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At the head of the class

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Teddy's not ready (yet)

At this new Twelve Oaks Mall store, Build-A-Bear Workshop, you make your own stuffed animals. So that lovable bear is not ready to go until you put him together yourself. — Page 1AA

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Netters take out Milford

Setting itself up for what should be an exciting chase for the Kensington Valley Conference tennis title, Novi knocked off Milford 7-1 last week. — Page 1B

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Novi schools to buy Bosco Farm

■ The school district secures 80 acres, while contemplating the future use of the land.

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

As the Novi Community School District continues to experience rapid growth in student population, school officials aren't wasting time finding land to build on.

On September 7, the school board voted unanimously to enter into the option to purchase a piece of property located on the

■ **Building on the future**, a Blue Ribbon Task Force contemplates growth plans for Novi schools. The story's on page 14A.

southwest quadrant of 11 Mile and Beck roads. The 80 acre parcel is owned by the Bosco family, of which 74 acres will be sold and 6 acres will remain a part of the Bosco holdings.

"I think it's almost a given that we are a

growing district and that land is very important," said Board of Education President Carol Ellring.

While the purchase is not set in stone, the district has completed the first of two steps in this process. The first being "entering" into the option and the second being the "execution" of the option, explained Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Jim Koster.

"When we enter into an option, we are locked in the property so that the Boscos cannot sell to anyone else but the district," he said.

Now that the board has voted to enter into the option, the district will gather data about the property and conduct an environmental survey.

"We'll look at woodlands and wetlands and any other information the board would need to make their decision to eventually buy the property, i.e. execute the option," Koster said.

The board has until November 15 to make a final decision.

"Parcels that size are just not available in

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The gutted Gatsby's



Owner picks up pieces after fire in eatery

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

Not only is a fire an extremely emotional experience for a building's owner, but it's also a lot of work when it comes to repairing the damages.

Since the fire of August 29, the owners of Gatsby's Bar & Grill, 45701 Grand River Avenue, have been putting their blood, sweat, and tears into the process of piecing their dream back together.

"I wish I knew, I really wish I knew," said Gatsby's owner Mary Catherine Johnson in reference to why a suspected arsonist would set the fire.

The blaze began around midnight in the storage closet of the men's bathroom. The few employees and customers who were inside at the time were all safely evacuated.

According to Gatsby's manager Joe Johnson, the employees could smell the smoke, but couldn't locate the source until they opened the door to the restroom. Employees put out the fire with extinguishers, but when the fire department arrived the fire ignited again.

Johnson said someone had to have started the fire intentionally because the only things that were kept inside the closet were toilet paper and paper towels.

"Right now it's in the hands of the police as

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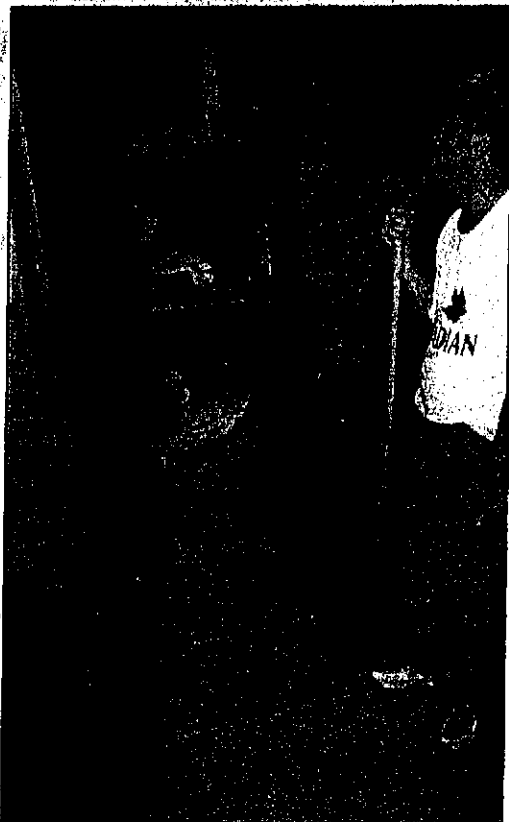


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

At top, work continued last week to rehabilitate the damaged interior of Gatsby's pub on Grand River. Above, Manager Joseph Johnson looks at the damaged in the men's bathroom where the fire, a suspected arson, broke out.

CSC case will go to high court

■ The man broke into her apartment; she thought he was her fiancée. Appeals court backs higher charge.

By Randal Yakey
Staff Writer

In 1996, a sleeping 22-year-old Novi woman woke up to what she thought was her live-in fiancée standing in their living room wearing thigh-high fishnet stockings and a turban-like garment covering his face. They engaged in sexual intercourse.

After the encounter, the woman went into the bedroom and found her fiancée was actually asleep and snoring in their bed. The person she thought she was having sex with was, in fact, a stranger who broke into her home, someone who Novi police said had been exposing himself to residents all over the city.

Now, the case is heading to the

Michigan Supreme Court on Oct. 3, where justices will determine if they will hear an appeal of an August Michigan Court of Appeals ruling.

Daniel Fredrick Crippen was originally charged with criminal sexual conduct (CSC) in the third degree after he allegedly entered the woman's The Springs apartment, removed her shorts, fondled her and engaged in sexual intercourse with her, according to police reports at the time.

After a 1996 preliminary examination, 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie dismissed the Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) III charge, finding that the prosecution had not introduced any significant evidence of force or coercion. MacKenzie concluded that the victim consented under false impression and was not forced into the act. Instead, he bound Crippen over on the lesser charge of CSC IV.

"She woke up and saw my client.

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Don't pack, this picnic is catered

■ Annual event serves up community and Fuerst farm history.

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

Get ready for entertainment, eats, and education, as the Novi Historical Commission holds its third annual Fuerst Farm Family Picnic this Sunday.

The picnic will include tours of the grounds, as well as provide a variety of afternoon activities such as old-fashioned games for the kids with prizes, horse wagon rides from MSU Tollgate Farm and live music from The Chautauqua Express.

There will also be a special visit from the D.A.R.E. van and Novi's own Farm Lady Margaret Schmidt will be there with some of her farm animals.

"It's a real friendly atmosphere," said Historical Commissioner Kathleen Mutch. "This is a way for people to celebrate as a community. It also gives them a chance to meet other residents, as well as learn a little history about the city they live in."

Residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the historical surroundings of the community as they take tours of the Old Township Hall, Fuerst Farm house and barns.

Throughout the tours, visitors will also have the chance to learn about architecture and view a photo exhibit.

"This will be a rare opportunity for the public to see photos of the home," said Mutch, who expects at least 500 to attend the picnic.

The event will also feature a

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Un-bear-able suspense

Teddies go on the lam after party, now what's a first grader to do?

■ Furry friends hit the high road at Orchard Hills while kids search.

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

It was two days filled with mystery, scandal, suspense and delight as Orchard Hills Elementary School presented their annual First Grade Bear Sleepover.

The excitement began on Sept. 7, as the students brought in their favorite teddy bears for a day full of

bear tidbits and games. At the end of the day, the first graders set up blankets and pillows so that the stuffed animals could enjoy a night all by themselves and have a sleep-over.

But when the students came to class on Friday, they were shocked to find the naughty bears had vanished. The only evidence that remained were popcorn and blankets thrown around the room.

"We were so scared," said 6-year-old Matthew Johnson. "We thought someone had taken them."

Where did those Teddies go? "I was screaming and yelling," said five-year-old Jessica Smith. "We weren't sure if they would come back."

First graders Dayna Spisak and Caitlin Mitchell said they couldn't understand how the bears escaped because the classes had made sure to keep all the windows and doors locked.

They must have been real quiet and sneaky and walked on their

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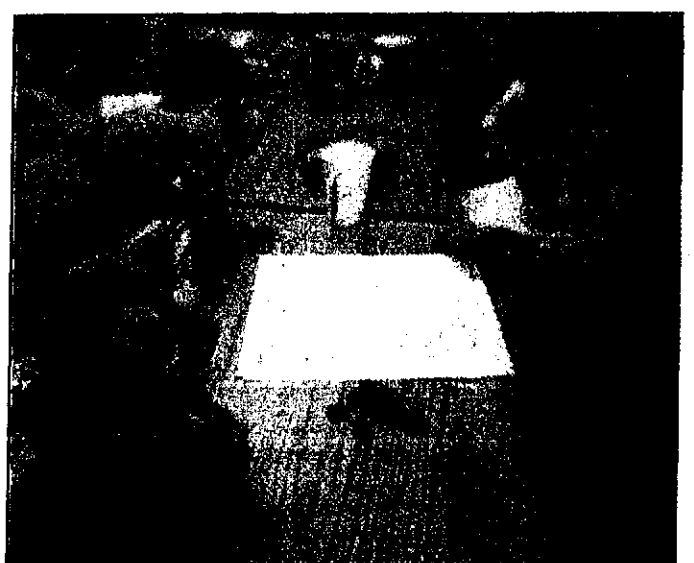


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Orchard Hills Elementary School student Jacklyn Berman seems to be enjoying the company of her own Teddy Bear during last week's special stuffed animal day. She's counting and sorting a pile of yummy Gummi Bears and Teddy wants a taste.

Public Access

Monday, Sept. 18

10:00 a.m. — Potpourri: Novi Kidney Center
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Dapeep
12:00 p.m. — Intercessors World Ministry
12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
2:00 p.m. — Travelin' On: Northern California
2:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series: Youth Movement
3:00 p.m. — Watch What You Heat
3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. — In the Green: Marilyn MacDermid
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — New Millennium Medicine: Mark Roby
5:30 p.m. — Army News Watch
6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
6:30 p.m. — Bagsels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
7:30 p.m. — Middle School Madness
8:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
8:30 p.m. — Wise Guys: Stars of Channel 12
9:00 p.m. — The Cutting Room Floor: DIA Special
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
Tuesday, Sept. 19
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. — For Those We Remember
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
1:30 p.m. — Home For Life: Installing a Storm Door
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — A Reason to Vote
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. — GRIP 2000 with Milton Creigh
4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk: Pug Rescue
5:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
6:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:30 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
6:30 p.m. — Building Scene: Gerry Weinberg
7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Novi Kidney Center
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Andrew Raczkowski
8:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open: The Heidelberg Project
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
Wednesday, Sept. 20
10:00 a.m. — Alcohol: The Middle School Years
10:30 a.m. — Choose to Have a Drink: Think Before You Drink
11:00 a.m. — Legally Speaking
11:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
12:00 p.m. — Michigan Living Water Car Care
12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
1:30 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi
3:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Andrew Raczkowski
3:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry: Girl Talk
5:00 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
6:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center
6:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series: Altitude
8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
8:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Xpresshurs
9:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
Thursday, Sept. 21
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Combat Training
11:00 a.m. — Building Scene: Gerry Weinberg
11:30 a.m. — New Millennium Medicine: Mark Roby
12:00 p.m. — Bagsels and Talk with Tracy

City nixes street vacation in unusual land dispute

BY RANDAL YAKY

It's a battle over a street that doesn't exist and a building site that may never be developed.

Baldridge said because the council voted against the vacation, no one will be reaping any benefits from the property. Czarniecki is not eager to see the land developed.

Henry Baldridge has owned property in the city's north end since 1969. All he wants is for the city to vacate a street, which was never fully constructed, next to his property so he can build a home. Baldridge's property backs up to a canal that once had a bridge across it leading to where the city had planned to build the road, known as Elm Court. The road was never built and the bridge fell into the water in the late 1930s, Baldridge said.

"They are denying me the right to that property," he said.

According to Baldridge, the only way to get to his property would be to build a driveway across city property and for the city to relinquish rights to the property.

As a twist to the story, Chris Czarniecki is a Novi resident whose home sits directly north of the road easement and in-between the Shawwood-Walled Lake canal's lagoon and South Lake Drive. Baldridge's property is between the Czarniecki property and lagoon. If a home were ever to be constructed on Baldridge's back property, it would sit directly in Czarniecki's back yard.

Monday, the Novi City Council voted 4-3 to vacate the road, permitting Baldridge to build, but it takes a five member majority to vacate city property. Voting not to vacate were Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo and Council Members Craig DeRoche and Edward Kramer.

City engineers, JCR & Associates, in a memorandum to the city wrote that they "saw no benefit to the city of Novi in retaining ownership of the Elm Court right-of-way." Lorenzo said she voted against the vacation of the property because of environmental issues that may arise if the property is developed.

"If it is vacated, it would at least set the stage

for the property to be developed," Lorenzo said. "This property is in a good place and has wetlands on it. Are we going to encourage the possibility for development?"

Baldridge said that because the council voted against the vacation, no one will be reaping any benefits from the property. Czarniecki is not eager to see the land developed.

"I can't understand why he has never come to us and offered to sell the property. He's never made an attempt," Czarniecki said.

But according to Baldridge, he had offered to sell his land to the two families who have property up against his, including the Czarniecki's, for an estimated \$70,000. One of the families, the Thompsons, have refused the offer, Baldridge said. There is 60 feet access to the Shawwood Lake in the back and 40 feet on Walled Lake in the front.

Baldridge told the city council that the residents near his property were able to utilize his property and access the lakes, but he was locked out. Czarniecki said that she had a canoe, a row boat and a statue of the Virgin Mary placed on Baldridge's property, but said her concerns are over what could happen to her home if a home is constructed. She said it could be detrimental to her property.

"Our concern is that if floods back here...We have ducks swimming in our backyards so when he builds a house, where is it (water) all going to go? Is it going to effect the foundation on our house?" Czarniecki said.

Baldridge said he would not rule out selling the city over his property rights, but also feels the people of Novi shouldn't be subject to another lawsuit.

"When you sue the city, you put everybody in (legal) jeopardy. That's not fair to anybody," Baldridge said. "But I'm not saying I won't sue the city."

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

Six students in elite ranking program

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Six Novi High School seniors have been named semifinalists in the 46th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Karen Andrews, Tristan Lachance, Bidish Sarma, Michael Wang, Lisa Yin and Jessica Zhou were named among 16,000 other scholastically talented high school seniors throughout the country.

"Congratulations on a job well done," Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe told the students September 8, in a special meeting for semifinalists at the high school.

"You bring much honor to this high school and to this community by virtue of your academic achievement," Lippe said.

The six seniors now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,900 Merit Scholarship awards, worth more than \$31 million, that will be offered to the students next spring.

More than 1.2 million students in over 20,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2001 Merit Program when they were juniors by taking the 199 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

More than one percent of the nation's high school seniors were designated semifinalists on a state representative basis.

The next step for the Novi High School seniors is to attend the final standing.

To become a finalist, the seniors must have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by high school principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal and submit SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance.

The semifinalists must also complete a detailed scholarship application which includes the students

self-descriptive essays detailing leadership and other community activities.

"You folks have worked very, very hard throughout your school career," Cheal told them.

"We are extremely proud of you. This high school is proud of you, this community is proud of you and you should feel really good about yourself. Congratulations."

Sarma, who is co-captain of the debate team, president of the school's model UN, a varsity tennis player, and a member of the DECA Club among other things, said he is honored to be named a semifinalist.

"It feels good," he said. "My parents are really excited, they're obsessing about it."

Sarma was listed on the "Who's Who Among American High Schoolers" and was also a Chemistry Olympiad Participant.

The senior said he plans on attending either the University of Michigan, Harvard, Stanford, Duke, Yale or Princeton and possibly pursue a career in law.

"Semifinalist Andrews desires to attend the University of Michigan or Northwestern, among others. She is on the tennis team, a member of the French Club, and a part of the National Honor Society. The senior, who says her most memorable high school experience was winning the IVC Championships for tennis and taking a school trip to France, was also a Michigan Math Prize Finalist.

She is a member of the Interact Club, International Club, Science Club, LYPM Orchestra and is also on the tennis team. The senior was a national finalist in Chemistry Olympiad and a finalist in the Hamilton Junior Math Contest in Ontario and was a second round finalist in the Michigan Math Prize Contest.

Yin says her most memorable experience at Novi High School was attending the 46th Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner where she spoke to her President Bill Clinton.

National Merit Semifinalist Wang plans on going to Harvard, MIT, the University of Michigan or the University of Pennsylvania and hopes to one day start his own software company.

Wang is also involved in a number of school activities, such as the French Club, Science Club and model UN. He is the varsity track captain, as well as an ESL tutor. Wang plays the piano and the trumpet and is part of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony.

Wang, who says his most memorable experience at the high school was being in the marching band, was a Chemistry Olympiad Runner-up and a finalist in the Michigan Math Prize Contest.

Zhou said she hopes to attend either MIT or the University of Michigan for a career in bioengineering or computer science.

She is a member of the Interact Club, International Club, Science Club, LYPM Orchestra and is also on the tennis team. The senior was a national finalist in Chemistry Olympiad and a finalist in the



Novi High School's National Merit Scholarship Finalists, clockwise from top left, Michael Wang, Tristan Lachance, Karen Andrews, Bidish Sarma, Lisa Yin and Jessica Zhou.

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STORYTIME NOTES
Fall Storytimes begin Sept. 25. Please call the library during the week of Sept. 18 for information on the day and time of your child's session.

TOT TIME REGISTRATION
Children ages 19-24 months are invited to join us for a half-hour of stories, songs and games on Friday, Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required; you may register in person or by calling the library. Space is limited, however, so toddlers and caregivers only, please.

HARRY POTTER PARTY
Harry Potter fans are invited to a Harry Potter party on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. We'll have games, arts and crafts, and a short reading from "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." Dress as one of your favorite characters or come as a muggle.

INTRODUCTION TO OPERA
Michigan Opera Theater's Dr. Wallace Peace kicks off the opera season with a lively and informative presentation for aspiring and experienced opera lovers. Sponsored by the friends of the Novi Public Library, the free program will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. To register, please call the library at 349-0720.

GETTING CONNECTED FOR SENIORS
This two-hour program talks about traditional options for getting connected to the Internet, as well as free Internet connectivity options, cable access, and DSL. The class meets Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon. Even if you are already connected to the Internet, this class will help you to determine if there's a better way for you to access it. Please register in advance for all Internet classes in person or by calling the library.

HOMEWORK HELP ONLINE
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The leaves may have not hit the ground yet, but its September and fall is here and so are many new classes from Community Education. Call (248) 449-1206 to register.

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Twirling I runs on Thursdays, September 14 - October 19, from 6:15 to 7 p.m. in the Deerfield Elementary gym. Cost is \$30. Twirling II runs on Thursdays, September 14 - October 19, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the Deerfield Elementary gym. Cost is \$40.

Karate
This class trains students in defensive tactics and helps build a healthy mind and body. The class will emphasize physical and mental growth along with socially responsible behavior. Classes will be held in the Novi Meadow Grade 6 gym September 19-January 11. Three courses are available: Tuesdays or Thursdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginners go from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and advanced go from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$81 for one day or \$141 for two days.

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Learn to sing, dance and tumble while learning to interact with other children through fun and games in a structured, enjoyable environment. "Fantastic Dance" for ages 4-6, runs Tuesdays, September 19 - October 17, at the Novi Middle School gymnasium from 5:15-6 p.m. Cost is \$43.

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The Kumon method of learning will enhance the skills your child has already developed in school. It will help improve study habits, increase self-confidence, and promote a sense of achievement. Students progress at their own rate. Classes run continuously throughout the year. Students need to be tested to determine their starting point. Class will be held Mondays and Thursdays, September 25 - January 11, from 6-9 p.m. in the ITC Foreign Language Room. Cost is \$75 per month, per subject.

School board comes out against vouchers

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

The Novi School Board, along with the Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe, are urging voters to say "no" on vouchers as the proposed constitutional amendment makes its way to the ballot this November.

Vouchers are public tuition scholarships given to private schools. The proposed amendment, a petition initiative of Kids First! Yes!, would allow around \$3,300 of state money per student to be used as a voucher to pay for private school education in failing districts.

"My biggest concern is we're really addressing the problem," said Board of Education President Carol Elfring. "The proposal is designed to solve the state's 12 fail-

ing school districts by providing a choice. These twelve schools are being targeted through the expenditure of less than two-thirds."

In 1998, Milwaukee voters adopted vouchers. For the first five years of the program, the University of Wisconsin conducted regular surveys to measure the impact of vouchers on the academic performance of participating students. When their results were compared with those of Milwaukee Public Schools students, research found little difference.

"If you give an already failing student a piece of paper to get to a private school, is that going to help them graduate?" Whiston said.

"If studies aren't showing ac-

ademic improvement, and if that's what the goal of this proposal, why should we go through the expense and hurt school districts like Novi by losing funds."

Even if a school district has a high graduation rate, vouchers can still be approved by school boards or by the community through petition drives.

"Only nine residents in Novi are needed to sign the petition, if this proposal passes, to force the community at a subsequent election to vote to decide if you want to have vouchers," he said, "even though the graduation rate here is 98-99 percent."

Whiston said these nine members in the community can cause problems for the rest of the voters,

because they can cause the issue to come back in future elections.

Whiston said if all 200,000 students in the state of Michigan attending private schools were each to receive vouchers, the result would be millions of dollars in new costs meaning higher taxes and a reduction in school funding.

"How school funding is developed is they take the money available divided by the number of kids to determine how much money the state is going to send you," explained Whiston. "So if you're paying for kids who are attending for-profit schools, that means your school district will receive less funding in the future per student."

Whiston said that couldn't include the revenue that does not go to tuition tax credits.

Whiston added that the district will suffer financially whether the voucher is approved in Novi or in other communities because, either way, there will be less state aid funding.

"It's hard for me to understand how school districts who really need more money can be strengthened by this proposal," said Lippe. Lippe added that with the possibility of tuition tax credits, he does not see how this could be a winning proposition for Novi.

Board Trustee John Strett agreed. "I think the important thing for people to understand is that the benefit is not to the poor districts, or to a district like Novi where we have a good graduation rate, its really to the private and profit schools," he said.

"We are in the business of educating all students, not the ones we choose to educate and vouchers do not do that."

The superintendent and the board agreed that even if Novi itself doesn't allow vouchers, the proposal will still effect other area schools.

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Secretary of state focuses on getting young adults to the polls

With the start of National Voter Registration Week, Secretary of State Candice S. Miller is encouraging all voters, but especially young voters to make sure to register and vote this year.

The National Association of Sec-

retaries of State has proclaimed the week of Sept. 16-22 as National Voter Registration Week to raise awareness, particularly among young Americans, of the importance of registering to vote. Michigan residents have until Oct. 10 to

register to vote in this year's November election.

"Eighteen to 24-year-olds consistently have the lowest turnout among voters, and yet, they represent almost one-fourth of the voting population," said Miller, the state's chief election officer.

According to statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau for Michigan in 1996, voter turnout for 18 to 24-year-olds was about 39 percent, while the turnout for 25 to 44-year-olds was 54 percent. Turnout rates jumped to nearly 67 percent and 72 percent for those

age 45 to 64 and those over age 65, respectively. The discouraging low voter turnout among young people prompted Miller to develop the Secretary of State's register-to-vote program last May. Under the program, about 6,000 postcards are mailed every two weeks

to teens celebrating their 18th birthday. Residents may register at any Secretary of State branch office or at their local clerk's office. Mail-in registration forms are also available on the Web site, www.sos.state.mi.us/election/election/index.html.

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Local court judged first pilot in state program

BY RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

Their docket is overflowing and the controversy over space needs has been a matter of debate for the past eight months, but the 52-1 District Court-Now has been recognized for its innovations in community relations by the highest court in the state.

The Grand River Avenue court has been designated as the state's first Pilot Court by the Michigan State Supreme Court for its attempts at handling difficult problems, especially in dealing with individuals with repeat drunk driving offenses.

As a Pilot Court, the Novi court will be monitored for its community outreach projects, according to Michigan Supreme Court Public Information Director David Gruber. "They'll look at how the local court can work together with the community," Gruber said. "The 52-1 court had developed an number of methods in gauging community feedback on court facilities. They are the first in the state with this designation."

The Michigan Supreme Court Administrator John Perry said that he hoped the Pilot Court designation will be a way to highlight some of the positive programs the Novi District Court has implemented. "With the Town Hall meetings they have been conducting and the feedback they have received from the community, we think that identifying them as a Pilot Court will be

an example to other courts," Ferry said. "They are also about to kick off a drug court, a juvenile program and a volunteer information desk. People don't know much about the court, but by doing these things, they are opening up to the community."

Ferry said that the 52-1 court will be monitored by the Supreme Court's administrator's office and a number of reports will be filed by the district court to the court administrator's office to measure improvement in the local court's efficiency and dealing with the public.

"We have demonstration courts," Batchik, who is active in the court's Community Garden Program, which enables drunk drivers to work off jail time working at a garden run by the court on Pontiac Trail in Commerce Township, said that giving people a chance to change is the point of being an activist judge.

The latest endeavor by the Novi court is the implementation of the Oakland County Community Corrections, Jail Alternatives for Michigan and Michigan House Arrest program called CATCH (Courts Acting Together for the Community at the Holidays). The purpose of CATCH is to increase the scrutiny upon approximately 1,000 individuals who have been convicted of drunk driving and are under the supervision of these district courts during five major holiday periods — Labor Day, Thanksgiving, New Year's, Memorial Day and the

Fourth of July. "Traditionally, judges have been put on this pedestal and they pontificate. A lot of us older judges have grown up with that notion. I can identify with the younger judges. They are the activist judges," 52-1 District Court Judge Michael Batchik said.

"The activist judge wants to go out and help the citizens in the community and the influence that we generate can carry over to the citizens and the young people to the point where we can be effective in changing the thinking of people."

Batchik, who is active in the court's Community Garden Program, which enables drunk drivers to work off jail time working at a garden run by the court on Pontiac Trail in Commerce Township, said that giving people a chance to change is the point of being an activist judge.

"The entertainment media plays up the use of alcohol and the smoking and we can see where we can have an influence and show that this isn't good. The difference is between the activist judge and the passive judge and I have chosen to be an activist judge. We all have the three of us," Batchik said, referring to 52-1 Judges Brian MacKenzie and Dennis Powers. "We recognize that we can do a lot more by interacting with the community," Batchik said that putting people

in jail 'isn't working' and that the court needed to find other ways to deal with the problems of jail overcrowding.

"I worked on the jail study committee in the early eighties. I understood what we needed to do then," Batchik said. "I was an advocate of expanding the jail, and we did expand it. But within two years, it was filed again."

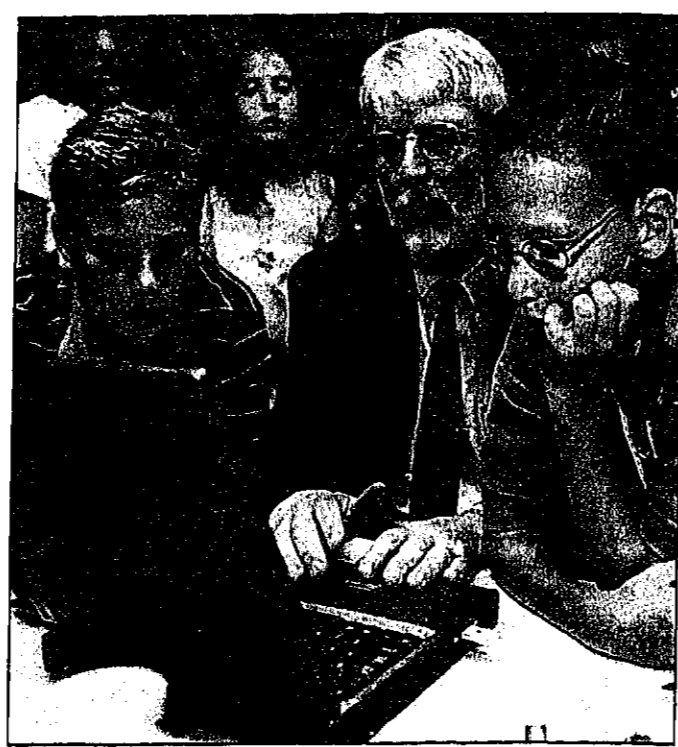
52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie has been a vocal leader in alternative sentencing. MacKenzie has said that his job is to make change and he has vowed to work hard to make change happen.

"I want this court to be the best it can be," MacKenzie said. "Katherine Graham said that 'loving what you do and thinking it matters' is what can be fun."

MacKenzie said all of his experience has helped him to help others in Novi.

Part of the reason that the court has delved into new ways of handling cases is the fact that the Novi court has the fastest growing docket in the state and is second in cases only to the 46th District Court in Detroit.

The Novi court had over 55,000 new cases filed in 1998. There have been approximately 104,000 cases going through the Novi court in 1998 and 1999. In 1997, the total number of cases was 85,189.



Community outreach led to new designation for Novi Court. Here, Judge Brian MacKenzie works with Walled Lake students, Eric Dropkin, left and Justin Zerber. They helped build a new Web site for the Grand River Avenue courthouses.

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Woman ticketed for leaving kids in van

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Police were tipped off that the woman entered a store in the West Oaks Shopping Mall and left her children unattended in her vehicle. The children, ages 5, 3 and 1 year, were left in the vehicle for approximately a half hour, according to police reports.

Child protective services were notified about the incident.

SHOW OFF
Police would like to speak with a man who was spotted masturbating in his vehicle by a Twelve Oaks Mall customer on September 10. According to police reports, a male subject driving a white Grand Am pulled up next to a 39-year-old Novi woman's vehicle and began masturbating. The suspect, a Hispanic male, was not wearing a shirt or pants when the incident occurred.

The woman told police the man made sure she could see him performing the act. Police were able to track the man to his residence by using his license plate number, acquired by the victim. The suspect was not home when police called. The incident is under investigation.

Police News

HARD TIMES
Police received a report of a man laying in a ditch near his home and found the man in "bad shape" at his residence on September 8.

According to police reports, the man was found in the ditch by a neighbor and taken to his residence on Lihart Street. When police arrived on the scene, the man appeared to have been drinking and was unable to speak coherently with police. Police wrote in the report that the man "smelled and looked like he had not showered in weeks."

The man was transferred to Botsford Hospital where physicians told police that the man had "most likely" suffered a broken arm two or three weeks ago, according to police reports.

Another neighbor told police that she had never seen the man look so bad. Police went to a local party store and asked the owner to stop selling the man beer, according to the report. The man is currently under doctor's care.

CASH NEEDED.
A 21-year-old Novi man told police that he had two cell phones stolen from his home on September 6, but seemed more concerned about an insurance company payoff.

The man told police that he thought maintenance workers used a key to gain entry to his home and took the phone. According to the report, the man then told police that he wanted the complaint number so he could "get \$400 bucks from the insurance."

The man said that "it would be nice to get the cash."

According to police, the man said he left the cell phones in plain sight along a window ledge. There was no sign of forced entry. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

ROWDY GUEST
A guest at the Wyndam Garden Hotel in Novi was arrested after he began swearing and making rude remarks to patrons on

September 9.

According to police reports, the man was questioned about his conversations with the patrons and told police "to them." Police then asked to see the man's identification which he replied "to you."

When the man tried to stand, he fell over screaming expletives. The man then kicked one police officer while yelling obscenities at the other. He was arrested for public intoxication.

The man, a 41-year-old from Marseilles, Ill., was held on \$100 bond pending detoxification.

LIL' GUNSLINGER
A 14-year-old Novi boy was taken to Children's Village in Pontiac after he shot at another youth with a BB gun on September 7.

Witnesses at the scene told police the victim was riding along on his bike when the suspect fired his BB gun at the boy, hitting him in the leg.

Novi Briefs

BOOK SIGNING AND DISCUSSION ON "THE DREAM EATER"
There will be a discussion and signing by James Sato, author of "The Dream Eater" on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi (248) 947-0780, located in the Novi Town Center. "The Dream Eater" is a compelling, frightening and ultimately inspiring testimony to the human spirit. Sato's book has been compared to "Girl Interrupted"; "Dream Eater" was also a finalist for the Loeb Creative Nonfiction Award.

BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM
The Novi Lions Club is sponsoring a seminar titled "e-Business Symposium II - The Series Continues" on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the DoubleTree Hotel (Twelve Oaks) in Novi, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. This seminar offers new workshops and two tracks so that attendees can custom design their own program to meet their E-Business needs. The charge for the seminar is \$150, which includes four sessions from either track, allowing attendees to customize the seminar. Seminar materials and lunch. Space is limited. Please register early. Register online at www.millercanfield.com/seminar.html or call Virginia Herrick at (313) 496-7548 or e-mail to herrick@millercanfield.com by Sept. 22.

EUCHE TOURNAAMENT
The Novi Lions Club is sponsoring a Euchre tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile, between Novi and Tall roads. Registration at 7 p.m.; games begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp. There will be a new partner for each game. Win prizes or 50/50 raffle or maybe cash.

All proceeds from this fund raiser will benefit Lions/Lioness charities - Michigan Eye Bank, Leader Dog, among others. To preregister, call Maggie Meeker at (248) 944-4633 and earn five extra points. Also earn additional points by donating a non-perishable food item. The cost is \$10 per person when preregistering; \$12 per person at the door (if space allows). Preregister by Sept. 13 for extra points. All are welcome.

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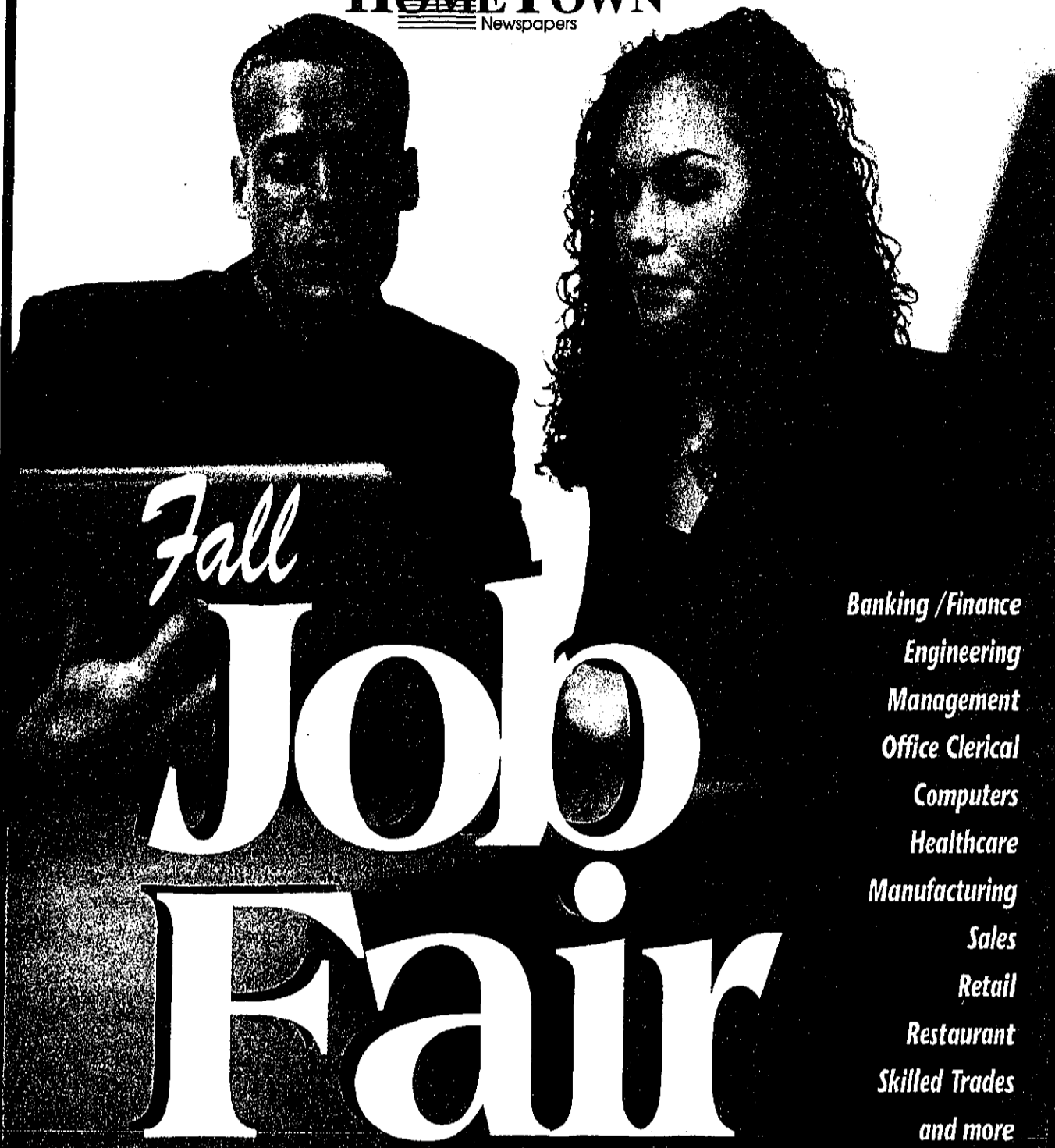
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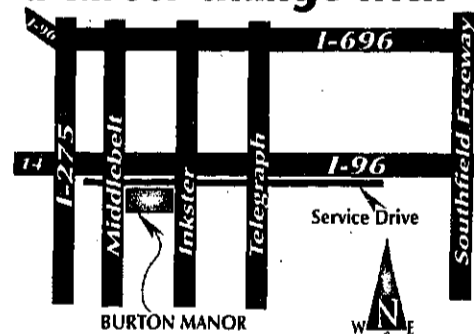
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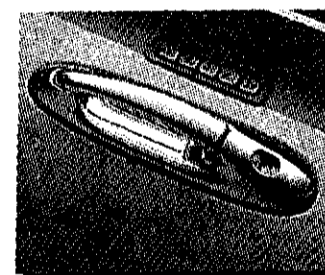


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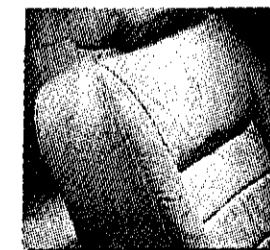
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Today through Sept. 17, you will find an array of singing, dancing, and comedy routines with this action-packed show directed by Linda Wickert.

The variety show will also feature a number of acts, tunes, and dances including "America" from West Side Story, "Hello Dolly," a skit from the infamous Mae West, "Who's On First," "One" from "A Chorus Line," and a skit from George Burns and Grace Allen.

The show will open with "Wilkommen" from "Cabaret" and close with "Seventy-Six Trombones" from "The Music Man."

"People can look forward to a lot of good memories and a lot of laughs," said performer Caroline Giese. "They are really going to love it."

This razzle-dazzle, song and dance extravaganza, showcasing the music and dance members from an entire century, features a cast of singers, actors and dancers ages 59 to 96.

So if you are in for an evening of great fun and entertainment that will linger long in your memory, be sure to get your tickets for "Showstoppers."

Shows on today and Friday begin at noon and Sunday's performance begins at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department located inside the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Obituaries

Philomena M. Abernethy

Philomena M. Abernethy, 78, died Sept. 6 at her daughter's home in Howell.

She was born in 1921.

Mrs. Abernethy was employed by the Southfield Schools and the Edward Derby Home for Boys. She was a graduate of the Detroit Business Institute. Mrs. Abernethy was a volunteer at Providence Hospital for the past 18 years. Her interests were china painting, knitting and crocheting. Mrs. Abernethy was the first charter member of Holy Family Church in Novi.

She is survived by her husband, Nelson H.; son, Frederick "Rick" (Betty); daughter, Charlotte (Jim) Ratke; sister, Dorothy Marfee; seven grandchildren: Adian, Andrew, Aaron, and Anson Ratke; Mrs. Abernethy, and Richard and Heather Reinhold.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, Sept. 11 at Holy Family Church, Novi.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by

O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorials to St. Louis Center, 16195 Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, MI 48118-9646 would be appreciated by the family.

Jack Brennan
Jack Brennan, 71, died Aug. 19 at his residence in South Lyon.

He was born in 1928 to the Hon. John V. and Jessica Brennan.

Mr. Brennan was self-employed as a manufacturing representative in the packaging industry. He graduated from the University of Detroit High School and attended Stanford University in California. He received his bachelor's degree in administration from the University of Detroit in 1951, from where he also received his master's degree in 1953. His memberships included the Monaghan Knights of Columbus and the University of Detroit golf team in the 1940s and 1950s. He also competed in collegiate golf championships. Mr. Brennan was a scratch golfer and golfed all over the world. He served in the Korean

War.

Mr. Brennan is survived by a cousin, Kathleen Richards.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, 8400 S. Cambridge at Seven Mile (west of Livernols).

Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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

Coletta C. Dolin
Coletta C. Dolin, 88, died Aug. 15 in Livonia.

She was born March 11, 1911.

Mrs. Dolin is survived by sons, Donald T. (Lori) and Edward T. Jr.; daughter, Lynn Barry of Novi; two brothers, William and Joseph Slavin; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Chicago, Ill., with interment in St. Mary Cemetery, Chicago.

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

Memorials to Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome Foundation International Office, 4111 Long Beach Parkway, Bay Village, Ohio 44140 would be appreciated.

Gloria A. Madge
Gloria A. Madge, 79, of Northville died Sept. 10 at her daughter's residence in Novi.

She was born in 1921.

Mrs. Madge was a member of the Sixth Gate Chiggers and Kings Mills Women's Club.

She is survived by children, Ty and Janice (Samuel) Cole; and four grandchildren, Jason, Sara, Sam and Jessie.

Mrs. Madge was preceded in death by her husband, Len.

Services were conducted on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

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The number of teams will depend on the number of players and coaches available. U-10 and U-12 tryouts on both Sundays will run from 11-1 p.m. and U-14 tryouts will run from 1-3 p.m.

Age groups are determined by their ages as of January 1, 2001.

For more information call the Novi Parks and Recreation office at (248) 349-1700.

"THE NUTCRACKER" AUDITIONS
The Novi Theatres is getting ready to hold auditions for another one of their upcoming shows, "The Nutcracker."

On September 19 and 21 at 4 p.m., auditions for the Children's Annex production will take place at the Novi Civic Center Stage. The play will be performed on December 8-10.

This unique adaptation includes ballet, but mainly tells the story of Clara and her Nutcracker through dialogue and interesting characters in her life and dream.

The Novi Theatres' Children's Annex is for actors in grades five through nine. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast.

KIDS FOOTBALL CHALLENGE
Get ready football fanatics as the Novi Parks & Recreation Department presents "The Fun, Pass, & Kick Competition" for kids on Saturday, September 16.

This free competition, sponsored locally by Mike Gabriel and State Farm Insurance, and nationally by The N.F.L. and Gatorade, will be held at 10 a.m. at the Novi Community Sports Park.

All sports enthusiasts are encouraged to come out and compete in this year's event. All children ages 8 to 15 as of December 31, 1999 are welcome to participate. Each age group's first place finisher will advance to the sectional competition which will be held in October. State qualifying athletes compete at half time during a Detroit Lions football game. National qualifying athletes and their parents are flown to an A.F.C. playoff game.

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Assistant Superintendent Jim Koster looks over property optioned by Novi school district.

Option taken on 80 acres, now use for site is needed

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Novi, so we were fortunate to find it," said Superintendent Dr. Ernest Lippe.
Total cost of the 74 acres is \$8.5 million. Entering into the option cost a non-refundable \$25,000 fee.
"Upon execution of the option, the district will spend \$200,000 and then the balance on the purchase of the property, which would occur around January 15, 2001," explained Koster.
What will be built on the property has yet to be decided.

Eye on the future Schools plan for coming growth

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer
To narrow down the possible options for the future direction of the school district, the Novi School District's Blue Ribbon Task Force began looking at the advantages and disadvantages of having two high schools at the September 6 meeting.
"This was the third meeting of the task force committee, which is designed to discuss and implement the future needs of Novi schools in terms of space, population, and technology, and present it all to the school board this December. The task force, consisting of roughly 50 members, is made up of students, parents, teachers and administrators.
During the meeting, the task force broke out into smaller groups to come up with advantages of keeping one high school and the advantages of having two high schools.
The most popular answers for having a single high school were: Lower costs, by not duplicating resources; continuing community unity by eliminating rival high schools; and keeping the children together from fifth grade through graduation.
The most popular advantages for adding another high school included: More individualized instruction and the opportunity for more kids to be involved in activities like sports and theater, therefore giving more students a chance to be a

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Woodlands Review Board of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. at the City of Novi, Mayor's Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Bonnie & Bob Elliott — 47659 Aberdeen (Case 00-20).
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Services, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 21, 2000.
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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 September 20, 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 September 20, 2000.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Valvoline Instant Oil Change is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the temporary placement of a broadcasting tent for Valvoline Instant Oil Change at 24400 Novi Road on September 23, 2000. Valvoline Instant Oil Change is located in the Novi Commerce Center, which is located on the east side of Novi Road north of Ten 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 September 20, 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 September 20, 2000.
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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 00-043
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Mahalo Corporation is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the temporary placement of two (2) trailers for storage at 28000 Cabot Drive from September 20, 2000 to June 1, 2001. Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park Bldg. 2 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 3:30 p.m. on September 20, 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 September 20, 2000.
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
OF AMENDMENTS TO THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE NOVI BUILDING AUTHORITY
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 28, 2000, the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, did pursuant to Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1946 (First Extra Session), as amended, adopt the Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Novi Building Authority.
The Amendments provide that the Chief Operating Officer of the City of Novi shall be a member of the Building Authority Commission instead of the City Manager of the City of Novi.
Said Amendments will be filed with the Oakland County Clerk and the Michigan Secretary of State, as required by said Act.
SAID ACT GRANTS THE RIGHT TO QUESTION THE VALIDITY OF SUCH AMENDMENTS IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE LAST ABOVE FILING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. AFTER SUCH TIME SUCH AMENDMENTS SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO BE VALID.
Further information including the time of the above filings may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.
(9-14-00 NR/NN 998935)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 00-044
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Lifesyles is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the temporary placement of a tent at 42875 Grand River Avenue from September 21-25, 2000. Lifesyles is located at Main Street which is east of Novi Road and south of Grand River Avenue.
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 3:45 p.m. on September 20, 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 September 20, 2000.
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New high school is considered Commission picnic has a historical theme

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As the meeting came to an end, the task force was asked to go over the existing nine options and reduce the list to four.
The nine options are:
• building a second high school for 1,200 students;
• building an entirely new high school for 2,400-2,800 students;
• building a new separate ninth grade only facility for 600 students;
• building a new wing on the high school for 800 students;
• building a new wing on the high school for 600 ninth grade students;
• instituting a year-round school year;
• add 24 portable classrooms;
• build new career/magnet school for 600 students;
• or reconfigure grades so K-5 is elementary, 6-7 at Novi Meadows, 8-9 at the middle school, and 10-12 at the high school.
The top four options for the school will be addressed at the task force's next meeting on September 13.

Roll up the sleeves, it's time to clean Fuerst Farm

Friday kicks off the first day of the Fuerst Farm Community Project, held September 15-17.
The weekend event, located on 10 Mile and Taft Roads, will focus on cleaning up the historic farm property which dates back to the mid-1800s.
Duties on the farm's estate will range from painting and power washing to removing brush and planting flowers. Work on the property is set to include the barn, house, and grounds.
Volunteers and donations are now being accepted through the Novi Chamber of Commerce office. To become an integral part of this renovation, call the office at (248) 349-3743 or fill out the sign-up sheet. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.
Shifts for the volunteer project are Friday 12-5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1-4 p.m., and 5-8 p.m.; and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Clean up commences after arson

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far as an investigation," he said.
Damages, estimated at \$50,000, were centered around the bathroom and bar area.
Most of the damage to the family-owned business was due to smoke. The entire drop ceiling, carpeting and wallpaper of the restaurant had to be removed.
There was no damage to the outside of the building.
Mary Catherine Johnson said she wasn't expecting the fire to be that bad because when she had received the call, it was described as a trash fire.
"When I got there, the firemen met me at the front and said they were still containing it," she said. "When I first went in - it was like 'Oh My God.'"
Mary Catherine Johnson was even hospitalized after spending too many days cleaning, due to all the smoke inhalation which seared her nose and throat.
She said she has been touched by the number of concerned customers who have been calling and that the restaurant will reopen soon.
Gatsby's is aiming for an opening date of October 1, 2000.

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O THE WATCHER (R) 10:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35
O WAY OF THE GUN (R) 10:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35
O WIPPER (R) 8:45
ART OF WAR (R) 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:55
BRING IT ALL BACK (PG-13) 10:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35
THE GLENN (PG-13) 12:45, 2:30, 5:10, 7:35
THE GLENN (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35
THE REPLACEMENTS (PG-13) 10:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35
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JoAnne's has crafts classes

JoAnne etc. 43570 West Oaks Drive, Novi, is offering several programs. Call (248) 449-8491 for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 16, 1-3 p.m.
"Sew for the Cure." This hands-on event is designed to raise money for breast cancer research while giving our guests creative and fun sewing project ideas.
Guests will learn how to make a comforter and comfort pillow by Husvarna Viking; their donation of \$1 for a project booklet will be donated to cancer research centers.
Come and help support breast cancer research.

Sunday, Sept. 17, 1-3 p.m.
"Decorative Touch" - Pillow Talk." This free event is for sewers and non-sewers alike. Pick up some great tips on pillow decoration.

Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
"National Demo Day." Free demonstrations and tips on home decorations; the making of a gift for that someone-special; create an autumn leaf picture frame or a front door wreath. How about decorating an edible Haunted House?

New stores open at 12 Oaks

Shopping centers keep cropping up in Novi.
Twelve Oaks welcomes three new stores to the 150 shops and services now offered: Wilsons Leather, Vite-Stream Wireless, and M. Damm.

These new stores, and services are adding to the great merchandising mix at Twelve Oaks, and helping us give our customers what they want," said Peggy Hayes, marketing director of Twelve Oaks.
Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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Chief Shaeffer golf classic helps cancer

The Douglas Shaeffer Charity Golf Classic to benefit cancer research and treatments will be held Friday, Sept. 22 at Links of Novi. Registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m.; shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. These golf packages are available:

• \$1,500 - Includes golf for four, lunch, dinner, auction and refreshments.

dinner and auction, refreshments, hole sponsorship and two tickets to Private Celebrity Sponsor Reception the night prior at the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club.

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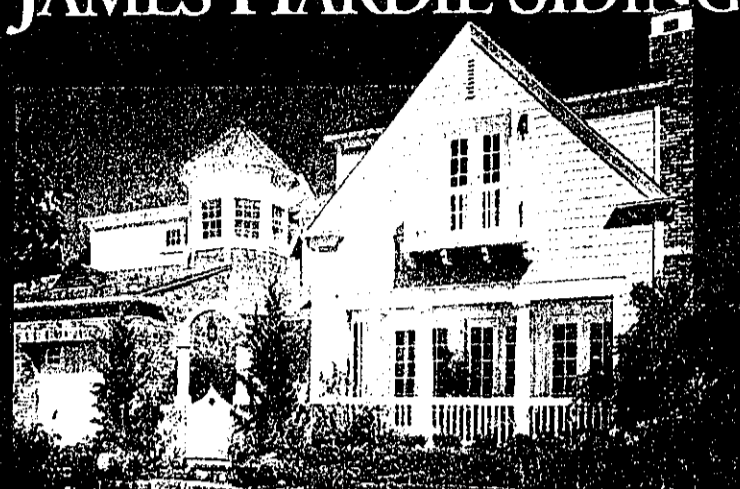
• \$250 - Includes golf for one, lunch, dinner, auction and refreshments.

• \$125 - Includes dinner and auction and refreshments for one.

The golf classic is named after Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer, who recovered last year from cancer.

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Into remodeling your home? Expo show has some tips

The eighth annual Fall Remodeling and Furniture Show will be open Oct. 12-15 at the Novi Expo Center sponsored by Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA).

"We have renamed the show from the Fall Remodeling Show to reflect a much larger selection of home furnishings and accessories than ever before," said Dave Kellett Sr., president of BIA and of Kellett Construction Co. in Bloomfield Hills.

"Whether your decorating style is formal, casual or eclectic, there is something here for you."

Special highlights of the show: Chocolatier Chef Warren will create masterpieces and desserts during his "Joy of Chocolate" presentation as seen on "Good Morning America," "The Today Show" and NBC News. WJR's "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon; "Money Talk" Rick Bloom; "The Garden Show" Dean Krauskopf; WXYY's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haeg; and "PC Talk" Mike Wendland will also be a

guest at the event.

Show hours are from 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$3 for children 6-12; and free for children under 6. Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit <http://www.builders.org>

Registration and tuition fees for this seminar are \$300 for members of the Farmington/Farmington Hills and Novi Chambers of Commerce, and \$350 for non-members.

Tuition includes the seminar, program materials, a continental breakfast and lunch. For registration information, please contact the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce at (248) 474-3440, ext. 21.

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Crippen's attorney says he'll go to supreme court

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She was involved with him, then after fifteen minutes she said 'oh, yeah. That wasn't my boyfriend,' Ralph Musilli, Crippen's attorney said. 'Well, my client is 5 foot 5 (inches). Her boyfriend is 6 foot 1 (inches). She was a willing participant.'

On August 22, the Michigan Court of Appeals sided with an Oakland County Circuit Court reversal of MacKenzie's decision, finding that the case should have been tried in district court on the original charge of CSC III. The appeals court ordered that Crippen be bound over to circuit court on that charge.

Appeals court Judges Kurtis Wilder, Richard Bandstra and Mark Cavanaugh said in their ruling that: 'Applying the plain and ordinary, i.e. dictionary, meaning of the

word 'conceal' to the facts of this case, we conclude that the evidence that the defendant disguised himself and look advantage of the plaintiff's misidentification of him as her fiancé to induce her to submit to his sexual advances, was sufficient to establish the requisite coercion by concealment or surprise necessary for bindover.

The complainant did not knowingly consent to performing sexual acts with the defendant.

Crippen is out on bond and is financing his own legal case, his lawyer said. In November 1997, Oakland County Circuit Judge Judge Sangroff Morris said MacKenzie had "abused his discretion" and sent the case back to district court, but Musilli took the case to the Michigan Court of Appeals. According to Musilli, the woman was not

attacked and was completely aware of what was happening during the entire incident.

However, the appeals court also found that MacKenzie and the district court had not "abused its discretion." CSC III requires proof of sexual penetration to convict, CSC IV only requires proof of sexual contact.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Joyce Todd said that Crippen should be tried on CSC III, which includes touching and sexual penetration. As a result of the appellate court decision, Crippen can also face charges of home invasion.

"CSC third degree is exactly what the facts supported," Todd said, who is in charge of the appellate division of the prosecutors office. "We disagreed with the (district) court. It was a sexual force by coer-

cion because he disguised his identity. But instead, they bound him over on fourth degree (CSC.)"

First Step Executive Director July Ellis, a domestic violence and assault group that counsels victims of sexual abuse, said that she was "appalled" that such a case has dragged on so long.

"It's just shocking that a woman's traumatic experience is being invalidated like this," Ellis said. "It is completely illogical that she would have sex with a complete stranger and then report it, as she did."

Ellis said that she hoped that the circuit court would do the right thing and bind the man over for trial. "I hope that the court would respect the discomfort this woman must have been going through all these years," Ellis said.

Justice MacKenzie said he did not wish to comment on the case, but admitted to a large amount of adverse feedback on his decision.

"I really took a hit on that case," MacKenzie said.

In a statement given to the police the next day, August 17, 1996, Crippen allegedly told police he entered the woman's apartment in a disguise and touched the woman in inappropriate places.

"Both her doors were open and she was laying there and you could see her," Crippen told police. "She just sat up and looked and laid down."

reports. Musilli said he and his client will fight the recent ruling. He filed a request for a hearing with the state supreme court on Tuesday.

"We're going to take this right to the Supreme Court," Musilli said. "They didn't have a law for this on the books, so they are going make it up as they go along. You can't do that."

He added that if the legislature came up with a new law making it a crime to disguise your identity to obtain sexual favors, "anyone who pretends to be a doctor or a movie star will be subject to legal prosecution."

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

Vietnam veterans prepare for annual MIA vigil in Novi

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On Saturday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. the opening ceremony of A Tribute - Michigan Remembers - Our Mission in Action and Prisoners of War will be held at Oakland Hills Cemetery at Novi and Twelve Mile roads.

attend the ceremony honoring these brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives and to remember all veterans from all wars.

The invitation is extended to all veterans' groups and color guards to attend and stand as one. The chapter asks the public to support and remember all service personnel who have not returned.

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Vote no on school vouchers proposal

There are important differences between public and private schools and those dissimilarities give them each their particular strengths. Any attempt to blur those distinctions, as Proposal 1 on the Nov. 7 statewide Michigan ballot would do, threatens to harm both.

We believe the proposed constitutional amendment to create "opportunity scholarships," or vouchers — placed on the ballot by initiative petition by the Kids First! Yes! organization — will actually do damage to both systems.

Private and parochial schools have long had to carry on without the assistance of government funding. The tradition in the U.S. has been a complete separation of church and state, and that has included private religious schools. Under the Michigan Constitution at present, even indirect aid to religious schools is barred — a provision that of course would change if the proposal is accepted.

While they get no money, they also get no regulation. Private schools have been allowed to operate pretty much as they please, with little oversight from the government.

Don't underestimate the importance of this point; there are many who believe the last people who should have control of their children's education is the government. Private schools, as a result, have become a bastion for the independent-minded, intellectuals, the religious and the free-thinkers among us. It ought not come as a surprise that some private schools have already stated that they will not accept vouchers.

Public schools on the other hand are voter-run, taxpayer-funded, democratic institutions. They are operated by elected boards who are subject to a long list of public accountability statutes, like the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

The state sets a core curriculum for public school students. It requires teacher certification and achievement testing of students. Funding is subject to public auditing.

Simply put, taxpayers deserve that degree of in-depth accountability whenever they are asked to fund the operation of an institution. And they certainly won't

get it from private schools under Proposal 1.

Don't underestimate what public schools have done for us. The U.S. pioneered the concept of free public education. It has meant that every child has an opportunity to go to school, to get an education. It has created one of the most educated, most literate societies in the world.

Overall, public education is doing a pretty darned good job.

This is not to say some parts of the system are not broken. Yes, there are districts that can only be described as "failing."

As proposed, the Kids First! Yes! ballot initiative would automatically create voucher programs in 12 school districts in Michigan. They are selected on the basis that those districts failed to achieve a graduation rate of two-thirds during the 1998-99 school year. It allows voters in other school districts to create voucher programs through elections. With the vouchers, students could leave those districts and take their money with them — \$3,150 per pupil — to be applied toward tuition at the school of their choice. It could be a public, private or even religious school, as long as it accepts the vouchers. The language of the amendment also would mandate teacher competency testing for all schools that accept vouchers and strike language from the Constitution that prohibits tuition tax credits.

Clearly, those "failing" public schools will be even further behind when students start taking \$3,000 each out of the budget to go elsewhere. The kids left behind will have to put up with even more cutbacks, smaller programs and even further diminished resources.

Furthermore, the experiments that have been conducted elsewhere in the country, like Milwaukee, just don't show the kinds of results we'd want to see before considering such a radical change to the state Constitution. For all that vouchers are supposed to do, test scores just haven't increased where they have been used elsewhere.

As a result, we urge a NO vote on Proposal 1, the constitutional amendment to create vouchers, when voters head to the polls this November.

Novi News Quote of the Week

"When we got back to class, I told my bear that he was going to get a three-hour time out."

Evan Neilson
Orchard Hills Elementary first grader,
after the First Grade Bear Sleepover,
when stuffed animals "ran away."

IN THE NEWS

How great was your summer?

The Novi News recently visited Guernsey's to ask what was best about the summer.



Christine Haverkate
Northville

"I didn't do anything to get into any trouble this summer."



Tom Perkins
Ypsilanti

"My trip to Alaska was great. My uncle runs a ferry boat and I helped him run it across the river. And I liked the salmon."



Sarah Jackson
with children Rob-
bie Precious, Issy
Jackson and Luke
(not pictured)
Bromley/Kent, England

"I'm visiting my brother and his wife in Novi from Bromley, England in Kent. The best things have been the museums and the shopping. It is so different here. There are no outlet malls in England. Everything is so much cheaper here. And the weather is better."



Ronda Holshouser
Northville

"Seeing the smiles on our kids faces when we took them to Disney World."



Natasha Switalski
Northville

"I bonded with old neighborhood friends before they left for college."

By Melanie Plenda

LETTERS

Good Samaritan

I've always enjoyed traveling in the U.S. have traveled through 47 of the states and never had a bad experience. This was reinforced again just a few weeks ago.

In June, I drove to Novi from Toronto to pick up a friend who drove across the U.S. with me to my home in Victoria, British Columbia. On the exit (luckily) to Novi, the car broke down late in the afternoon. Scott Parcell, a resident of the area, kindly stopped and offered me his cell phone to call AAA. Unfortunately his cell battery had run down, so he drove me to the nearest payphone a few miles away. I had no U.S. change, so he "loaned" me 50 cents to make my call, and drove me back to my car. The AAA arrived within minutes drove me to a garage and the car was ready for me the next morning. The rest of the trip through to the west was very pleasant.

My thanks to Scott. If you get out this way, I'll return the 50 cents and have my wife cook you a gourmet dinner! I'll always have a soft spot for Novi.

Mike Spence
Victoria, British Columbia,
Canada

Bad call by cop

This is written in reference to a letter by Gerald R. Lynch in last week's Novi News.

Mr. Lynch suggested the sports editor write a one-sided story regarding a traffic ticket. Well, Mr. Lynch, if I was a sports editor, I would have written a story too. You see, I was also pulled over that day.

And, unlike Mr. Schmidt, I did get a ticket. I called the Novi police station to complain. I was told "based on the information I gave, the officer should NOT have pulled me over."

"Who is he trying to rally against the police?" you asked. In my opinion, someone needed to rally against the police that day. I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels this way. Just ask the other cars I watched the officer pull over and ticket.

Janice Peters
Novi

Vote no on bond

I hope on Nov. 7 the taxpayers of Novi vote "no" for many things. As for one, the roads. I paid for my own road.

The mayor said that would only cost the taxpayer 0.5 mills. Every year there is a 0.5 mill for one thing or other. When is this going to stop? I have lived here for 30 years. I am getting taxed out of my home. When is this going to stop?

Senior citizens, get out and vote "no."
Eleanor Thompson
Novi

Touched by a musical angel

I would appreciate it if you could print the following in the Novi News. I realize it is a little long but I needed to explain the circumstances of how this wonderful summer day came about.

Backs Natural Law candidate

I happened to catch some of C-SPAN's coverage of the Natural Law Party/Reform Party Coalition Convention this past weekend and finally found a reason to vote.

Dr. John Hagelin has inspired me because of his approach of applying known solutions to our problems, rather than managing our problems like the two major party candidates have done for years. His stand against corporate interests affecting legislation, particularly in the area of Genetically Engineered Foods, is important to our nation as is his approach to true health care and campaign finance reforms.

I will be eagerly looking for news coverage of this candidate, and I do hope that your newspaper will be covering his campaign as intensively as you have the two major party candidates.

For it is about time that some common sense approach to government emerged, and Dr. Jon Hagelin is the only candidate that I have found that has the knowledge, integrity and the platform by which to achieve a solution oriented result.

Bonnie Hixon
Novi

I have always believed in guardian angels but I had never been touched by one. Cindy has made my daughter so happy. She carried that saxophone in its case the rest of the day, beaming with delight. She called the whole family when we got home.

To our "guardian angel," we want to say "thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

A very thankful family
in Novi

Personal foul

As an avid supporter of High School sporting events, I feel the need to comment on the Novi/Brighton football game last Friday. It was very evident to me that the team coaches are teaching the young men of Brighton High.

School that victory without sportsmanship is their prime objective. The Novi Football field became a battle ground with so much violence and brutality with many of the Novi team members injured beyond the normal expected level. This was just a disgusting, vicious display by Brighton to win at any cost. Does the KVC advocate lack of sportsmanship to this degree? Does the KVC tolerate kicking and punching? Does the KVC recognize the Novi/Brighton score as being legitimate? What about the officials of this game? Their inability to distinguish between tackling and gang mentality behavior makes me question their capabilities and whether

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OTHER OPINIONS

Novi case shows Ameritech flaws

It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma. So Sir Winston Churchill famously characterized Russia in 1939. The line gains fresh meaning when applied 61 years later to the telephone mess in Michigan and to the role in it played by the state's dominant phone company, Ameritech.

For your convenience, I've organized the discussion into matters of fact, elements of likely conjecture and modest suggestions for improvement. Much of the fact comes from tenacious reporting by Mike Malott, who heads the statewide news service for this newspaper; the conjectures and suggestions are mine.

Fact: Saying that complaints filed against Ameritech over slow repair service had mushroomed to nearly 2,000 in August alone, the Michigan Public Service Commission last week launched quasi-legal proceedings against the company to establish enforceable service standards. Ameritech blames slow repairs on wet weather, high retirement rates for line technicians and the growth in demand for new lines. Critics say slow service is the result of the phone company's own priorities, such as concentrating on new products such as "digital subscriber lines" or DSL, for high speed Internet access, rather than maintaining its established telephone network.

Likely Conjecture: Ameritech has been shedding staff for some years to increase profits and thereby maximize the price paid when SBC Communications, of San Antonio, Texas bought the company last year, although Ameritech strictly denies it. The result has been a "hollowed out company," incapable both of responding promptly to service complaints and meeting timely the demands of business customers for upgraded equipment.

Fact: The 10K financial statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Michigan Bell (Ameritech's predecessor company) indicates the number of company employees fell from 16,785 in 1989 to 11,298 in 1998. At the same time, the number of phone lines in the company's network increased from 4.1 to more than 5.4 million.

Likely Conjecture: Hundreds of Novi residents were dangerously left without 9-1-1 emergency phone services for several days. Normally, Ameritech would tell police about a large outage so alternative arrangements could be made, according to company spokesperson Julie Balmer, but the company did not in this case because of the small number of residents affected.

Modest Suggestion: The legislature should give the Public Service Commission the authority to require Ameritech Michigan to report publicly how much revenue the company generates, the levels of investment made in the state and the number of employees assigned to Michigan operations. As of now, Ameritech can say whatever it wants about its staffing levels and operations without conclusive public documentation.

Fact: Hundreds of homes in two entire mobile home parks in Novi lost telephone service at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29. The outage lasted for three and a half days. Novi city fire and police departments were not notified of the service loss until reporters from the local newspaper, the Novi News, started poking around, making phone calls and asking questions.

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Modest Suggestion: The legislature should consider requiring phone companies to notify local police and fire authorities when a phone outage affects a substantial number of homes. Rep. Cassis told reporter Malott that "plain old common sense would dictate that the police should be notified when a situation like that arises, especially for that length of time."

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At times, people will believe anything

Back in the eastside bookstore, where I worked with my poet and artist friends, I noticed that people would buy books on almost anything. The top sellers were the "horoscopes." What a burning ball of gas a trillion miles away has to do with my future is a mystery to me.

On this one particular afternoon a woman came in asking if we had any books on reincarnation. I pointed her to the "Phenomenon" section of the store that held all the books on astrology, numerology, alien abduction and all the other books of "weird science."

She had pulled the book on "past lives" and asked me if I believed in reincarnation.

"Sure," I said, with a big bright smile. "I was in the battle of Vienna. In the Army of King John Sobieski of Poland, we charged the hated Turks as they attempted to ransack the city. It was a cool day, cloudy and overcast. I can remember the call to charge. I guess that was 1683 or so."

"Really, that's fascinating," she said, looking at me as I wove the tale of my previous life.

"We drove the Turks back to the Hungarian plains but in a nighttime skirmish, just north of Lake Balaton, I was struck down by a Turkish sword." As my killer retreated to the sounds of the Austrians advancing, a dawn broke over the valley and I took my final breath," I said.

She looked at me with astonishment or fear. I couldn't figure out which.

"Yes, I believe in reincarnation," I said. "That's a wonderful story," she said. "What that be cash or charge?" I asked.

"The moral to the story? People will believe anything. And people want to believe the things they believe in are true. My editor saw a sign in Ohio that said 'Selected psychic readings 50 percent off.' Fifty percent off what? Which part of the future do you not want to know about? The good, part? Or the bad?"

A few weeks ago I received a call from a resident who said that there were hobos living in a wooded area off of Ten Mile.

"It's true," said the Novi resident. "My kids saw them." Then, two weeks ago, stories of people living in a wooded area near Nine Mile became surface. I thought, what a headline. "Hobos ruling over the city!" Hobos roaming the city, catching the train along Grand River and riding the rails from town to town. Sound absurd? People believe bats and gas spinning around stars billions miles away have significant effects on their futures. Doesn't that sound crazy? The next thing you know there'll be Loch Ness Monster sightings in Walled Lake. Big Foot will be spotted wandering in Rotary Park.

What is the point of all this? We live in the Information Age. Information comes in the form of books, television, radio and in the internet and just because it is information, doesn't mean it's worth the hard disk it's printed on.

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Water wonderland has pollution problems

It is rapidly becoming apparent that Michigan has a more serious water pollution problem than officials had believed.

When the state Department of Environmental Quality queried communities across the state last month to see which had "sanitary sewer overflows" — that is instances when their sewer systems were so overwhelmed that sewage was discharged into surface waters — it got affirmative responses from 149. That's twice the number the DEQ had previously known about. Up until it conducted its survey, it had listed 73 communities as having had known discharges.

The communities didn't fess up without an incentive. Cities can be fined up to \$25,000 per day for violations like sewer discharges. To get a handle on the extent of the problem, the state offered a partial amnesty to communities that came forward. Those who get caught later are likely to be subject to the full weight of the fines.

Stepping forward to say they have had overflows were the communities of Garden City, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Riverview, Rockwood and Trenton in Wayne County; Milford, Pontiac and Southfield in Oakland County; Delhi Township/Ingham County, Lansing and Mason in Ingham County; and Pinckney and Livingston in that county.

The DEQ already had others on its list. The department identified Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Livonia and Westland as communities with multiple discharges annually. The Oakland County Evergreen-Farmington system in Oakland and the Wayne County-North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley system in Wayne also fell into that category.

The DEQ said Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township and Hazel Park all had about one discharge per year. And it found that Waterford, Troy and the Western Township Utility Authority in Northville and Plymouth had but a few discharges over the past five years. It doesn't take much to figure out what is wrong with a sewage overflow. The idea of untreated sewage running directly into lakes and streams is disturbing. But it is more serious than just a few closed swimming areas and beaches during the summer time. The federal Environmental Protection Agency has linked such dis-

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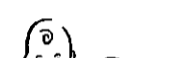
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Children polish up their table manners

By Stephanie Farley
Staff Writer

With today's fast paced lifestyles, parents often do not have the leisure time to spend with their kids teaching them simple manners and dining skills. To most children, etiquette means little more than "no chewing with your mouth open" or "keeping your elbows off the table."

On August 24, area children received a lesson in proper behavior at the Country Epicure in Novi with etiquette and protocol consultant Margit Erickson and her popular seminar, "Growing Up Gracefully."

"The earlier children learn proper manners and etiquette, the better," said Erickson, who has been teaching the course over ten years. "They just need someone to show them."

have different looking skin, hair, weight, or height, never make fun of them. Be kind," she said.

"Just because they may look different does not mean they aren't nice people. Treat others the way you would like to be treated."

Erickson's etiquette course also introduces mealtime etiquette and provides the children with an opportunity to practice what they have learned in a formal dining setting. The meal includes a four-course luncheon and the children are given hands-on experience in the proper use of dining utensils, where silverware should be placed, how to cut food, and knowing what to do with your napkin.

"The first thing you should do after being seated at a dinner table is place the napkin in your lap," she said. "Never tuck the napkin in your collar. When you leave the table to go to the restroom, be sure to leave the napkin in your seat to let the waiter know you are coming back. The napkin stays in your lap the entire time you are seated at the table and only goes on the table when you leave the restaurant."

Brothers Jordan, 10, and Adam Ajournal, 13, of Northville, who took the class as a gift to their mother for her birthday, said they enjoyed the course and learned a lot.

"We learned things like how to do introductions and that when you shake someone's hand, the web of the thumbs should touch," said Jordan Ajournal.

Friends Emma Khoury, Elena Rose, and Megan Piotrowski said they learned things like how to set the table, how to answer the phone, and how to behave at school and on the bus, as well as how to treat others.

"If you see someone who is different from you, for example they may



Photo by STEPHANIE FARLEY
Margit Erickson helps students manipulate cutlery properly.

Before the seminar even begins, Erickson sends the children an introductory letter. She informs them not to wear jeans or sneakers, and that gum chewing is forbidden. The girls must wear dresses and the boys must wear a shirt and tie.

Erickson began her career as an etiquette and protocol consultant 12 years ago partially due to the outcome of asking a teenage guest in her home to set the table.

"She was a bright girl. It was just that no one had ever shown her the correct way to place the silverware, napkins, glasses, etc."

Erickson trained with Dorothea Johnson, whose company is now called the Protocol School of Washington, D.C. and also did some research and studying on her own.

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Here's some tips from Margit Erickson on proper etiquette:

1. Always write a thank you note when you are given a gift. Write the note within one week, and if you received money, always include how you are going to spend it.
2. Be sure to face the stage or movie screen when going by people in a row.
3. It is polite to stand behind your chair until the host comes to the table. Always wait until everyone is served before you begin eating as well.
4. If you are served something you do not like, push the food with a fork to make it look as if you have eaten some.
5. Do not season food before tasting it. It is an insult to the host who has worked so hard to put the meal together.
6. When cutting your food, always cut one bite at a time.
7. When hosting a party, it is a good idea to use name cards at the table so there is no confusion to where people are sitting. Also, if a host has placed you in a certain seat, do not switch around with others.
8. Always arrive on time.

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Emergency News



Emergency Department Medical Director Christopher J. Heberer, M.D. instructs a Boy Scout troop on a tour.

Hospital Outreach Helps the Community Prevent and Cope with Emergencies

While medical emergencies cannot always be avoided, Huron Valley-Sinai's Emergency Department staff works with groups in the community to prevent injuries and help avoid medical emergencies. For example, the hospital joins with the Walled Lake Fire Department in a Halloween safety program to prevent injuries among children. Huron Valley-Sinai staff members visit local schools to explain emergency care and prepare young people, who may visit the Emergency Department in the future as patients or with family members. Another program teaches Boy Scouts first aid techniques.

An additional aspect of community outreach is targeted to chronically ill individuals who are more likely to face a medical emergency. Staff members speak to patient groups with serious asthma or other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), as well as to congestive heart failure (CHF) patients to help them avoid emergency hospitalization and also to suggest information that would be helpful to bring with them if they do require emergency care.

All of these educational efforts are designed to help prevent or minimize injuries and medical emergencies. Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital believes that education is essential for promoting good health.

Emergency Department is Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's "Front Door"



Christopher J. Heberer, M.D. Medical Director and Robert J. Yellan, President, HVSH

Robert Yellan, President of Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, views the Emergency Department as central to the hospital's mission of community service. "As the only hospital emergency service in western Oakland County, we regard our Emergency Department as our "front door" to the community. Our emergency physicians and nurses have the experience and skills to provide state-of-the-art treatment for illness and injury. At the same time, we are dedicated to providing our emergency services promptly and with the special caring and compassion with which Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital prides itself," says Mr. Yellan.

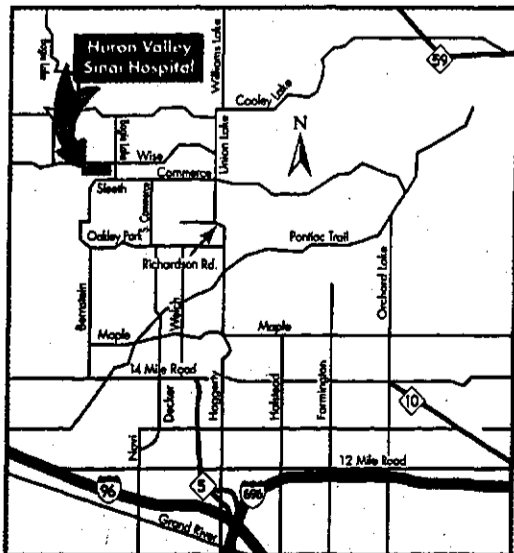
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While the waiting time depends upon the severity of illness or injury, as well as current patient volume, waiting times are typically shorter than at other hospitals. Patients are usually assessed by medical staff within 15 to 20 minutes of arrival/registration. Our goal is to treat and discharge patients within two hours with the exception of those who require longer observation or admission to the hospital.

A family waiting room adjacent to the Emergency Department provides a quiet, pleasant environment. Emergency visits can be stressful and our Emergency Department staff members try to provide information and reassurance to reduce patients' and family members' concerns.



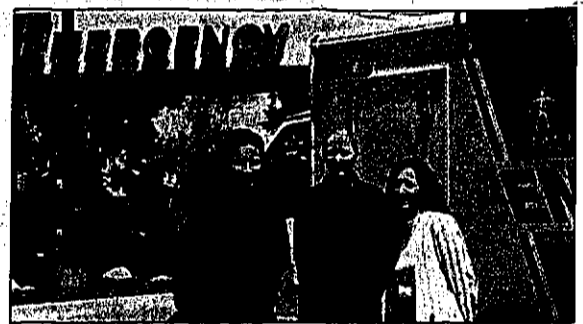
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Emergency Staff Works Cooperatively with Local EMS and Fire Departments

One aspect of the hospital's community orientation is its collaboration with local Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and fire departments. The hospital serves as a base station for seven local fire departments, which regularly transports injured and ill individuals to Huron Valley-Sinai's Emergency Department for care.

Emergency Department medical staff members also serve as medical resources to local fire departments, providing education and training for them at the General Motors Proving Grounds located near the hospital. By working together, the hospital and local fire departments are able to plan and prepare effectively for potential community emergencies, such as dangerous storms, explosions or hazardous waste spills.



HVSH Emergency Department Team



Physicians and nurses work together to assess and care for patients

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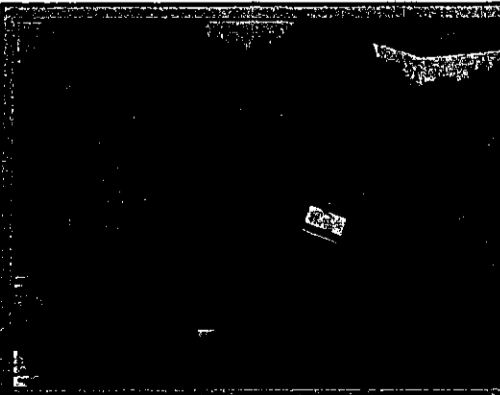
When families think about health care, it's usually about routine or expected medical care—physical exams, childbirth, allergy care, diagnostic tests or outpatient surgery. However, unexpected situations do occur and high quality emergency services can make all the difference to someone who is seriously injured or ill.

Fortunately, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's Emergency Department offers the expertise and quality of care which make it an important resource for this growing community. Our emergency medical staff members are board-certified emergency medicine specialists—physicians who have completed a lengthy residency program in emergency medicine. Our nurses also have special training—Advanced Certification Life Support (ACLS) and Trauma Nurse Course Certification (TNCC). Together they work as a team to diagnose and treat patients with a wide range of medical emergencies and traumatic injuries.

Our patients seek emergency care for life-threatening situations such as heart attacks and injuries from automobile accidents, as well as many less critical conditions. The emergency staff has the experience and skill for effective, timely diagnosis and treatment for a wide range of medical and traumatic emergencies. In addition, an Acute Response Team is available for highly specialized medical situations.

For patients with chest pain, the hospital's Cardiac Observation Unit provides specialized monitoring and care. The hospital's Critical Care Unit provides intensive medical care for patients who are seriously ill or injured.

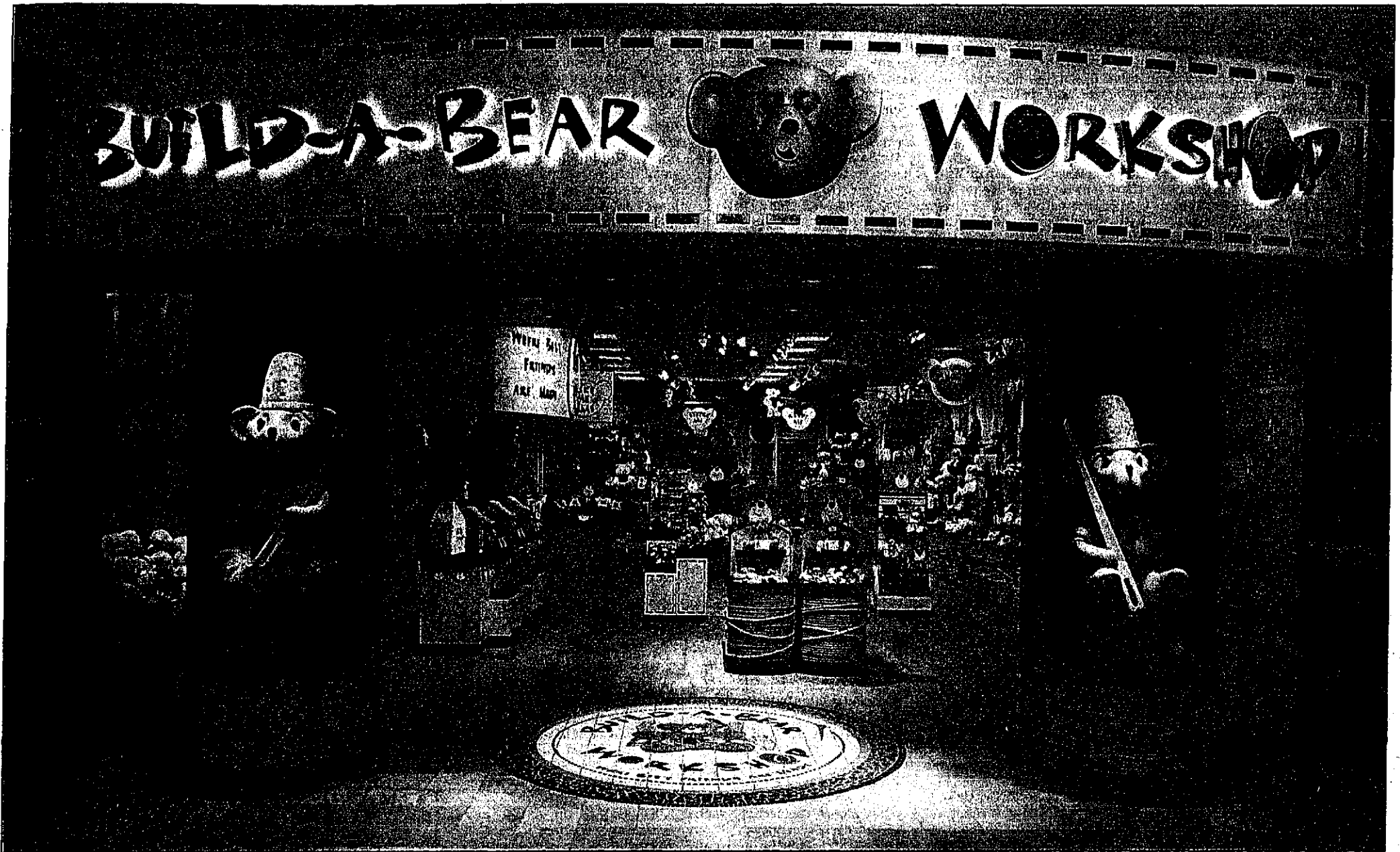
As a hospital-based Emergency Department, patients who need hospitalization can be admitted directly to Huron Valley-Sinai. This is an important convenience for patients and family members and it is the only Emergency Department in the area that is part of an on-site hospital. Emergency care is a very important part of meeting the community's health needs.



Pediatric Care Is Essential

Children comprise 20 percent of the emergency patients at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. In spring and summer, accidents causing sprains and broken bones are the leading reasons for children to be in the Emergency Department. In winter, children often experience complications from the flu. Asthma is also a frequent diagnosis of pediatric patients.

Whenever the illness or injury of our staff is ready to care for your child with expertise, we have it. In addition, our board-certified emergency medicine specialists, Huron Valley-Sinai's pediatricians on staff and provides a pediatric clinic for children and adolescents.



Build-A-Bear Workshop are opening all over the country, including in Novi, as the store gains in popularity.

Stuffed with love

New store lets customers build one of a kind stuffed animals

Novi will soon be overrun with bear sightings when the Build-A-Bear Workshop opens at the Twelve Oaks Mall tomorrow.

The workshop, which creates a unique experience for stuffed animal lovers of all ages, is centered on creating a bear, frog, rabbit, cat, dog, monkey, horse, cow or turtle of your own.

"Our motto is this is 'where best friends are made.' Anyone who has a heart will enjoy this store and enjoy bringing their bear to life," said J. J. Tome, chief workshop manager for the Novi Build-A-Bear.

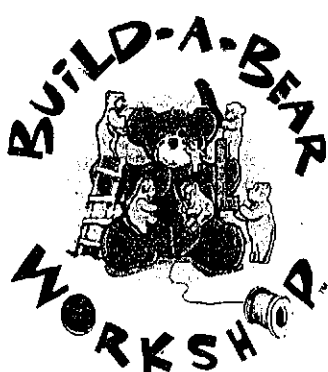
The store is for kids of all ages, but children are really catered to by the bear builders who help in assisting customers make their very own bear. Tome said the workers really get down to the kids' level and make it their experience.

FILLING OUT

The first step in creating an animal is picking out one of over 20 kinds located in the store. Once you have picked out the perfect stuffed pet, it's on to the Stuff Me Station where helpers will take your pet and add stuffing with your help.

HAVE A HEART

Before your animal is sewed up, however, the new owner picks a fabric heart, kisses it and makes a wish. The heart is then



placed inside the stuffed animal to give it a life of its own.

STITCH IN TIME

Once your bear or animal has been stuffed, the bear professionals will stitch up your bear to keep it fluffy and soft. Tome said there are built in laces in the stuffed animals which makes sewing the bears easier.

FLUFFIN' UP

Now that your animal is full size, it is taken to the Fluff Me Station where dryers will pump up your precious stuffed pet.

DRESSING FOR THE OCCASION

A major part of the Build-A-Bear Workshop is the large quantities of outfits owners can choose to dress their special animal in. Almost every sporting outfit is available as well as prom dresses, exercise suits, sweaters, jeans, boxers, underwear, tuxedos, fishing outfits, Halloween costumes and accessories such as hats, purses, glasses and more.

NAME ME

The last station is for the completed bears and animals to receive a name and a birth certificate or story. The workshop has books with hundreds of names to help the owners out or they can create one. The story is a booklet which tells how the person made the bear and where the bear will now live.

CONDO IN THE SKY

Your Ricardo or Michaelangelo is now ready to be placed in his or her carrier, a special cub condo that will transport your animal home. If you chose not to

dress your bear, free ribbons or bows are available.

Tome said their store is special because of all the hands-on opportunities that are possible.

"Retail is cold-cut, but with Build-A-Bear, you can put thought into it. You give your bear a personality," she said.

Another unique opportunity Build-A-Bear offers is birthday parties at the workshop. Tome said customers are already scheduling parties for the store which doesn't open until Sept. 15.

Master bear builders will walk the group through the stations, sing "Happy Birthday" to the birthday boy or girl and children even get to color their cub condos before they take them home. Reservations for birthday groups also received a free gift for the birthday person.

"We have even had birthday parties for persons over 65," Tome said.

Girl Scout Troops also visit the workshop, build bears and receive a patch to attach to their sash or vest.

Average bear prices are reasonable with most costing between \$10 and \$25. Adding sounds, like "Happy Birthday," animal sounds or songs such as "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" are an extra \$3-\$8. The clothes are also extra and range from \$3-\$15, Tome said. The opening of the Build-A-Bear Workshop will start at 10 a.m. with the opening of Twelve Oaks Mall. The store is located on the second floor near Sears. Normal store hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The workshop will have a grand opening celebration on Sept. 23 from 12-4 p.m. with a special visit from Bearemy, the official mascot of Build-A-Bear Workshops.

For more information on scheduling birthday parties or Girl Scout troop visits, please call the hotline at 1-877-789-2327.

Kelli Cooley is the copy editor for the Novi News/Northville Record. Her e-mail address is kcooley@ht.homecomm.net



A Master Bear Builder helps a child put stuffing into his bear.



(Above) Bear builders get to kiss a fabric heart and then put it into their very own bear to bring it to life. (Right) One of the many different kinds of bears and other animals that can be made at the workshop-Curly Bear.



Build-A-Bear's official mascot, Bearemy.

Story by Kelli Cooley • Photos from Build-A-Bear

Novi Highlights

Novi Chamber of Commerce

This month's chamber luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. Notify the chamber office of your reservations by Friday, Sept. 15. Reservations made after the deadline or at the door are subject to availability.

The offer of purchasing 12 vouchers for \$204 is still available. Special guest speaker will be Robert Casalone, president of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers. Casalone has been with Providence Hospital since 1990 and became president in 1999.

More information will be available on "The Disney Keys to Excellence," to be held Sept. 22, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton. The program will provide information on how Disney's style of leadership, management and customer service can be adapted to any industry. Reservations are to be made through Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Also coming up at this time will be a joint effort of the chamber and the city of Novi through the Novi Parks and Recreation and the Novi Historical Commission regarding restoration of the Finest Farm

property. Novi residents are asked to work together with other volunteers Sept. 15-17 to help clean up in restoring the barns, house and grounds of the 170 year old historical site. Community organizations, individuals and families are encouraged to call the chamber office at 349-3743.

On the last day, Sept. 17, there will be a family picnic with entertainment by the Chautauque Express, with games, prizes, tours of the farm and township hall. There will be refreshments and the "Farm Lady" will be there with her special animals, also old-fashioned toys and games.

Whitehall Health Care Center
A Hawaiian Luau was recently held by the activity department for the residents, their families and staff, over 150 were in attendance. Grandchildren of the residents were also invited for a fun afternoon of pony rides. Many of the adults were in Hawaiian garb complete with leis, brightly colored shirts and grass skirts.

In addition, popular singer Jack Dalton, a favorite with the residents, provided two hours of entertainment and encour-

aged those present to share their singing talents.

New part-time staff member Julia Noto has joined director of activities Christine Valley and assistant Fran Simo.

Residents from Charter House and Whitehall enjoyed a recent trip to the Detroit Zoo. Oct. 18 is scheduled for a trip to Erwin Cider Mill in South Lyon. Residents also enjoy taking in a movie at the Town Center.

Halloween plans are being made to welcome 150 kids in costume from St. Fabian to visit Whitehall. While at the facility, the children will be going door-to-door "trick or treating."

Christine Valley at 349-2200.

Novi Public Library
A "Harry Potter Night" open house will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Potter fans of all ages are asked to join in the fun at Platform 9 3/4 for games, prizes, arts and crafts, and a short reading from Harry Potter's "Goblet of Fire."

Special announcement for Hogwarts Students ages 7 and older - there is a need for library Quidditch Players with game time at 7:30 p.m. All 18 who wish to be a Quidditch player must register beforehand; there is a limitation of 100 players. For more information, call 349-0720.

Special thanks to Borders Books & Music for donating five copies of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

"Tot Time" for children 19-24 months holds its first session on Friday, Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. Preregistration is required as space is limited. An added activity in this program titled "Tiny Tot Time" is for children 12-18 months old. The first session will be held Oct. 13; preregistration is required two weeks prior to each class. Due to limited space, caregivers and toddlers only.

Free copies of Novi Childcare and Preschool Directory are now available at the library. This booklet is available each year with updated information compiled by the library and Novi Youth Assistance. There are 30 listings (possible exclusions are unanticipated); information for next year's listing can be obtained by calling the library, 349-0720 or Novi Youth Assistance, 347-0410.

There will be three sessions for the popular "Design-A-Plate 2000," Oct. 7, 10 and 11. One plate per person. This is a drop-in activity, no preregistration is necessary.

Novi United Methodist Church
"Celebration Sunday" was celebrated Sept. 10 when church families were encouraged to bring a friend to church.

Special thanks to Borders Books & Music for donating five copies of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

Other small groups are starting fall plans: The cancer support group, the Dorcas Circle, the Fishermen, the U-M Men, the sharing and caring group, and the recovery support group. For further information, call the church office at 349-2585.

A new music program for children (grades one through three, fourth through sixth, and seventh through eighth) is being introduced by choral director Elaine Wroe. Preschoolers and

kindergartners will also be included in group rehearsals on Sunday mornings. They will be singing occasionally with the first through third grade choir. Grades nine through 12 will also be singing with the adult choir.

The church youth will meet on Wednesdays, from 6:30 p.m. for choir rehearsals and CIA (Christians in Action). Director of teen programs is new youth leader, Becky Chappel. They met for the first time last week with its second meeting scheduled for Sept. 17.

Future plans include a concert on Sept. 21 and a special service Sept. 24 for those who attended the Mountain T.O.P. Gwen Markham is leader of the book club, which meets from 10-11:30 a.m. Discussion will be "What's So Amazing About Grace," by Phillip Yancy.

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

On Campus

Julie Ann Zimmerman of Northville graduated from Miami University of Ohio with a bachelor's degree in business.

Local area graduates receiving their degrees from Purdue University in May were:
KORTVILLE
Matthew Thomas Baird, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; **James Cameron Elissen**, with distinction, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; and **Jane Beth Vannier**, bachelor of arts.

NOVI
Daniel R. Markiewicz, bachelor of science, consumer and family science.

WALLED LAKE
Robert Neil Whitman, with distinction, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering.

Receiving scholastic honors at Purdue University for achieving a 3.5 or higher grade point average were: Northville resident **Matthew Thomas Baird**, mechanical engineering; **James Cameron Elissen**, mechanical engineering; **Joy M. Stephens**, management; **Ryan William Hinz** of Novi, consumer

and family science; **Robert Neil Whitman** of Wall Lake, mechanical engineering; and **Aaron L. Sturgeon** of Northville, computer graphics technology.

Scott Galea, a senior at American University, was named to the spring 2000 Dean's List. A resident of Northville, Galea is majoring in international studies in the school of International Studies.

Graduating from Western Michigan University were Northville residents **Paul F. Breyer**, bachelor's degree in engineering graphics and design technology; **Dean M. Freilick**, bachelor's, broad-based production; **Sharon M. Murphy**, cum laude, bachelor's, engineering management; and **Anthony David Pastor**, bachelor's degree in organization communication.

From Novi, **Jonathan R. Hecker**, with a bachelor of science degree in printing.

Precious N. Shah of Northville, a freshman in the Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science at Northwestern University, has been named to the Dean's List for spring quarter.

To receive recognition, students must attain at least a 3.75 grade point average.

Angela Kovalak, a freshman at Kalamazoo College, was named to the Dean's List all three quarters for achieving a 4.0 grade point average. As a result, she will be inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Acceptance is based on GPA and class standing.

Kovalak is the daughter of Stella and William Kovalak of Northville.

Precious Shah of Northville has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Northwestern University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first- and second-year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

Audrie Lin is the daughter of Yun Shuang and Sue Why Lin. She



Audrie Lin

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 Mile & Meadowbrook
Wicomico Ev Lutheran Synod
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Thomas E. Schmechel, Pastor - 349-0565

CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity)
Meadowbrook Elementary School - Wall Lake
(South of 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road)
(248) 449-2929
Services at 10 AM
Children's Church 9:30 AM
Minister Barbara Cleveland

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4167 W. Lincoln
349-2652 (24 hrs)
Sunday Worship at 9:45 a.m.
Nursery Care Available
Louise R. Ott, Pastor

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi at 8 1/2 Mile
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Church School 10 a.m.
248-348-7757
Minister: Dr. E. Neil Hunt
Minister of Music: Patrick Kuhl

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dr. James N. McGuire, Senior Pastor
43000 St. Clair, Northville, MI 48164
Services at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Church Service 6:00 p.m.
Use Buses: 8:30 a.m. WVR 1310AM

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI
4425 W. Lincoln
Novi, MI 48164
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:30 a.m.
Reverend James F. Clark, Pastor
Phone Office: 347-7718

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48175
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Sun. 7:30 a.m.
8:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Pastor: Dawn Ryan, 330-7300
Father: John Buckle, Pastor
Father Andrew Czaplewski, Pastor
Phone Office: 349-8841

WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH
A Place to Grow
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 AM
led by Pastor Keith J. McKee
The Comfort Inn - Maclewan Room
146 Orchard Hill Center, Novi, Michigan, MI
For more info call: (248) 928-4105 anytime

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21260 Hogarty Road - Nazarene Church
Southly: Pastors: Bob & Ann Schubert, Pastor

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
10 Mile between East & West, Novi
Phone 349-1175
Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist
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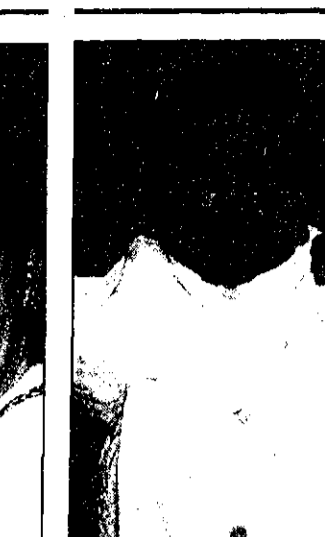
Engagements



Serwick-Von Skiver



Bales-Lathrop



Evan Keller

Vekki Serwick of Northville and Phil Serwick of Detroit announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Theresa, to Jeffrey James Von Skiver, son of James and Madelyn Von Skiver of Grand Rapids.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Bishop Foley. She graduated in 1994 from Aquinas College and is currently a guidance counselor at West Catholic High School.

The groom-elect graduated in 1985 from Forest Hills Northern. He received his degree in 1992 from Western Michigan University and is currently a sales representative for Simplot.

An Oct. 14 wedding is planned.

Alwynne and Jack Bales of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Suzanne, to Robert B. Lathrop, son of Mary and Richard Lathrop of Berkley.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Berkley Borgess High School. She graduated in 1998 from Schoolcraft College and is currently employed at Meijer's in Wixom.

The groom-elect is a 1987 graduate of Berkley High School. He became self-employed following graduation from Northern Michigan University.

A spring 2001 wedding is planned.

Susan and John Keller of Northville are proud to announce the birth of their son, Evan James, born Aug. 3 at 2:17 p.m. in Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Baby Evan has two brothers and two sisters. His grandparents are William and Karen Boldt of Hazel Park, and Catherine Keller of Ann Arbor and John Keller of Scottsdale, Ariz. Alma Boldt of Hazel Park is the baby's great-grandmother.

Visitors can see Evan on his own web page created by his dad at webpageize.com/Evan

Reunions

Detroit Mackenzie High School class of 1945

Reunion for all 1940-1949 classes on Oct. 14 at Monaghan KFC Hall in Livonia. Call Evelyn Dienes Mayer, (248) 349-5245, or Richard Saxby, (313) 837-0641.

Sacred Heart Reunion

A reunion of Sacred Heart Alumni of Detroit will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 3451 Rivard at Ellet (one block east of 75 and Mack). Reception will be at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. A golden reunion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Walled Lake Class of 1975 Reunion

The Walled Lake Western Class of 1975 - 25-year reunion will be held Friday, Nov. 24 at Penna's of

Sterling, 38400 Van Dyke Ave., between Metro Parkway (Sixteen Mile) and Seventeen Mile roads, from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The event includes a family style dinner, late night pizza, open bar, dancing to DJ music, and book of classmate information.

The cost is \$65 per person through Aug. 15; and \$75 per person through Oct. 15.

If you have not received a registration packet, call Elaine Davis at (248) 624-2723 or e-mail the committee with your current address at wh1975@yahoo.com and register free at www.classmates.com. Contact Elaine Davis with current information about yourself even if you cannot attend so you can be included in the reunion book.

To register, send a check payable to "Walled Lake Western Class of 1975" to WLVW class of 1975, 1393 Cherystone Court, Wixom, MI 48393. A registration packet with your receipt will be sent to you.

Hines Park brings beauty to area

The Wayne County Park System began in 1919. In the 1920s, the Wayne County Road Commission began to acquire land which would be used for a park patterned after the Bronx parkway in New York.

Edward Hines Drive, named for the first Wayne County road commissioner, meanders more than 17 miles following the course of the Rouge River between Dearborn and Northville. The drive cuts through Edward Hines Park, which is actually composed of several small roadside parks and other parcels of land that were combined to comprise one large county park.

The first piece of land used for this purpose was land willed to the county by Northville resident Cass Benton.

Benton was an early member of the Wayne County Road Commission. When he died, he willed his farm to Wayne County to be used as a park. His wife passed away. However, in 1925, Mrs. Benton gave her property to the county so that she would be able to see her husband's wish come true.

Historian Mina Humphries Varnum's description of the idyllic scene in 1927 still applies today: "If you wish to see what has been made of (Benton's) old sugaring grove, drive out Seven Mile Road nearly to Northville and turn to your left... A short run of about a mile will bring you to the



Barbara Louie

entrance of Cass Benton Park, one of the most beautiful park sites in the county, comprising 16 acres of wooded land."

The picturesque red brick "comfort stations" which still dot the park were built during the 1920s.

Though new, modern facilities are beginning to replace the crumbling relics of the past, the memory of their unique architecture is still evident.

The "Shelker-Comfort Station," which was located in Cass Benton Park was built in 1927. At that time, it was open day and night, with attendants on duty at all times. Drinking fountains throughout the park were connected with Plymouth's water supply.

Across the road from the Cass Benton Park sits a sign which reads "Bennett Arboretum."

Community Events

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors will be holding their annual kickoff at 6:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Novi on Sept. 21. There will be dinner, a fashion show, and raffle. Members and non-members are welcome. Newcomers and Neighbors is a social club group open to all residents of Novi and the surrounding areas. For more information, please call (248) 371-0792 or (248) 349-0317.

SCHOOLCRAFT'S CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

Good food is the kind that not only keeps us alive, but makes that living a distinct pleasure. Schoolcraft College's annual Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. About 50 of the finest chefs from the Southeastern Michigan area will be on hand in the Waterman Campus Center with samples of their most exciting dishes. The event is the principal for the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which grants student scholarships and supports educational activities.

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS FROM REI

REI of Northville, 17559 Haggerty Road (Farmer Jack strip mall) offers the following programs:

- Sept. 20, "Exploring The Wind River Range of Wyoming"

- John Ritz Dave Tate as he takes you along on his backpacking adventure to the wilds of northwestern Wyoming.

- Sept. 27, "Fall Color Tours in Michigan"

- Autumn colors in Michigan. REI will tell you where to hike, bike, drive and paddle for fall's best colors.

- Oct. 4, "Winter 2000 Adventure Clothing Preview"

- Whether you're sking the trails, climbing the ice, dashing to the lodge, or just hanging out at the lodge, check out the latest in technical and leisure clothing for the winter season.

- Oct. 25, "Winter 2000 Adventure Clothing Preview"

- Not the same! Latest clothing choices from both the scientific community and the outdoor fashion world. Find out what this year has to offer.

- **FUERST FARM FAMILY PICNIC**
Free - rain or shine, Fuerst Farm Family Picnic, Sept. 17, from 1-4 p.m. Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun day with food, games and great entertainment. Entertainment provided by Chaotiqua Express with Guy Lewis.

- Some activities may be altered in case of inclement weather. Please park in the Taft Road North High School lot.

GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

"Grandparents Raising Grandchildren," Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. at Northville Senior Center.

This is the first support group meeting for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. For additional information or to register for the meeting, please call the Senior Center at (248) 349-4140.

WARD SINGLE MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES

Single Adult Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville offers various programs of interest. For more information, call West Oakland Walled Lake, (248) 926-3311.

ADOPT A CAT FROM HAPPY TAILS

Volunteers from Happy Tails Feline Rescue will be at the PetsMart Store, Six Mile and Haggerty on Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are many kittens and adult cats available for adoption. Happy Tails is a non-profit organization.

VICTORIAN FESTIVAL COMING SOON

Northville's 12th annual Victorian Festival, Sept. 15, 16 and 17. The festival begins with a kick-off parade on Friday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The streets will be closed to vehicle traffic as townspeople, artists and business owners turn back the clock and transform the community into a Victorian Village complete with period costumes. Free horse and carriage rides, storytellers, a medicine man show, strolling musicians, street entertainment and a Victorian country dance. Visitors will enjoy a unique shopping experience in the many fine establishments in Northville, old-fashioned games, food booths, an antique show and auction and a fine art market. Activities and events take place Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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EFIT HUMANE SOCIETY

Are you the catalyst in your circle of friends? Then now is the time for you to start motivating your friends to participate in the Michigan Humane Society Fall Mitt March. Challenge your coworkers and relatives to help the over 48,000 homeless, injured and abandoned animals cared for by MHS each year. The Mitt March will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 in scenic Maybury State Park in Northville. The Mitt March is a perfect way to help out homeless animals while treating yourself and your favorite canine companion to a terrific outdoor stroll. The march will begin at 10 a.m. and a variety of course lengths are available.

A Michigan State Parks sticker will be required and discount parking coupons will be available Aug. 26 and 27 at the MHS Animal Care Fair at the Southfield Civic Center and also after the Care Fair at Pet Supplies "Plus" stores located near Northville.

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Thursday, September 14, 2000

Community Activities



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Five Oakland County science teachers were among a group of 50 teachers from around the state who recently toured Detroit Edison's Monroe Power Plant, the second largest coal-fired electricity generator in the country. The educators are (second from left) Susan Davis of Milford, a teacher at Legacy School in Hartland; Julia Kettner of Bloomfield Hills, a teacher at Norup Middle School in Oak Park; Gerhard Schubert of Highland, a teacher at Lakeland High School in White Lake; Marcus Hopson of Southfield, a teacher at Coolidge Middle School in Ferndale; Jennifer Horling of Northville, a teacher at South Lyon Middle School in South Lyon. It was a part of an annual three-day Educators' Workshop sponsored by the Detroit Edison Foundation to help teachers earn Master's level college credit and learn about fossil-fuel, nuclear and solar power that the utility uses to make electricity. The workshop also addressed the company's environmental policies and research. Detroit Edison systems engineer Rodney Welliver of Monroe (far left), conducted the tour, which included a trip to the roof of the power plant so the teachers could view the varied activities that occur on the plant's 1,000 wooded, wildlife-inhabited acres located along the Raisin River, Plum Creek and Lake Erie shorelines. This year, the Wildlife Habitat Council, a national environmental organization, certified the Monroe Power Plant as a corporate wildlife habitat.

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, call (248) 349-4140.

• Telephone Reassurance
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call to check on their well being or to talk to someone, 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 1-800-851-1454.

• Focus: HOPE
Food distribution is the fourth Friday of every month, from 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 second Monday of the month, from 1:30-3 p.m. and the fourth Monday of the month, 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.

• Senior Services Directory

The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance, and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program.

• Transportation
• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips
Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.
Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hill's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).
Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

• Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month
The senior bus goes to Laund Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pickup will begin from your home (11 a.m.) or the MGS parking lot (1:30 a.m.). Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

• "The Beach Grill"
Dinner at The Beach Grill in St. Clair Shores on Thursday, Sept. 28. The bus will depart from MGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is \$4 payable to the driver. Please call the Senior Center to register.

• SENIOR FITNESS
• Line Dancing
Line dancing on Wednesdays, from 1:50-2:30 p.m. starting Sept. 27. Drop-in fee. \$4. Classes will be held at the Parks and Recreation Meeting Room.

• Flu Shots,

MOVIES

Karl Kling, Editor 248-685-1507

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Comedian Foxx hopes fans respond to "Bait"

Forty-two million in gold has been stolen from the Federal Reserve and only one of the thieves was caught. To catch the mastermind behind the heist of the decade, the U.S. Treasury Department is going to need fresh bait.

Jamie Foxx, star of the hit action drama "Any Given Sunday" and acclaimed for his work on "The Jamie Foxx Show" and "In Living Color," stars as Alvin Sanders, a down-on-his-luck thief whose fortune is about to change...for the worse.

Landing in jail for a petty theft crime, Alvin finds himself sharing a cell with John Jaster (Robert Pastorelli), the incarcerated half of the pair of high-tech thieves responsible for the missing gold. His partner, Bristol (Doug Hutchison), is still at large. Alvin wants only to get out of prison and start fresh with his girlfriend, Lisa (Kimberly Elise), and when the Feds, led by U.S. Treasury investigator Clenteen (David Morse), set him loose on a sketchy deal, he thinks his luck has finally changed.

Alvin has his freedom and the Feds have found their bait.

Foxx, whose work in such comedies as "Boozy Cab" and in the TV projects "The Jamie Foxx Show" and "In Living Color," was recently complemented by an acclaimed performance in Oliver Stone's action drama, "Any Given Sunday." "Alvin just gets bad breaks," says the young actor. "He's small time looking for big time, and his big time is actually just hanging out with his girl in a one-bedroom apartment. Alvin is just a regular guy who may take change out of the collection plate at church, but says he's going to use that change for a Golly cause."

Director Antoine Fuqua made a splash with the chow Yun-Fat/Mira Sorvino action film "The Replacements" after garnering a reputation for visually arresting commercials and music videos.

To Fuqua, Foxx was up to the demands for both action and physical comedy that was critical to the role of Alvin, on whom the success of the film hinged. "I have watched



Jamie Foxx stars as Alvin Sanders, a small-time thief who is used by the police as human "bait" to draw out a master criminal. "Bait" is a Castle Rock Entertainment production of a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

Jamie on "In Living Color" and in "Any Given Sunday" and knew that he was not just a tremendously funny comedian, but that he would bring some extra ammunition to the role of Alvin as an actor."

Fuqua was committed to a balanced blend of comedy and action. "The humor in this film is subtle, not slapstick," he says. "I wanted to find a way to balance the humor, suspense and action, where the humor doesn't become slapstick and the action satisfies you when it's meant to be serious."

As the film progressed, his admiration for Foxx grew. "He's a hard worker and cares so much about the work," says the director. "It's amazing to see someone with such fine comedic gifts also truly deliver in the action sequences."

Complementing Foxx is a diverse cast of veterans and newcomers.

Doug Hutchison, who has gained notoriety both as the cyber-villain Tooms from "The X-Files" and his work as sadistic prison guard Percy

Welmore in Castle Rock Entertainment's "The Green Mile" was a natural for Bristol.

Fuqua describes Bristol as "a freak. Doug goes to great lengths to create this character—he's Jeffrey Dahmer meets Hannibal Lecter. There's a danger in his weird politeness. Doug plays it to the bone."

To prepare for the role of Bristol, whom Hutchison describes as "a mathematically minded, computer-hacking, intellectual-genius thief," Hutchison drew from a variety of sources for inspiration. The first was "a picture of Michael Stupe that I found. He had his head shaved and wore glasses, which made him appear far-sighted, with a little stubble on his chin, and he was sipping espresso from a cup. I remember thinking, 'Bristol. It was taking a little bit here and there and creating it together in the hopes of meshing an original character.'"

Hutchison, a self-described computer illiterate, gave himself a

crash course in technology to better understand the world of a computer genius.

David Morse, who had also made an impact as Brutus "Brutal" Howell in "The Green Mile," possessed both the authority and the mental acuity to embody the federal agent Edgar Clenteen, who is the counter-point to Bristol.

David Morse, whose credits also include "The Indian Runner" and "The Crossing Guard," relished the opportunity to show a different side of his talent. "I haven't had the chance to do a lot of comedies," says Morse. "When I started out in theater I did a lot of comedy and have been trying to find a way back into it. I read the script for 'Bait,' and immediately identified Clenteen as a role I could have a lot of fun playing."

Morse describes Clenteen as a "guy who feels the younger agents gaining on him. As tough as he would like to be, he still needs to sit on a cushion to ease through the

day.

"We tried to humanize Clenteen as much as possible in the war room with his team," muses Fuqua. "He's tough. He doesn't dislike Alvin, but he knows that Alvin presents his best opportunity to get his hands on this master criminal. So, he has to use Alvin to do his job."

Robert Pastorelli, who garnered international attention for his role opposite Candice Bergen in the acclaimed, long-running series "Murphy Brown," plays Bristol's partner, John Jaster, the cell-mate

that unwittingly sucks Alvin into Clenteen's sting. "Robert brings a great New York street attitude that adds so much to the role of Jaster," says Fuqua. "Yet he is the quintessential professional. He is a great actor and his chemistry and timing with Jamie in their scenes together is right on the money."

Mike Epps, a stand-up comic, recently grabbed attention in his first film role in New Line Cinema's "Next Friday."

Says Fuqua, "Alvin and Steve have a loving relationship, but as with all brothers, there's a certain amount of conflict as well. Alvin realizes he has not been a good influence on Steve, who is dealing and hustling just like he did. So, now, they're working at cross purposes; Alvin wants out of that life and Steve wants in."

Fuqua feels Kimberly Elise brings a warmth and camaraderie to Lisa that was critical to her relationship with Alvin. "Lisa is a strong woman, one who takes care of her son," says the director. "She is strong enough to pull herself up and not get caught up in Alvin's schemes. To Alvin, she is the gold. He has to rise up to her level to be with her. Lisa is challenging Alvin to grow up or get out."

"In my imagination, Lisa and Alvin grew up together and so she understands him," explains Elise. "But at this point, after everything they've been through, she's ready to just go forward with or without him. He needs to pick up the pace of his life if he wants to hang on to their relationship."

For Blum, the filmmakers cast cult favorite Jamie Kennedy (the "Scrumb" trilogy). "Jamie is fantastic," Fuqua notes. "He brings youth and humor to the project. He made it fun for everyone."

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A new year, new teachers in Novi

Deerfield Elementary School



Jill Armstrong: First and second grade teacher, graduate of Western Michigan University from Farmington.
"I look forward to becoming part of a brand-new family made up of parents, teachers and the community."



Betsy Brown: Spanish teacher, graduate of Purdue, from Bloomfield.
"I'm anxious to acquaint the children with the Hispanic culture, customs, history, and of course language, to encourage a wide world view."



Christina Faulstich: school psychologist, Graduate of the University of Montana, from the state of Washington.



Peggy Hare: Reading specialist, graduate of Michigan State University from Birmingham.
"I am excited about meeting all the new staff and students at Deerfield. I love reading and sharing my love of reading with children."



Amy Huszco: First and second grade teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from Beverly Hills, Michigan.
"I love to help children develop a passion for learning and see the excitement in their faces when they succeed."



Kathleen Jennens: First and second grade teacher, graduate of Aquinas College from Novi.
"I'm looking forward to facilitating learning through the multi-age, basic school approach with the children of Novi."

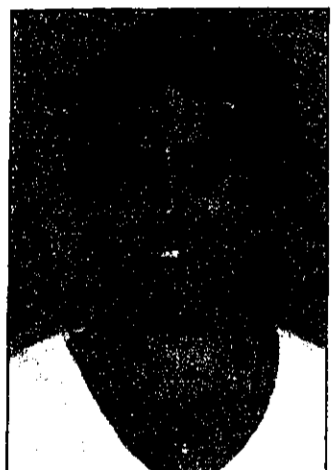


Kelli Slominski: Kindergarten teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from Sterling Heights.
"I chose to be a teacher because I love to watch children learn, grow and explore with new ideas and concepts."

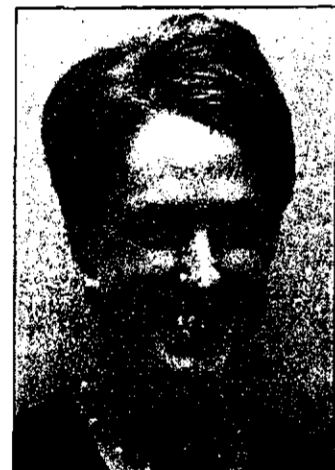


Heather Stewart: Kindergarten teacher, graduate of Central Michigan University from Novi.
"My love of learning and children has made me choose teaching as my profession."

Novi Woods Elementary School



Tanya Bennethum: Third grade teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from West Bloomfield.
"I have a passion for children and wish to inspire each student into becoming life-long learners and having some fun on the side."



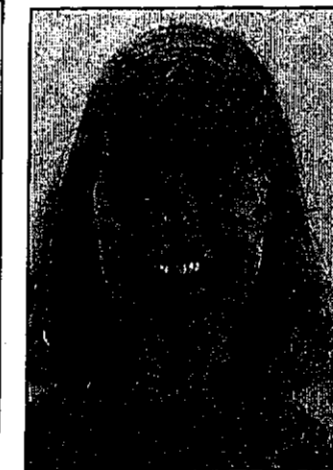
Julia Evans: Music teacher, graduate of Penn State University from Middletown, Ohio.
"I have had a lifetime of positive experiences through my involvement in music. I want to share my experiences with children and help them grow through music."



Heather Hartman: First grade teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from Commerce.
"Teaching to me is very rewarding. I am really looking forward to watching the children grow and seeing the differences each child brings to my class."



Pam Quitquit: Principal, graduate of Eastern Michigan University from Ann Arbor.
"Learning is critical to all and being a teacher (principal) gives you the opportunity to contribute."

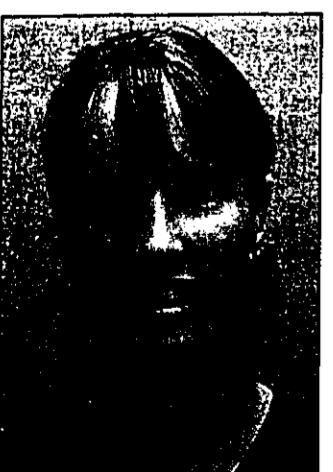


Isolde Sarnecki: Art teacher, graduate of Eastern Michigan University from Ann Arbor.
"I am looking forward to having fun with my students in talking about and creating art. I'm also looking forward to their enthusiasm in discovering new things."

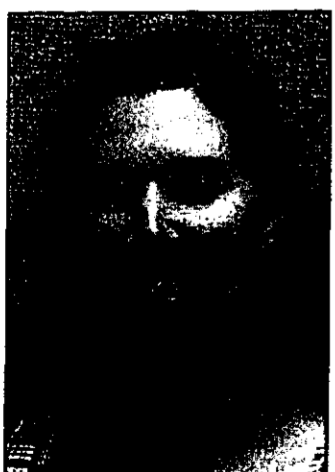


Jill Walro: DK and kindergarten teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from Northville.
"I am looking forward to helping my students become independent life-long learners and instill in them the love for learning."

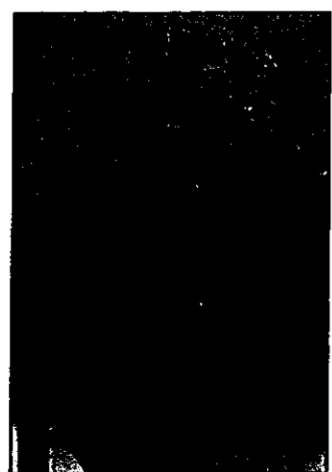
Orchard Hills Elementary School



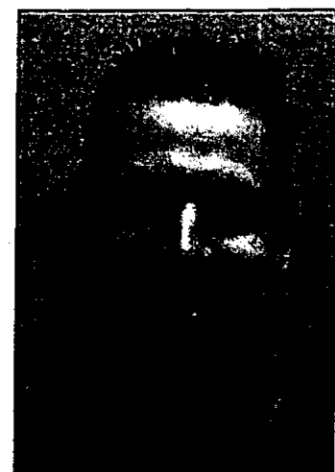
Leslie Anibal: Fourth grade teacher, graduate of Calvin College from San Diego, California.
"I love children. I am looking forward to learning new ideas, meeting new families, and a new community."



Jeanne DeRose: Third grade teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from East Lansing. "Coming from a family of educators, I have a high value for education. I am motivated by the challenges and joys of working with children and their families."



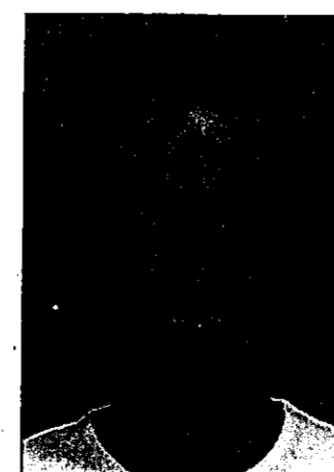
Marianne King: Special education, graduate of Wayne State University from Novi.
"I chose to teach because I have an enthusiasm for learning. Not only do the children learn from me, but I also learn from the children."



Tony Scagnetti: Third grade teacher, graduate of Madonna University from Canton.
"I'm looking forward to working with the staff, students, and parents and watching the class grow. I hope to be a role model for all students in the building."



Betsy Waterloo: Special education teacher, graduate of Hope College from Ann Arbor.
"I chose teaching because I believe that I can have a profound impact on the kids I teach and through them impact the world."



Barbara Zimmerman: Reading specialist, graduate of Aquinas College and Oakland University from Royal Oak.
"I have a commitment to maintaining and strengthening teaching methods that are not only current but innovative and creative."

Going to the head of the class

Parkview Elementary School



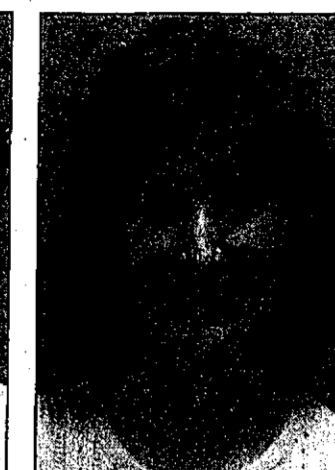
Karen Capayola: Third grade teacher, graduate of the University of Michigan from Novi.
"I would like to create a classroom environment where the students demonstrate the importance of caring for and about each other and the world around them."



Meghan Hussain: Third grade teacher, graduate of Western Michigan University from Muskegon.
"I want to help children gain and construct the knowledge needed to be life long learners and productive citizens."



Agnes Lee: Spanish teacher, also teaches at Novi Woods. U. of California graduate from Novi.
"When I immigrated...at the age of five, I had wonderful teachers who helped me to adjust to a new language and culture. I want to do the same for other children."



Nicky McEvers: Physical education teacher, graduate of Wayne State University from Redford.
"I am looking forward to passing on my knowledge of exercise and health and its importance to students and staff."



Sharon Rose: Media specialist, graduate of the University of Michigan from Novi.
"I hope to bring a love of great books...and an appreciation for the wonderful educational opportunities available through the use of new technologies."



Alice Smith: Reading specialist, graduate of Eastern Michigan University.
"Reading the key to the world. I love to read and I hope to pass on that love to all the students I work with. I love seeing the 'ah-ha' light-bulbs come on for kids."

Village Oaks Elementary



Wendy Warden: Special education teacher, graduate of Eastern Michigan University from Grand Rapids.
"There is already a solid, successful program in place and I'm looking forward to adding my strengths and ideas to it."



Bridget Zahradnik: Spanish teacher, will also be teaching at Orchard Hills. Graduate of Michigan State University.
"I'm excited to work for Novi schools...my experiences with the people I've met and worked with have been very positive."

Administration



Jane Hesse: Coordinator of assessment and testing, graduate of Michigan State University.
"I am looking forward to serving our wonderful staff and community."

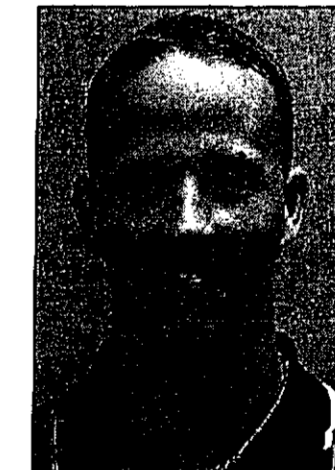
Novi Meadows School



Andrea Alspaugh: Andrea Alspaugh, fifth grade teacher, MSU graduate from Wixom.
"Teaching is the most exciting job in the world. I'm looking forward to working with my partner, Jeanne Dial...to provide kids with the best education possible."



Mary Braun: Fifth grade teacher, graduate of the University of Illinois from Mokena, Illinois.
"From the time I was a little girl, I always wanted to be a teacher. I'm looking forward to working with great teachers and students."



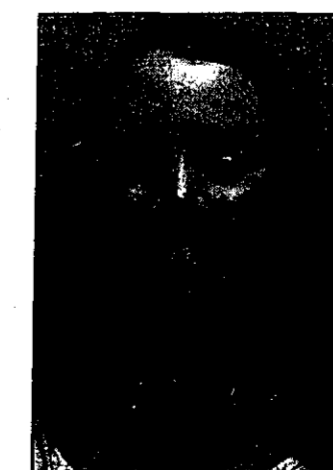
Brian Felcher: Physical education teacher, graduate of Western Michigan University from Jerome. "I enjoy being a role model and working with children. I am looking forward to working with fellow staff members to develop and mold the students."



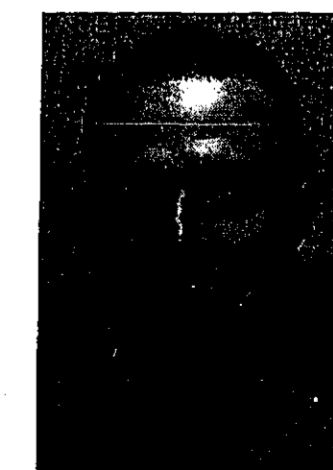
Jennifer Michos: Administrative assistant, graduate of Michigan State University from Hastings.
"I look forward to working with parents and supporting our profession teaching staff in providing what is best for all students."



Jody Payne: Sixth grade teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from South Lyon.
"Looking forward to continuing to be amazed by what kids can do when you give them a little guidance, a lot of encouragement, and the opportunity to do great things."



Meghan Perry: Special education teacher, graduate of Hope College from Novi.
"As a former Novi student, I look forward to providing students with the high quality of education that I received."



Brad Whitlach: Special education teacher, graduate of Mount Union College from Sebring, Ohio.
"I am very excited to be here at Novi and ready to start the new school year. (I look forward to getting to know the staff and students and having fun.)"

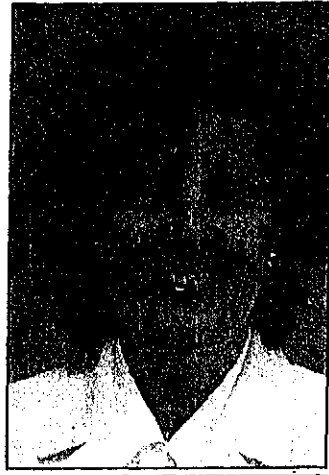
NEW CENTURY, NEW TEACHERS FOR NOVI

New teachers eager to meet challenge

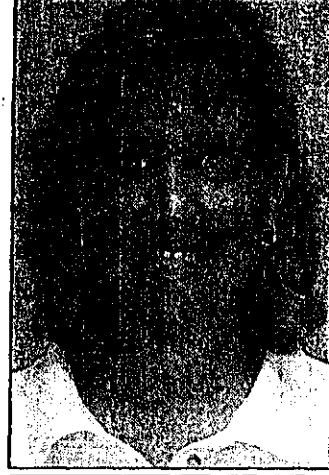
Novi Middle School



Adam Bykofsky: Industrial technology teacher, graduate of Bowling Green State University from Ohio.
"I hope to bring an interdisciplinary approach (to the middle school)."



Theresa English: Art teacher, graduate of Western Michigan University from Dearborn Heights.
"I have been given a gift in creative abilities in both art and music and I hope to bring out the best in my students."



Denise Gotham: Math teacher, graduate of Central Michigan University from South Lyon.
"I always enjoyed school and knew early on that I wanted to teach. I look forward to helping students learn mathematics and have fun doing so."



Laurie Grant: Math and Language Arts teacher, University of Michigan graduate from Allen Park.
"In college I tutored...and realized I could make difference as a teacher. I also believe that teaching young people would keep me forever young."



Kathie Pelan: Math teacher, graduate of the University of Kansas from Brighton.
"I wanted to teach because I like helping children discover new ideas and strengths. I look forward to working in the team atmosphere of the middle school."

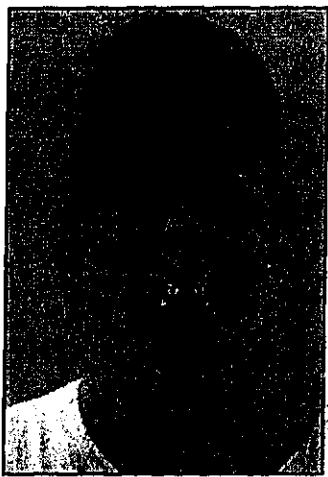


Marie Piper: Assistant principal, graduate of Oakland University from Troy.
"I look forward to new challenges and the great kids and staff."



Paul Schmid: Social Studies teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from Birmingham.
"I'm looking forward to working with my team to help the students develop new perspectives on learning history."

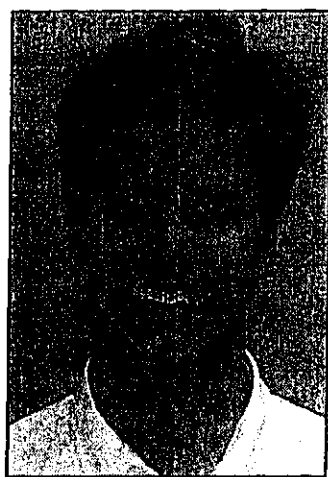
Novi High School



Marcel Abel: Spanish teacher, graduate of Western Michigan University from Romeo.
"I have wanted to be a teacher my entire life. Both of my parents are teachers. I believe it's in my blood."



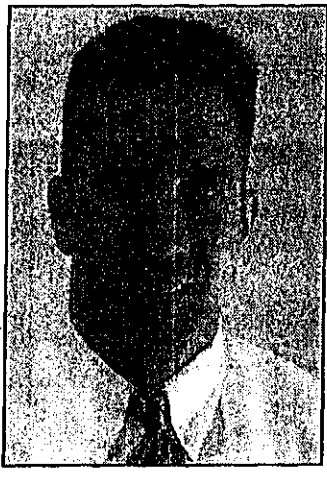
Amy Brinkman: Social worker, will also be working at Deerfield. Graduate of Wayne State University from Bloomfield.
"I feel I have been given my dream job. To be a part of Novi schools is such an honor."



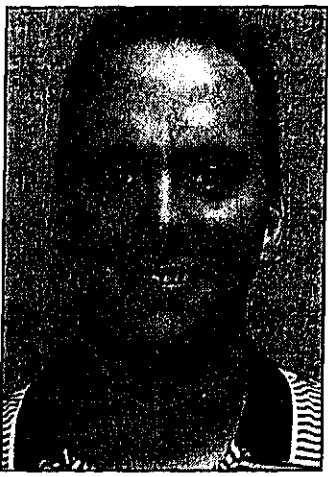
Donald Daniels: Vocal music, graduate of Eastern Michigan University from Pleasant Ridge.
"Music education had a terrific impact on my life. I want to... pass on to my students the same sense of high accomplishment and enjoyment I have gained from music."



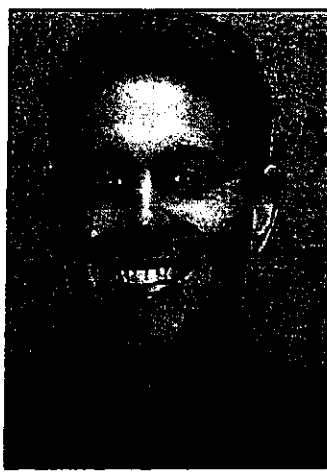
Gail Gray: Reading specialist, graduate of Eastern Michigan University from Bay City.
"The teaching profession is a place to work cooperatively with other teachers and staff. It is an everyday learning process, which I thoroughly enjoy."



Matthew Hammond: Social Studies teacher, graduate of the University of Windener from Wilmington, Delaware.
"I am looking forward to...teaching in a district where...the expectations are high and where the students are the number one priority."



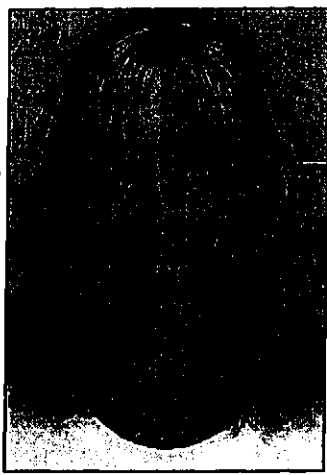
Duke Kelly: Math teacher, graduate of Western Michigan University from Houston, Texas.
"(I chose to teach) so I could help students learn thinking and life strategies. I look forward to...helping students enjoy mathematics."



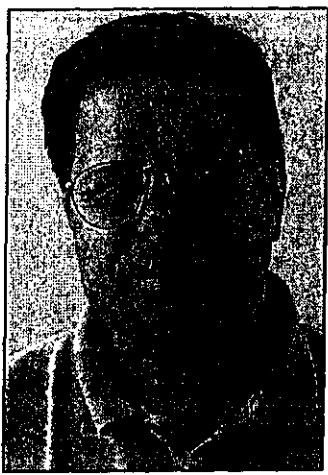
Brian Langley: Chemistry teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from Wyandotte.
"I am looking forward to meeting the students and getting integrated into the community."



Matthew Ownby: Instrumental music graduate of the University of Las Vegas, from Las Vegas.
"I am looking forward to being involved with the education of the Novi youth and being associated and involved in the Novi community."



Jessica Rodgers: English and social studies teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from Saginaw.
"I'm looking forward to meeting new students and staff."



James Scheckler: Instrumental music, graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music from Northville.
"I am looking forward to...continuing the outstanding tradition of excellence that has been the trademark of the Novi Bands."



Jason Skiba: Journalism teacher, graduate of Michigan State University from Alpena.
"(I hope to bring) a stronger, more diverse education in journalism."

Thursday, September 14, 2000

Netters bury Milford

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

This week marks the beginning of the "real" tennis season for Jim Hanson's Novi team.

Up to this point the team has competed in a few scrimmages and non-league matches, but the important portion of the schedule began last night with a match against Lakeland (after the Novi News' deadline).

Last Wednesday the Wildcats defeated Milford in what was an unexpectedly easy match for the road team. Novi toppled the Redskins 7-1, winning each of their seven matches in straight sets.

"It was kind of surprising to both the Milford coach Rich Kynast and I that it went this easily for us," Hanson said of the win. "I thought they were going to give us a lot more trouble than they did."

Milford's Meg Lowrey picked up their lone win, at number one singles, over Novi's Ashley Glover. Each of the 'Cats other singles players limited their opponents to three games or less in each set.

Melissa Roemer defeated Ann Marie Jasieniecki 6-3, 6-2 at two singles. Last year Jasieniecki was an all-conference player at third singles.

"Jasieniecki is a good little player and this was a good win for Melissa," the coach said.

Carolyn Vermeulen topped Anna Saputo at third singles 6-1, 6-0 and Gabi Frask beat Andrea Darrin 6-2, 6-1 at fourth singles.

The doubles teams were equally impressive. Christina Cypther and Colene Brockman picked up a 6-2,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Continued on 3 Novi freshman Ashley Glover returns a backhand in her match against Milford last week.

Toloff on a tear, breaks two records

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It's tough to envision the Novi boys' cross country program getting any better than it has been in its stretch of two-consecutive state titles.

But it is. Chris Toloff is living proof of that. The senior is putting any doubt that he is the best distance runner to ever compete at Novi High School to rest with his performances on the playing field.

Toloff set two records this past week, one a course record up at Lakeland High School and the other a school record for the Wildcats' home course, Cass Benton. He set the school record last Saturday at the University of Detroit Mercy Invitational, winning the overall race in a time of 15:27. The clocking broke the old school record, held by current teammate Tim Moore, by 18 seconds.

"He has just taken off," his coach Bob Smith said. "I wish I could pin point the date, but I know it was with about two weeks left to go in the track season this past spring. He now sees himself in a whole new arena now. He sees himself on a state level."

The win at Cass came against a field of about 160 runners, some of which were collegiate runners from various Division I and II colleges. No team scores were kept, but Novi would have won the team title as well.

Moore was third overall in the race, and second in the high-school division. His time of 15:46 was a second off his old school record time.

Mark Aventus was the third Wildcat to cross the finish line, taking fifth place overall in 16:28. Tim Kava was fourth on the team and 19th overall in 17:31. Todd Foren and Mitch Erickson were fifth and sixth in times of 17:52 and 17:53. Eleven of Novi's runners finished among the top 21

high school runners at the race. Ten teams competed in the Invite.

"This race was the best of both worlds for us," Smith said. "There were a large number of runners, so it gave it that feel of being a big race. But there was no pressure with no team scores being kept. We had three big meets in five days, so we didn't want to compete in meet where we would have to push ourselves if we weren't ready."

NOVI 20, LAKELAND 35

In what was supposed to be the biggest challenge meet of the Kensington Valley Conference season for the 'Cats, the team steamrolled the Eagles on their home course and Toloff ran the fastest race in the course's history.

Toloff broke free from a small pack, which included teammates Aventus and Moore along with Lakeland's No. 1 man Pat Klein, at about the 1/2 mile mark. From there he continued to extend his lead, even as the race ended. He came in at a time of 15:31, which was 24 seconds faster than the course record, previously held by former Milford state champion Brian Pick.

Moore was again the runnerup, finishing at 16:18. Aventus was third (16:58) and Kava (17:30) and Erickson (17:42) rounded out the scoring with fifth and ninth-place finishes. Erickson actually finished seventh, but the judges made an error in the scoring. Smith did not refute the decision and still walked away with an easy win.

"Looking back, it was an easy win," the coach said. "But Thursday morning I was a nervous Nellie. I was not going to let my guard down against them."

Novi took on Brighton Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) and will next compete in the Walled Lake Western Invitational this Saturday.

Novi takes out Brighton in first of three matchups

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Round one goes to Novi.

In what has become a battle for Kensington Valley Conference dominance over the past several years, Novi shut out Brighton 4-0 on its home field last Thursday night, taking the first of what most likely will be three meetings throughout the 2000 season.

Brandon Davis and Daisuke Matsuura each scored a pair of goals, one in each half, and Novi played a well-balanced game in knocking off the defending KVC champion.

"That was the best we've played so far, yet we still have the potential to be much better," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "Our mid-

fielders and forwards looked to be on the same page for the first time all year."

He credited some of the success of the team to senior Sean Thompson and junior Alan Holdorf. "I think they played their best games of the year," the coach said. "It's important to our team that they play well since they represent the middle of our offense. Before today they were not clicking together and against Brighton they showed signs of how dangerous they can be when they do work together."

Combined, the two accounted for only one point, but controlled the tempo of the game.

The first of Davis' goals came at the seven-minute mark of the first half, off a pass from sophomore defender Brent Coles. Matsuura

Soccer

got into the action with about two minutes left in the first half, taking a pass from Brian Swift.

Continuing to control the game after the half, Novi pretty much sealed the deal 10 minutes in, when Davis headed in a goal to give his team a three-goal cushion. Matsuura added the final tally with five minutes left, off a pass from Holdorf.

O'Leary was also pleased with the way his defense played, shutting down Brighton's top player and one of the best in the league, John Webber.

"I put Mike Crawford on Webber, and Mike shut him down," the coach said. "He won't get a lot of publicity for doing this, but it's just as big as Brandon's two goals."

Despite the dominating performance over their league rival, the coach is hesitant to say his team may have the Bulldog's number as it did when it beat them two years ago en route to a state championship.

"It's more like a chess game and now it's their move," O'Leary said. "They're going to make adjustments and then they'll have to see how well they work. If they work then it's our move."

Novi's all-state goalie Nick Slovan made his first appearance of the season in goal. He saved 13 shots to pick up the shutout.

The win moves Novi to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the league. Brighton is now 2-3 and 1-1. The two teams will play again Oct. 3 at Brighton and may very well see each other in district play later next month.

"If they had beat us 4-0, I know my guys wouldn't be afraid of them," O'Leary said. "Obviously this is a great win for us, but we know we will have to play them two more times and this is not the end of the battle. But it shows that we are making good progress."

Novi traveled to South Lyon Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) and host Hartland tonight in another key KVC contest. Tonight's game is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Cagers get stuffed in own tournament

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

A year ago the field looked inviting to the Wildcat hoop squad at the Novi Invitational tournament. Three of the four teams were pretty evenly matched, with Redford Bishop Borgess bringing up the rear.

But this season it was a different story as a talented Borgess team stomped Northville in the semifinals en route to topping Plymouth Salem in the championship game to take home the title. Novi lost to Salem in the other semifinal (52-26) before falling to Northville 50-40 in the consolation game last Saturday night.

The Mustangs used their quickness and athleticism to force nearly 30 Novi turnovers in the game.

"To be able to put up 40 points against that team is something," Novi head man Dennis Cichonski said. "Turnovers have been the problem that has hurt us from day one. We didn't turn it over too much on the break, we basically turned it over in the open court."

Regardless, Northville was able to take advantage of those turnovers and carried a 19-11 lead into the half. They then put the game away with a 17-12 third-quarter run. Northville forced nearly 30 turnovers from their rivals, but made just 29 percent of their field goals and converted just 11 of 27 free-throw attempts. Their coach was slightly concerned with those numbers.

"I was just happy to get to 50 points with all the easy opportunities we missed in the game," Northville coach Pete Wright

Basketball

said. "We were able to create several turnovers, we just weren't able to convert them into points."

Karen Edwards led Novi with 10 points and Megan Colligan added eight. Both Kate Rose and Jenny Krystoff scored six apiece.

Northville's Mary Tanski finished with a game-high 19 points and also pulled down a game-best eight boards. Junior guard Kelly Anderson added 11 points and grabbed six rebounds.

The Mustangs improved to 3-1 on the season while Novi dropped to 1-3.

SALEM 52, NOVI 26

The Rocks applied a light press and steady defense all night long as they picked up this semifinal win over the host Novi squad. Novi fell behind midway through the first quarter and could never catch up.

"We had a hard time scoring against them," Cichonski said. "Against a team like Salem, you have to maximize your scoring opportunities and we didn't do that."

Edwards again led her team with seven points.

Novi faced Lakeland Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) and will now face Brighton at home on Tuesday. Tipoff for that game is scheduled for 7 p.m.



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Fundukian honored...

Novi athletic director John Fundukian is one of five athletic directors from the entire state who have been chosen to receive the Michigan High School Athletic Association Allen W. Bush Award for 2000. The award honors individuals for past and continuing service to interscholastic athletics as a coach, administrator, official, trainer or member of the media. The award was developed to bring recogni-

tion to men and women who are giving and serving without a lot of attention. This is the ninth year of the award, with the selections being made by the MHSAA's Representative Council. Above, Novi superintendent Emmett Lippe (right) and high school principal Jennifer Cheal (left) present Fundukian with a plaque at halftime of Novi's game against Brighton last Friday night.

Colts handed tough losses by Brighton

The Northville Novi Colts youth football teams took on the mighty Brighton Bulldogs in torrential rains that could only serve to dampen the outcome of the three battles. A steady downpour forced fans to run for cover as umbrellas were turned inside out and fans watched the games through their windshield from cars parked on the hill.

The freshmen team suffered a tough loss in a hard fought 12-6 battle. The rain forced a defensive struggle which helped the Colts take a 6-0 lead into the locker room at the half. Tommy Storch picked up a Brighton fumble and rared 65 yards for the Colts lone touchdown of the day.

"I'm really proud of our kids and they played their hearts out," said head coach Dan Thomas. The defense was led by Andy Park, Brady Rodriguez, Alex White, Eric Esbrook and Keenan Hart.

Although the fresh unit struggled offensively and the offensive prowess of Bobby Thomas was held in check, there were some bright spots. Stand outs were Scott Wagner, Douglas Beson and Jimmy Wallner.

For the junior varsity, the catchup figured to be

a great one, featuring two undefeated teams battling for first place in the division. But a key injury and turnovers spelled a 13-0 loss for the Colts.

The Colts proved to be their own worst enemy in the first half with four turnovers and a touchdown called back. The pouring rain made it tough for Colts quarterback Adam Chandler to find receivers like Dan Enright and Zach Elker.

Brandon Carnegie sat out much of the first half and the entire second half after having a 75-yard punt for a score called back because of a penalty. Without Carnegie the Colts were unable to establish a sustained offensive attack. The injury to Carnegie left David Bandy to carry the offense. Bandy put forth a great effort but it wasn't enough to stop the charge of the mighty Bulldog defense.

Defensively, the Colts got another stellar performance from linebacker and ball hawk Joe Kinville who lead the team in tackles. Nick Zoroya and David Bandy also helped stifle the Bulldog attack.

The Bulldog Varsity came out smoking scoring on four of their first possessions. The multi-dimensional Colts backfield featuring quarterback David Carnegie and running backs, Tom Spislich

and Kevin George, were unable to do any real damage to a multitude of blitzing Bulldog packages. Michael Burke, Jaymz Maurer, Joe Perlich and Ryan Wisla lead the offensive lines surge.

The Bulldogs took a 24-0 lead into the locker room.

But the Colts defense put up a fight in the second half. After making some adjustments, the Colts only gave up two touchdowns in the second half holding the Bulldogs to their lowest offensive output of the season.

On the defensive side of the ball, Kenny Hayes came up from the secondary to make a host of tackles. John Kinville, Zach Schwartz and Doug Reid all fought hard in an ankle-deep water that clearly gave the offensive side of the ball the advantage. Not to be forgotten on both sides of the ball, including a couple of hard-nosed runs and some solid tackling, Alex Bartlett turns in another solid performance.

The Colts will have to rebound in a hurry. They'll face a talented Southfield Falcon team at home this Sunday. All three Falcon teams are likely to come into Sundays match ups with unblemished records as well.

NOVI JV RESULTS

NOVI VARSITY
The Novi Varsity football team has a record of 1-1. The team played a home game against Brighton on Friday night. The Bulldogs defeated the Colts 24-0. Novi also played Northville on Saturday. Northville won 13-0.

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PROSO FOOTBALL
The Proso football team has a record of 1-1. The team played a home game against Brighton on Friday night. The Bulldogs defeated the Colts 13-0. Proso also played Northville on Saturday. Northville won 13-0.

Hot Picks

The final season of hot picks is underway, and everyone will be trying to top the two-time defending champion, Jason Schmitt. The team tips off this year, so hopefully, everyone has at least a 50 percent chance of finishing out of last place. We hope!



Team	WLW	Northville	WLW	Northville	WLW	Northville	WLW
Novi at Northville	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon	Novi	South Lyon	South Lyon	South Lyon
Howell at Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton	Brighton
Farmington at P. Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem	Salem	Farmington	Salem	Farmington
Michigan at UCLA	Michigan	Michigan	UCLA	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	UCLA
MSU at Missouri	MSU	Missouri	MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU	Missouri
Florida at Tennessee	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Tennessee
Tampa Bay at Detroit (NFL)	Detroit	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Detroit	Tampa Bay	Detroit	Tampa Bay
Denver at Oakland (NFL)	Oakland	Denver	Oakland	Oakland	Denver	Oakland	Oakland
Buffalo at NY Jets (NFL)	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	Buffalo	NY Jets	Buffalo	NY Jets
Last Week	7-3	6-4	3-7	8-2	7-3	8-2	6-4
Season Record	16-4	14-6	12-8	16-4	14-6	15-5	9-11

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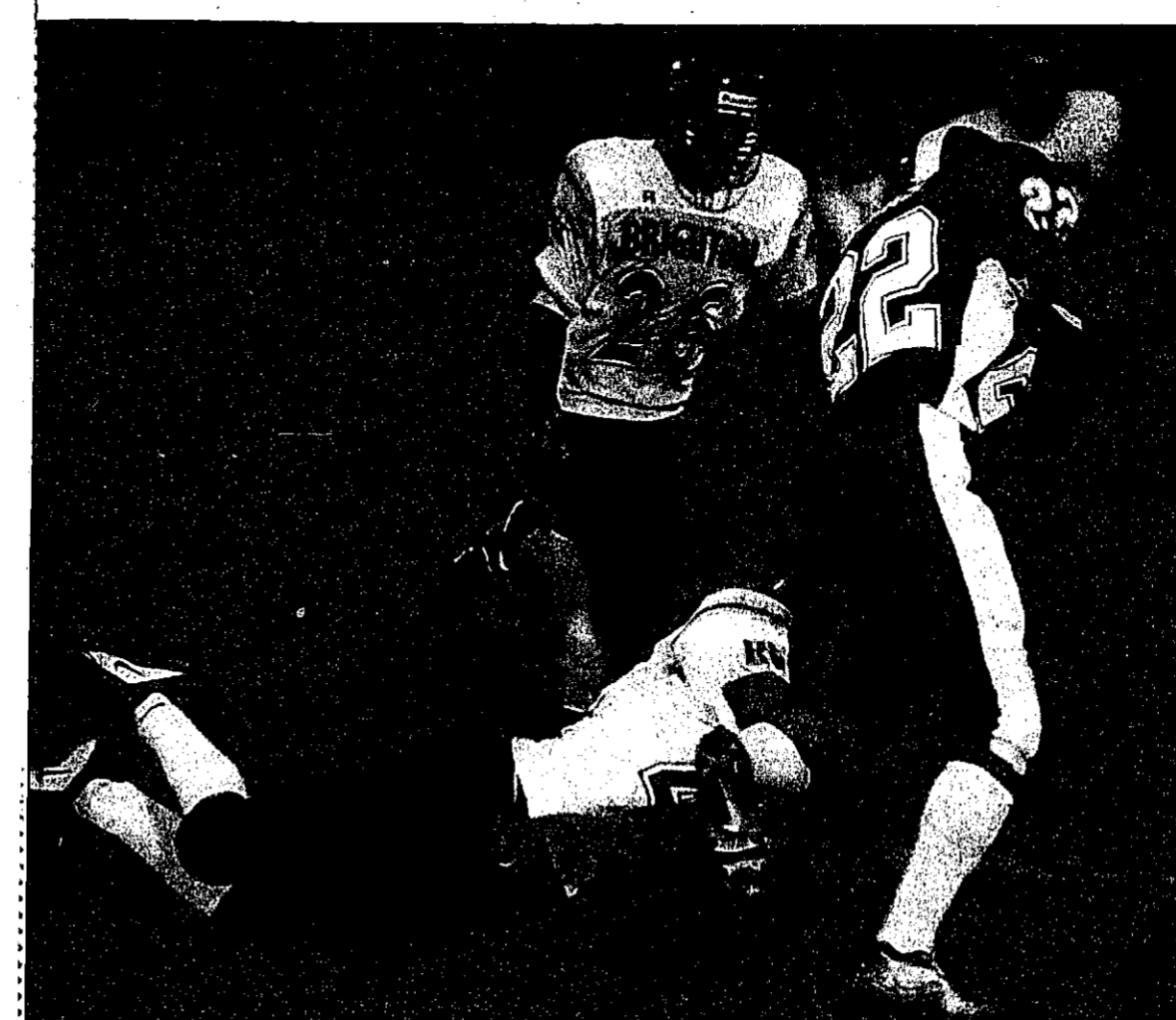
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Adam DeBlasi gets taken down from behind by a Brighton defender in the 'Dogs 40-0 triumph over Novi Friday night.

Cats get spanked by Brighton

Two defensive, one special team TD does Novi in

There wasn't a whole heck of a lot to cheer about at the Novi football game last Friday night. In fact, if anything else could have gone wrong it probably just couldn't fit into the game's schedule. Brighton came in and toppled the Wildcats 40-0 in front of a pumped up home crowd which sat through bouts of rain, sprinkles and showers all night long.

The Bulldogs scored twice defensively, once on special teams and came through with their usual display on offense, tallying three more times. Novi had trouble against the bigger Bulldogs, mustering up 212 yards of offense, but struggling to even encounter the red zone.

Novi kept the game close throughout the first half, but couldn't break free when it needed to. The 'Cats had five punts, five turnovers, but what might have been the most devastating part of their night was their inability to avoid penalties at critical times.

On three different occasions, Novi was called for illegal procedure. On two of those plays, Novi had a fourth down and one scenario.

"I think this Novi team was one that I figured we had to go through and I wasn't exactly sure how good they were going to be," Brighton coach Bill Murray said. "But they played hard, they're a young team and they are a team that is going to have to be reckoned with in the future."

There's no doubt the Wildcats played hard, but four of their turnovers came via the fumble. That hurt the home team because Brighton turned consecutive Novi fumbles into 13 points within a span of 14 seconds early in the fourth quarter.

The 'Cats were led offensively by Matt Gorman's 64 yards on the ground and 83 through the air. Blake Meyers gained 33 yards on the ground and Drew Doll had one rush for 19 yards. Jake Ray had two catches for 21 yards including a nice diving catch for a first down in the second quarter.

With the win Brighton improved to 3-0 on the season while Novi dropped to 2-1. The 'Cats travel to South Lyon tomorrow to take on the unbeaten Lions in another Kensington Valley Conference showdown. The kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Golfers knock off Lakeland

For varsity golf coaches, it's sometimes difficult to know exactly what you have to work with until the fall season finally arrives.

Novi golf coach Brad Huss has now seen his new arrival, Eric Aytes. And boy has he arrived. The freshmen newcomer to the team shot an even-par 36 in leading the Wildcats to a 154-162 win over league foe Lakeland last Thursday.

It was the third-consecutive match or invitation in which Aytes has been at or near the top of the Novi lineup.

His teammate, junior Matt Fearach, continued his hot trend of late. Fearach fired a 38, which followed up rounds of 41 (nine holes), 75 and 74 earlier this season.

"Matt's been real sound both on the course in matches and in practice," Huss said. "He's been steady all year."

Junior Derek Cole and sophomore Jack Tyler came in with rounds of 40 to complete

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GIRLS' FAST-PITCH TRYOUTS

The Novi-based Motor City Madness girls' fastpitch softball organization will be holding tryouts for next summer's teams over the next few weeks. Tryouts will take place on Sept. 17 and 24 at Power Park, located behind the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road between Taft and Novi roads.

U-10 and U-12 tryouts will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. while the U-14 tryouts will be held from 1-3 p.m. Age groups are determined by age as of Jan. 1, 2001. The number of teams in each age group will depend on the number of players and coaches. Interested girls should plan on attending tryouts on both dates.

For more information please call Gar Frantz (248) 348-4287 or Dennis Haggerty (248) 347-4298.

EXPOS TRYOUTS

The Novi Expos 13-year-old travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2001 season on 16 from 4-6 p.m. They will be held at the Novi Community Sports Park (Field #9) at Eight Mile and Napier roads. Contact (248) 348-3246 for additional information.

The 11-year-old team will be holding their tryouts on Sept. 16-17, also at Community Sports Park (field #9). Saturday's tryouts will be from 9-11 a.m. while Sunday's will run from 5-7 p.m. For more info, call Bruce Hartman at (248) 348-0953 or (248) 737-0377.

The 12-year-old tryouts will be on Sept. 16 at the Community Sports Park (field #8) from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call coach Carl Chandler.

Tryouts for the 9-10 year old teams are yet to be determined. Call Brian McPherson at (248) 374-9778 for more info.

HOCKEY LEAGUES AVAILABLE

Ed's Sports, located at 22807 Heslip 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

Lady harriers solid at U of D Invite

They didn't keep team scores at the University of Detroit Mercy Invitational this past weekend at Cass Benton, but if they did the Novi girls' cross country team would've breezed to the title.

Sophomore Nina Schmitt finished third overall in the race, which included over 100 participants from area high school girls as well as just about anyone else who wanted to run, in a time of 20:34. Among high school runners Schmitt was tops.

Her teammate Bethany Kittle finished 8th overall (4th among high schoolers) and led a pack of Wildcats athletes. Jenny Thomson was fifth in the scholastic race and was followed by Vitya Mahadevan and Margo Wolowec. In that order, Novis 1-4-5-6-7 finish would have given them a team score of 23 points for the day, or more than enough to win an invite.

The pack was a pleasing sight to Novi coach Norm Norgren, who saw his team run on their home course for just the second time this season.

"They looked real nice together," Norgren said. "I saw some improvements, the ones we've been looking for."

Norgren looked down his sheet of times and compared them to those of his team's first race at Cass against Northville two weeks earlier. The times dropped consistently between 30 seconds and two minutes-plus.

"That's what we're looking for," he said. "That's the whole name of the game. We use Cass Benton as our standard, and these things are nice to see."

Novi 20, LAKELAND 41
Lakeland's Kristen Kern hogged the spotlight at this Kensington Valley Conference meet, but the Novi girls stole the show by finishing in the next five spots and eight of the next nine to get the easy win.

Schmitt finished runnerup to Ken in a time of 21:44. Kittle (22:07), Thomson (22:31), Mahadevan (22:38) and Wolowec (22:49) completed the near perfect scoring for the Wildcats.

Tae Kono was eighth (23:29), Laine Williams ninth (23:46) and Amanda Noworyta 10th (24:17) to give their team eight of the top 10 runners.

"Lakeland's down a bit, but Kristyn Kern is not," Norgren said.

Novi took on Brighton Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) and will complete in the Walled Lake Western Invitational Saturday morning.

Punt, pass and kick competition this week

Get ready football fanatics as the Novi Parks & Recreation Department presents "The Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition" for kids on Saturday, September 16.

This free competition, sponsored locally by Mike Gabriel and State Farm Insurance, and nationally by The N.F.L. and Gatorade, will be held at 10 a.m. at the Novi Community Sports Park.

All sports enthusiasts are encouraged to come out and compete in this year's event. All children ages 8 to 15 as of December 31, 1999 are welcome to participate. Each age group's first place finisher will advance to the sectional competition which will be held in October. State qualifying athletes compete at half time during a Detroit Lions football game. National qualifying athletes and their parents are flown to an A.P.C. playoff game. No cleat or football shoes allowed.

Tennis team topples Milford

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6-3 win over Victoria Yankus and Lacie Rudolph at first dubs, while Karen Andrews and Emily Diemore beat Christine Hennen and Stephanie Rouse 6-0, 6-2 at second doubles.

Lauren Carosio and Laura Vaughn didn't let up, beating Pam Calmes and Cherie Langhille 6-1, 6-1 at the third position.

Nicole Hanson and Kuchika Khetarpal won by a score of 6-4, 6-1 over Rachel Smith and Courtney Gramlich at fourth doubles.

"Our kids played a very strong match," Hanson said. "But I expect them to be tougher the next time around. Mentally they'll be ready."

Novi plays Brighton on Monday in what should be an interesting match. Novi won the first match the two teams played earlier this season, 5-3. This time around it will count in the conference standings.

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Health Column

School bells signal worries for some

For many children, the first sounds of the school bell each fall signal not just the return to classes, but the return of worries and anxiety.

While some concern is common, parents need to know what's normal, what's not and how to help their kids deal with the fears about hitting the books again. Mental health experts at the University of Michigan Health System offer some tips on how to recognize problems and what to do about them.

"Anxiety disorders are very common in children - probably one of the more common childhood disorders that exist," said Dan Fischer M.S.W., senior social worker and clinical assistant professor in psychiatry at the U-M health system. "The return to school can be quite challenging and difficult for most children, and some children have excessive anxiety responses in relation to that."

Younger Children and their Anxieties
In younger children, acute concern about going to school is actually often a form of separation anxiety disorder. This is a condition in which children experience developmentally inappropriate and excessive levels of fear or anxiety related to separation from home or from people they're most attached to, such as their parents, says Fischer. "(The kids) cry, they cling, they talk about it often and it seems more traumatic in that sense," he added.

To overcome this problem, Fischer said it's important for parents not to get caught up in the idea that the child's anxiety is sending an accurate message - that there really is something to be fearful about. Usually, that's just not the case.

"Do not let the anxiety stop you from sending your child to school. Even if there are somatic complaints such as 'I'm going to be sick' or 'I'm going to throw up' or 'I feel like I have a tummy ache,' it's important to send them anyway," he said. "If they're really sick,

they'll continue to be sick throughout the day and the school can send them home."

Fischer and his colleagues spend a lot of time helping children understand that they will be safe and that their worries about what may happen are much greater than what actually will happen.

"We talk to parents and kids about this idea that for some reason or another their anxiety, when it's excessive, is tricking them. It's tricking them into feeling something bad will happen if they do what would be a normal response, such as go to school," explained Fischer. "We describe that it's almost like a bully. We try to get the kids to not let the bully boss them around, or let anxiety tell them what to do."

Another strategy, he said, is to have parents and their child begin to visit the school a week or so before classes start: Driving up to the parking lot, walking in the building, meeting the classroom teacher, seeing where their classroom is going to be.

"I think that helps reduce some of the unknown that creates anticipatory anxiety," he added.

Children will find that repeated success of attending school in the face of anxiety, that their anxiety response will diminish and ultimately go away, usually within a few days to a couple of weeks.

Adolescents and The Anxieties
While younger children fear the separation from parents, adolescents more-commonly experience something called social anxiety disorder.

"Kids with social anxiety disorder are much more likely to have a heightened sense that people are watching them and feeling uncomfortable when they're under the scrutiny of others with a likelihood that they potentially could do something embarrassing," said Fischer. "What we also sometimes see is adolescents

have a tendency to displace some of their worries by saying such things as 'well, school's really dumb. I don't want to go. It's a silly thing today that we're doing anyway,' or 'it's a stupid book report' or 'it's a dumb class and that's why I don't want to go,' in essence, displacing their anxiety rather than taking it on for themselves. They blame it on the fact that people at the school are no good or that the teachers are no good or that the class is kind of silly and stupid."

Parents see what they think is opposition, when really it is anxiousness.

"The best thing that parents can do is try and talk to their kids and provide some feedback that they'll be OK when they go to school," counseled Fischer. "Give them opportunities for socializing."

More importantly, he said, is to seek help from a professional if needed.

"If it becomes a significant problem where the child's not able to go to school, where there's a decrease in their social interaction with others, where it's affecting their academic performance or their ability to get involved in team sports or extracurricular activities, we would encourage parents to take their child to see a mental health professional to be evaluated," he said.

School isn't the only anxiety-producing situation, Fischer said. Some kids may simply have a predisposition to experience greater anxiety in normally anxiety-producing situations while others feed off their parents fears. That is, if parents are nervous around dogs, the children can pick up on that and become nervous, too. Stressful life events also can trigger problems. Following is a list of some of the triggers for children: Moving, loss of friends, death of a loved one, changing schools, and loss of a pet.

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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.

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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.

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