be helping out the coaches on JV, freshmen and even the eighth-grade teams."

"He's just as sharp as ever and he really pushes the staff hard."

Much of Osborne's staff is now working under Kellepourey, who coached alongside them his first time around. The coach said his team has been working hard all summer long with its strength and conditioning programs, with the varsity team reporting at 7:30 a.m. three days a week.

"It's been a real nice summer," he said. "Things seem to be going well."

It's exciting to be where we are at this point."

Early workouts show that the team will not be big, but what it lacks in size it makes up for in other areas. "We're going to be small, but we always are," Assistant Coach Craig Caurdy said. "But I think we're going to have some good speed on this team."

Novi lost many key components from last year's team, including all of its backfield and defensive secondary. Both lines also lost some key contributors. Caurdy said it won't be long before the coaching staff will know just exactly what it has to work with.

"It's just not enough time," he said. The team has a green and white intersquad scrimmage on Saturday (5 p.m.) and will square-off in a four-team scrimmage either August 17 or 18.

Look in next week's *Novi News* for an in-depth look into the Novi Wildcats.

NOVI FOOTBALL		
Date	Opponent	H/A
8/25	N. Farmington	H
9/1	Lakeland	A
9/8	Brighton	H
9/15	South Lyon	A
9/22	Hartland	H
9/29	Millford	A
10/6	Plymouth	H
10/13	Howell	A
10/20	Novi	A

Members of the varsity football team look on as new coach Tab Kellepourey shouts out instructions Monday afternoon.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

It's only a matter of time

St. Johns golf course challenges golfers with new nine

Sometimes judging a course by its cover can be deceiving.

St. Johns Golf Club in Plymouth has undergone a lot of changes over the past two years, and the course currently has its share of scratches. But it hasn't always been that way, and it certainly won't remain that way for long.

The golf course added a third nine holes, making it one of the largest golf courses in the Northville/Novi area. The erection of the newest nine has left the course with a few rough areas here and there.

But despite all of this, the golf at St. Johns is very enjoyable and the atmosphere is very appealing. The design of the course can be challenging with the added distance of the back tees.

Whether it's Matthew, Mark or Luke, each nine has its share of challenges. And you can't depend on the man upstairs to get you out of trouble. Some of the courses' traps are deadly.

I can attest to that after playing the newest nine holes at the course. The Matthew course (19-

27) is the newest of three nines. Every hole has sand on it at some point, with some holes disguising themselves as beaches.

The 22nd hole is a tough challenge, especially if played from the back tees. From an elevated tee area, the golfer must not only clear the water which runs in front of the hole, but also a pair of sand traps which protect the frontside of the green.

The green is of decent size, but a front pin placement or a weak drive can spell disaster. My shot was right on line, but fell about six feet short of the green into the trap. It took me three shots to get out of trouble and onto the green. The lip of the trap was so steep that it actually was pointing back at me. The hole itself, however, is beautiful.

After winding your way back through a par four and another par three, hole No. 25 is another beauty. It's a par five which measures 481 yards from the back tees and 474 from the middle.

The beauty of the hole is off the once-again elevated tee boxes sur-

rounded by flowers. The tee shot must clear some immediate water (no problem) and be kept straight. Anything to the right or left will be lost. The safe play on your next shot should be short of the green, say 15-20 yards or so. St. Johns' designers had the heart to drop a large bunker in front of the green, making it nearly impossible to hit the green in two. The green is somewhat large, if they let you use it.

Being the newest, Matthew is a bit rough, but in great shape considering it just opened this spring.

The Luke Course is a bit nicer (for now). But it's no easier. There's a pair of par fives, back to back, at 11 and 12 which would make any long hitter cringe.

The first is manageable, but the second is downright scary. Tip from the bogey golfer I am: Stay to the left if possible. Even if your first shot is right, bring the ball back the left side if you want a feasible shot at the green.

Evil, downright evil describes the person who designed this hole. The rest of the nine holes are manageable, and actually quite beautiful.

The original nine holes at St. Johns was constructed some 50 years ago, designed by Al Waltrous. An additional nine holes were added back in the early 1980s.

The matured holes are very beautiful, but also provide a solid challenge to those who make the trip down to Five Mile and Sheldon. The new nine look very good for being just four months old, but need some more time to mature and grow.

St. Johns is open to the public, however tee times may be tough to get because of its popularity and league play.

The course is located at 14830 Sheldon Road, just north of M-14. For more information or to get a tee time, call (734) 453-1047.

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Raptors capture first...

The Novi Raptors captured first place in the 2000 Pinto Division State Tournament hosted by Novi. The Raptors are team members from the Novi Youth Baseball League Pinto Division. Team members include (front, l-r) Adam Paul, Gregory Lorrain, head coach

Chris Pence, Cody Leach, Zachary Mohr, Nathan Carolin, Doug McGinn. In the second row are Jeremy Feig, Josh Lovatt, Steven Rajkovic, Ricky Enright, Anthony DiPaolo, David Paul and Jeff Feig. Missing is Mark DePotter.



Madness take third...

The Motor City Madness U-16 team finished third at the Petoskey Invite last week. The team finished 17-10 overall this year and won the Clio Invite and won two games at the ASA Nationals in Columbus. Team members (front, l-r) include Lacie Rudolph, Sarah Lynch, Lindsay Fedluk, Melissa Tavidian and

Victoria Kaiser. The 2nd row consists of coach Linda Rudolph-Schweizer, Megan Coligan, Holly VanCleave, Elizabeth Stevens, Megan Fedluk, Rachel DeCorvo, coach David Tavidian, Carly Tracey, Erica Breisacher and coach Eric Oakley. Not pictured is Jenny Wenzel.



Above is the course layout at St. Johns Golf Course in Plymouth.

Sport shorts

GIRLS B-BALL TRYOUTS
The Novi High School Girls basketball team will be holding their tryouts from Monday-Friday this upcoming week. Tryouts will be held on Monday and Tuesday (Aug. 14-15) from 8:30-10 a.m. Tryouts on Wednesday-Friday will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. All tryouts will be held in the field house at the high school.

NATIONAL GYMNASTICS DAY
The Novi Sports Club will be honoring a National Gymnastics Day this Saturday (Aug. 12) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those attending will be able to join a free class. There will be a team demonstration at noon. To register, please call (248) 735-8850, ext. 3112.

HOCKEY LEAGUES AVAILABLE
Ed's Sports, located at 22807 Hestip Drive in Novi, is now accepting players and teams for adult hockey leagues playing at the Novi Ice Arena this fall. The leagues are for over 20, 30, 40 and 50. Please call Ed at 1-800-924-6114 for more information or visit his website at www.edshockey.com

INDIANS BASEBALL TRYOUTS
The Michigan Indians travel baseball team based in Plymouth

will hold tryouts for next year's team on Sunday August 27th at 4:00 PM at Massey Field. This will be a 12 year old team (must be 12 or younger after August 1, 2000) for the 2001 season. This is a very competitive level of play. For more information please contact Mark Glover at 248-349-3392, anytime.

TOTAL BASEBALL FALL LEAGUES OFFERED
Total Baseball will be sponsoring a fall baseball league starting August 12 and running through October 15. Age divisions include 11-12, 13-14, JV and varsity high school. All the games will be played on the weekends. This is one of the largest fall baseball programs in the country.

All high school rosters will be sent to the Michigan colleges and professional teams. Wood bats are allowed. Registration is \$210 per individual and \$1,350 per team. There will be a \$75 forfeit fee returned. Playoffs and trophies are included to those who qualify. Registration deadline is Aug. 5. Call Total Baseball in Wixom at (248) 668-0166 for more details.

NOVI HIGH LOOKING FOR COACHES
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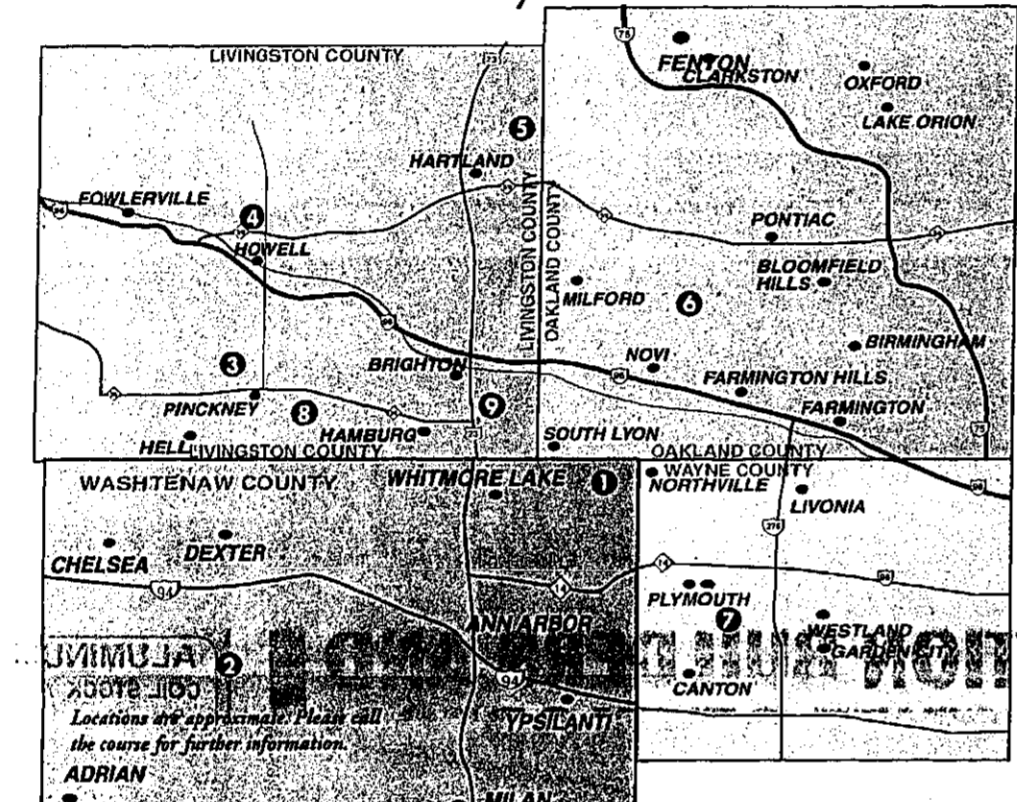
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Food Allergy Counseling

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) 926-3341.

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.

Breastfeeding Basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines.

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required. For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction. This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100. To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

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Diabetes Education

This comprehensive program includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

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Surgical Preparation

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

Weight on the Run

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

Child Health Clinics

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

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

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

Healthy Solutions Seminar

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


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Blood pressure checks

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