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Grant awarded to communities for Quail Ridge

By RANDAL YAKEY, Staff Writer

There is hope that the border feud between Novi and Northville over drainage across Eight Mile Road can be solved as part of a \$7.3 million grant award by Governor John Engler.

Engler announced last week a total of 19 grants to assist communities in the non-point source water pollution. The funding comes as part of the Clean Michigan Initiative Non-point Source Pollution Control programs.

"This makes it a win-win situation for everyone," Novi city manager Richard Helwig said. "We are very pleased."

The two communities involved, Novi and Northville Township, have been in dispute over who's responsibility the drain located on Eight Mile Road near Meadowbrook Road is.

In a joint meeting late last year,

Novi City Council and the Northville Township board of trustees set aside their political differences and came to a preliminary agreement on the Quail Ridge development (where the problems are.) At least two grants were applied for to help pay for the drain problems. The federal grant would have provided the most significant amount of money for the project. According to Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo, the state grant has been approved and may add an additional \$58,000 to the federal grant already received.

"I am ecstatic," Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo said. "This is a good thing for these residents. If this grant had not gone through, we would have been looking at paying a large percentage of the full amount."

Both the city and the township

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Officials work to find CSX funding

By RANDAL YAKEY, Staff Writer

The stalemate over \$1.5 million funding for the CSX bridge over Grand River will hopefully be broken with a joint meeting with both state and county road entities.

A meeting has been scheduled with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Novi city council has been called for April 16 to discuss what is to be done to make up for the \$1.5 million funding needed to begin the CSX Bridge project.

"The city council will have a meeting on the issue, with Mr. Bair, and then they will bring the issue up for a vote," RCOC Spokesperson Craig Bryson said.

According to Novi city manager Richard Helwig, managing direc-

tor of the RCOC Brent Bair and possibly either chairman Larry Crane or vice-chair Rudy Lozano may also be in attendance for the meeting. It is unclear at this time who may be attending for MDOT.

The Grand River CSX bridge, originally to be demolished this spring, was pushed back to this fall and now sits in limbo waiting for funding, after falling \$1.5 million short of "up front" money, according to city officials.

"Why all of a sudden the demand for \$1.5 million for local funding, I don't know," Helwig said.

On Monday, Novi city council voted to approved the \$1.5 million in local funding for the project. But, according to the city charter, there must be five votes for the issue to pass.

Mayor pro-tem Laura Lorenzo and council members Michelle Bononi and Craig DeRoche voted no. According to Helwig, the state

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Michigan for \$100



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Novi Meadows student and geography-wiz Kalyan Sheeram points to one of his favorite places on the globe, San Francisco. It's where he was born.

A world of knowledge

■ Meadows student heads to state bee

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE, Staff Writer

Who knows which country is Austria's leading trade partner? Most likely the answer is Kalyan Sheeram, a student from Novi Meadows.

Sheeram will be one of 100 bright young fourth through eighth graders who will test

their geography knowledge in the National Geographic Bee State Competition this Friday.

Sheeram will travel to Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant to compete in the 13th annual bee for a chance to advance to the nationals in

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For the love of the game



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Red Wing great and NHL Hall of Famer Alex Delvecchio, right, takes a face-off against Providence Hospital All-star Scott Jathorne (of Family Practice) during last Sunday's The Community that Cares Coalition fundraiser hockey game at the Novi Ice Arena. Proceeds were to benefit after school recreation programs, DARE, and police sting operations.

LaChance, Zhou named as scholars

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE, Staff Writer

Novi High School seniors Tristan W. LaChance and Jessica Zhou have been named two of more than 2,600 candidates in this year's of 2001 Presidential Scholars Program.

The Presidential Scholars Program, established in 1964, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors.

"This is a spectacular accomplishment," said Novi High School counselor Kathy Scullen. "What a honor it is for two of our students to be recognized on a national level."

Candidates are selected nationwide from more than 2.8 million graduating seniors based on exceptional performance on either their SAT or ACT Assessment.

Approximately 500 candidates are named semi-finalists and forwarded to the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars for further review.

Each year, up to 141 students, out of those 500, are chosen to become Presidential Scholar finalists.

Finalists are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic

achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in the school and community.

Further consideration will be based on school recommendations, student's essays, self assessments and school transcripts.

LaChance and Zhou explained that once the announcement was made, each candidate had to fill out a lengthy application, which included writing eight essays.

In their biggest essay entitled, "If you had ten minutes of air time, what would you say?" LaChance wrote and discussed personal responsibilities and Zhou talked about the importance of developing caring relationships and volunteerism.

Once the submissions have been reviewed, one young man and one young woman from each state will be selected, as well as up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts and 15 students at-large.

The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of 30 eminent citizens appointed by the president, will announce the finalists sometime in May.

Finalists will then be invited to

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Man attempts to strangle resident for housing

A man described as 'homeless' attempted to strangle and choke a Chateau Estates resident after the victim refused to let him inside his home on March 31, just before 8 p.m.

According to police, the suspect became upset after the victim refused to let him inside the home. Police say the man has been staying at a number of different locations.

The report said the victim did not want to press charges and said all he wanted was the man to stay away from his home.

Police continue to investigate

Police News

It wasn't an April Fool's joke when the suspect arrived in a taxi cab to throw an object at a man's home, smashing out a window in the 26000 block of Virginia.

The incident happened in the Chateau Estate Trailer Park on April 1.

When police arrived at the home at 6:45 a.m., they found the owner surveying the damage. According

to the owner, a man left the scene after leaving an object through his window. The suspect then called the victim on the phone.

Police tracked the man down and began using profanity and threatening to "kill" the home owner.

Police tracked the man down and warned him that if there was any more harassment, that charges would be pursued. Police are investigating the object throwing incident.

The victims are considering a Personal Protection Order (PPO) against the suspect.

Resident uses spring break to build homes for Humanities Habitat

A Novi native is helping others rebuild their future at Hillsdale College. Junior Adam Bodine of Novi, traveled to Anniston, Ala. last month to participate in Habitat for Humanity International's Collegiate Challenge.

Bodine, son of Ronald and Judy Bodine, joined the Calhoun County Habitat for Humanity Affiliate in an effort to build decent, affordable homes for people in need.

The spring break alternative program is coordinated through the campus chapters and youth programs department at Habitat for Humanity International in Georgia.

The event runs from February to April, providing students an alternative spring break - building simple, decent homes with those in need.

As part of this year's program, over 9,000 students

from more than 400 colleges and universities and more than 40 high schools and youth groups will work at more than 175 sites nationwide. Each student participant makes a financial contribution to the affiliate location visited. This year, pledged donations total more than \$800,000 for local housing-building efforts.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing.

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Live Band
Gather at the Civic Center for a great night of music and dancing, as the Novi Parks and Recreation Department presents, "The Satin Sounds" on April 24.

The event runs from 1 - 3 p.m. and cost is \$3.

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Easter Egg Hunt
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Community "Lenten" Service of Holy Week Church of Northville
7:30 p.m. - "Giving Voice to the Cry"

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6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service in the Chapel
8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion
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Sreeram will travel to Mount Pleasant

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Washington D.C. "I'm pretty confident," Sreeram said. "I'm looking forward to it."
The state bee is the second level of a national competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society.
About 500 students from more than 200 Michigan schools participated in preliminary bees in December. Winners of the preliminary round took a written qualifying test, which was scored by the National Geographic Society in Washington D.C.
The top scorers from over 18,000 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and U.S. territories advanced to their state bees.
Questions asked during the preliminaries pertain to things like boundaries, bodies of water and population.
"Right now, the city with the largest population is Tokyo, Japan," Sreeram said. "It has

25 million. Novi only has about 40,000 people."
While Sreeram is extremely knowledgeable about all parts of the world, he said Europe is the area he is most familiar with.
Sreeram said if he could go anywhere in the world, he would re-visit London because "there's lots of people and lots of places to shop."
The sixth grader said he has always been fascinated with the areas of the world, studying the Atlas and reading newspapers, which will come in handy for the competition.
The April 5 state championship will begin with preliminary rounds at 9 a.m. Ten students will move on to the final round, which begins at 11:30 a.m.
Wayne Kiefer, Michigan coordinator of the National Geographic Bee and a member of the CMU geography faculty, will be the moderator.
Victors of the state bee will receive \$100 and gather at the National Geographic

Society's worldwide headquarters in Washington D.C. (all expenses paid) on May 22-23.
Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy," will moderate the national competition, where the top winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, the runner-up will get \$15,000 and the student placing third will receive \$10,000.
The first place winner will also receive a life membership with the National Geographic Society, which includes a lifetime subscription to the magazine.
The bee, sponsored by First USA, has coincided with a reawakening of the nation's interest in geography - the Society's primary objective when it created the competition in 1989.
Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net

RESOURCE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY OF SOUTHWEST OAKLAND COUNTY (RRRASOC)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2001 on Thursday, April 19, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. at the office of the Authority, 9000 W. Eight Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan 48075-9708. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Authority.
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Grant will hopefully solve drain problem in Quail Ridge

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agreed to chip in half of \$2,000 for grant application and half of \$4,000 for preliminary design and engineering plan into establishing a solution to the overflow dilemma. The municipalities have also agreed Novi would pay for 59.5 percent of the estimated 25 percent of the matching funds needed at the local level. Northville Township will pay the remainder.
With the grant secured, the total cost of the entire repair project could be less than \$75,000. The entire cost of the structure was expected to cost \$340,000 in 1996. With the inflation rate added in, the cost of the project would be approximately \$445,000 today.
According to Novi engineering consultants, JCK and Associates, the developers of the Quail Ridge subdivision were responsible for the run-off on their side of Eight Mile Road.
The water discharge under the Eight Mile embank-

Bridge may still be replaced

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essential that the bridge be replaced. Clark also said "if the bridge collapses," the county would be "responsible."
According to Bryson, the bridge project is still planned for later this year in hopes that a compromise can be reached over payment.
When the Grand River bridge does come down, it could take up to six months to rebuild the new structure.
Oakland County bridges handle nearly ten times the original amount of traffic they were designed to handle, according to the RCOC.
Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryakey@ht.homecomm.net.

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Gout is a form of arthritis that often affects the big toe. The cause of the painful condition, however, is actually found far from the feet, in the kidneys. There, the body processes uric acid, formed when the body breaks down waste products. If too much uric acid is produced, or if the kidneys can't get rid of it properly, the uric acid that accumulates in the blood deposits itself as crystals around joints. The pain and inflammation of a big toe with gout can be disabling. Although a gout attack typically subsides after a week or two, it is likely to recur without careful treatment and permanent joint damage may result. Medication may be prescribed to ease the symptoms of an attack. Certain lifestyle changes may help keep gout from reappearing, including drinking plenty of water, keeping weight normal and minimizing alcohol intake. If you have questions about today's column, or any questions about footcare, your own or a loved one's, please feel comfortable calling **NOVI FOOTCARE ASSOCIATES**, 248-476-1500. Our office is located at 39555 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 307.

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New reporter to cover lakes
By **STEPHANIE FORDYCE**
Staff Writer

Diane Dempsey Deel has been named HomeTown Newspapers' Lakes Area Times staff writer.

Deel, a graduate of Oakland University, will be covering Walled Lake municipal government, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, Wixom municipal government, parts of Wolverine and Union Lake and police-and court matters.

"I'm really looking forward to working with businesses, city government and schools to inform the residents of the Lakes area of what is happening in their town as well as looking forward to developing long-term relationships with the community," Deel said.

The Lakes Area Times will be the newest newspaper from HomeTown Communications Network to cover Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine and Union Lake.

Deel recently transferred from the Fenton Independent, another HomeTown publication, where she worked as a general assignment reporter covering city government.

While the beat in the Lakes area may be new for Deel, the territory is quite familiar.

"I go back with Walled Lake a long time," she said remembering her days as a Novi teenager, when she would cross the city boundaries to take drives along the lake.

But Deel admitted the city is a little different than she remembers it.

"It's still a great community; the growth is wonderful, but I was kind of freaked out when I saw that roads have been moved," she laughed. "It's very exciting to be able to be a journalist in an area that has held so many memories."

Deel began her career in reporting, while still attending Oakland University, as an intern at WJLB-Detroit CBS.

After graduating with a major in journalism and a minor in political science, she then began writing freelance for the Novi News in the early 90s.

In October of 2000, she began writing as a stringer for the Fenton Independent before she was hired as a full time reporter.

Currently, Deel lives in Deerfield Township with her husband Mark and her 3-year-old son Zachary, where she enjoys reading Stephen King and John Grisham books.

Kelli Cooley, Novi News/Lakes Area Times editor, said Deel is an important addition to the News and Times staff.

"Diane is a very competent reporter and I am pleased to have her on board. We have needed a Lakes area reporter for sometime and having a reporter who is familiar and cares about the area is an added bonus," she said.

Deel, who lived in Novi for 13 years and Walled Lake for three, said she is really enthusiastic about her new position and is ready looking forward to reacquainting herself with the city.

"I'm very pleased to have transferred to an area I care so much about," she said.



Diane Dempsey Deel

CCW petitions submitted to state
By **MIKE MALOTT**
HomeTown News Service
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Petition passers may have just finished gathering the necessary signatures to put on the ballot a referendum of state lawmakers' "shall issue" general weapons bill, but already amendments have been proposed in Lansing to alter that act.

For one, state Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township, has introduced Senate Bill 809 lowering the age requirement for getting a CCW permit from 21 to 18. Jaye opposed raising the age limit when it was added to the bill last year. He said he did not think it was inappropriate to introduce the bill despite the fact opponents were passing petitions to challenge it.

"People are always challenging acts," Jaye said. "In the meantime, I still have a duty to represent my constituents, many of which were very unhappy with that aspect of the bill."

"My goodness, it just keeps coming," said Ruth Carter, spokesperson for the People Who Care About Kids Committee, the organization which sponsored the petition. Lowering the age is just not something that I would think anybody would think is a good idea. At 18, you are still trying to figure things out, how to handle your anger. On top of that, the opportunity to carry a gun, I would think, would only mean trouble."

The committee submitted over 200,000 signatures to the Secretary of State's office in Lansing Friday morning. That is well over the amount needed, 151,000, to get the question placed on the ballot in November 2002. But placement is not yet assured. Julie Pierce, spokeswoman for the Secretary of State, explained that because the bill contained an appropriation, \$1 million for trigger locks, it may not be susceptible to referendum. The Constitution states that spending items cannot be put to a vote by petition.

Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan has said he expects the courts to let the question go on the ballot. A previous court case had stopped lawmakers from using appropriations to try to protect acts from challenge at the ballot box.

Pierce said the Secretary of State has asked Attorney General Jennifer Granholm for an opinion of whether the question should be placed on the ballot. In the meantime, the elections division will continue counting and verifying petition signatures. She said canvassing would be complete in 60 days.

Although Granholm has expressed her position on this issue, supporting the referendum drive, that did not create a conflict of interest, said communications specialist Jenna Jent. It is the attorney general's role to advise departments on legal questions and render such opinions, Jent said, so she will do that.

The committee submitted over 200,000 signatures to the Secretary of State's office in Lansing Friday morning, taking discretion out of the hands of local gun boards and requiring that permits be issued to applicants that met the criteria. Proponents argued that their criteria were the toughest in the nation. Raising the age to 21, the bills also required firearms training classes and prohibited those with a criminal record or a history of mental illness from getting such a permit. The bills also established gun free zones at schools, day cares, bars, sports arena, etc.

Jaye's bill to lower the age limit is pending in committee and has yet to see any action. Other bills revising the CCW law have also been introduced.

Rep. Tony Stamas, R-Milford, has introduced House Bill 4222, clarifying the rules about the purposes for which a gun can be transported. Gov. John Engler vetoed that portion of the CCW package last year.

Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, has proposed House Bill 4229 to revise the purchase permitting process.

Jaye has other bills in the hopper, including SB 868 to exempt holders of out-of-state permits from the need to get a Michigan CCW permit, SB 269 to make CCW applications subject to the Freedom of Information Act and SB 330, allowing a family member of an owner to transport a gun.

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Presidential scholars include two Novi High School students

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Washington D.C. for an all-expense-paid trip in June to receive the Presidential Scholars medalion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in activities with their elected representatives, educators, and others in public life.

LaChance, who score a perfect score of 1600 on his SAT, said he is excited about his nomination. "It's quite an honor," he said.

LaChance is looking to major in business economics at either Stanford University or University of Pennsylvania. He is captain of the NHS track team, member of the high school's wrestling team, an AP Scholar and a Michigan Math Prize Semifinalist.

Zhou is also an extremely active student being a member of the high school's Internet Club, International Club, Science Club, and National Honor Society treasurer.

She is also on the NHS tennis and golf teams, was a Michigan Math Prize Finalist and received the U.S. President's Student Service Award for her work as a hospital volunteer.

Zhou, who enjoys playing the violin, has already been accepted to Harvard where she'll study pre-med next fall.

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Residents speak out on connector

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Wixom residents took a stand at last week's council meeting about a proposed connector route from I-96 to M-59 that they say would cut a little close to their homes.

However, Mayor Michael McDonald told approximately 100 residents after many of them had their say, that he doubts a connector route through Wixom would be likely.

There has been several discussions and a few public forums to determine where the best place to put a north/south connector from I-96 to M-59 would be.

The railroad tracks, cemetery and a narrow right-of-way among other problems would make it difficult to build a large road in the Wixom area, he said.

A corridor study would pinpoint the problem areas, therefore, the Oakland County Road Commission would probably have to look elsewhere, he said.

"I hope we can convince them that if the cost comes out, it would be cheaper to complete M-59 to M-59 or to complete I-275 all the way up," McDonald said. "The study will give an honest evaluation of all the options."

Wixom resident Ted March was like other residents who told the council their opinion about how the connector would affect their lives.

He said he worries that a connector route would cause safety problems in the growing area.

"My concern is for the schools," March said. "I have four young children. If one life is lost because of a road going through, it's one life too many."

Resident Bob Tacy spoke for approximately 10 minutes as a representative for the rest of the group to tell the council to heed the community's plea and to defend the wishes of the community. He listed points of concern that he foresees with the north-south corridor.

"We want you to act as knowledgeable representatives from the city of Wixom," Tacy said. "We voted for you to represent Wixom. We ask that you be informed and knowledgeable and attend the corridor meetings."

Tacy said he wants council members to encourage people to get involved and to solicit the opinions of citizens that they represent.

"Wixom and Milford residents are here because they are concerned," Tacy said. "We don't want to have to accept this road going through our community just so we don't jeopardize federal funds. We're not just a bunch of fanatics that say we don't want a road in our backyard. We're looking for you to take a personal stand on this issue."

Resident Patty Hunt, who has lived in the city for four years, said she doesn't want a five-lane highway near her home.

"I think we can stop it," Hunt said. "By the time the road is completed, my children will be grown, but I don't want the habitat destroyed. I think I like it just the way it is - residential."

One by one council members, including city manager J. Michael Dorman, told the concerned crowd that they have the citizens' best interests at heart.

Dorman said he responds to each letter that is sent to him regarding the corridor project and other issues. He is well informed about all issues and wants the best for the public, he said.

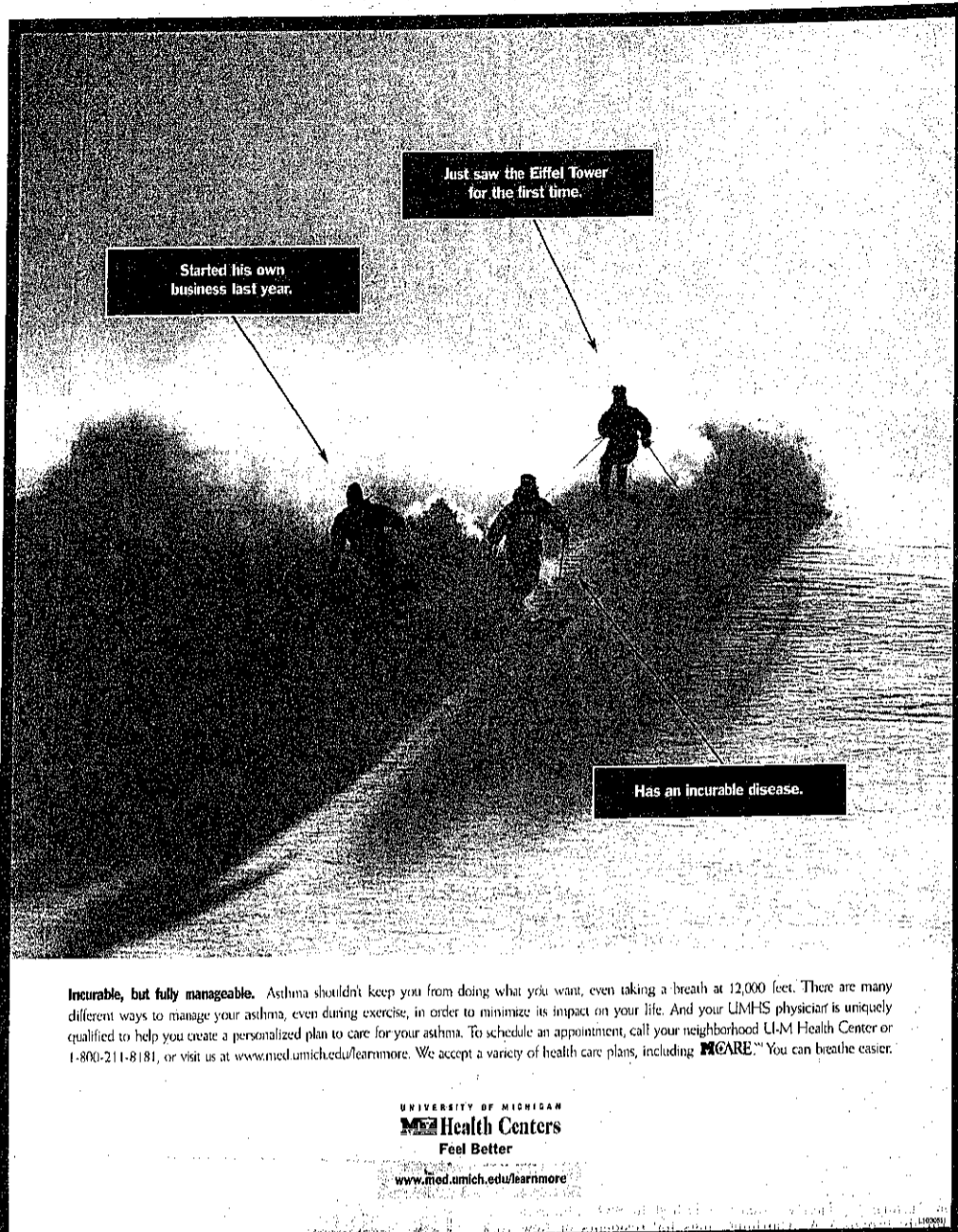
"I was disturbed that there was the intention the city council wasn't informed," Dorman said. "... We are looking out for your best interests. There weren't enough people at the first town meeting."

Council member John Monberg, who has lived in the city for 30 years, felt strongly about letting the community be aware of their concern.

"I think we've done a good job but we've made a few mistakes," Monberg said. "But that's not because we don't care. We will have your best interests at heart."

A couple of residents wanted the council to know that they can't stop progress including Leo Zadasko.

"After you've found that you can't stop progress," Zadasko said. "We wouldn't have industry, highway or jobs. It's not what the community wants. It's what the community needs. It's not an easy decision but the roads need to be built."



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Tigers' mascot reads to Novi Woods

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer



Paws, the Detroit Tigers' Mascot, visited Novi Woods Elementary in late March.

Cassisi Fights for Tax Holiday

By RANDAL YAKEP
Staff Writer

Never let it be said that Rep. Nancy Cassisi (R-Nowi) doesn't stick to her guns.

"Last year, the long time Novi resident tried to get a state tax holiday for two weeks around the start of school each September, much like the one currently on the books in New York state. That resolution died on the cutting room floor. Now Cassisi is back and pushing again for the 'tax relief initiative.'"

"This immediate tax cut positively impacts everyone, especially working families with less discretionary income," Cassisi said. "Clothing is one of life's necessities. Michigan already has eliminated the tax on food and reform property taxes."

"According to reports out of Cassisi office, Michigan raked in over \$200 million in extra business during the one week period. Cassisi's legislation proposes a tax exempt status for clothing over a two week period during the end of the summer."

The new legislation now goes to the House Tax Policy Committee for consideration.

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

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Class will be held in the cafeteria at Deerfield Elementary from 6:30-8 p.m. on Friday, April 6. Cost is \$19 per couple.

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Private lesson teachers are college music major caliber and have gone through a screening process. The fee is \$16 per half-hour lesson. Lessons will be held at Novi High School Monday-Thursday from 2-8:00 p.m.

The teacher will contact you personally to set up a mutually agreed upon time for the weekly lesson. Call 449-1206 to leave your name, phone number and instrument.

Due to the limited number of openings available, those interested should call the Community Education office at (248) 949-1206. If space is not available, your name and phone number will be placed on a waiting list for the duration of the school year.

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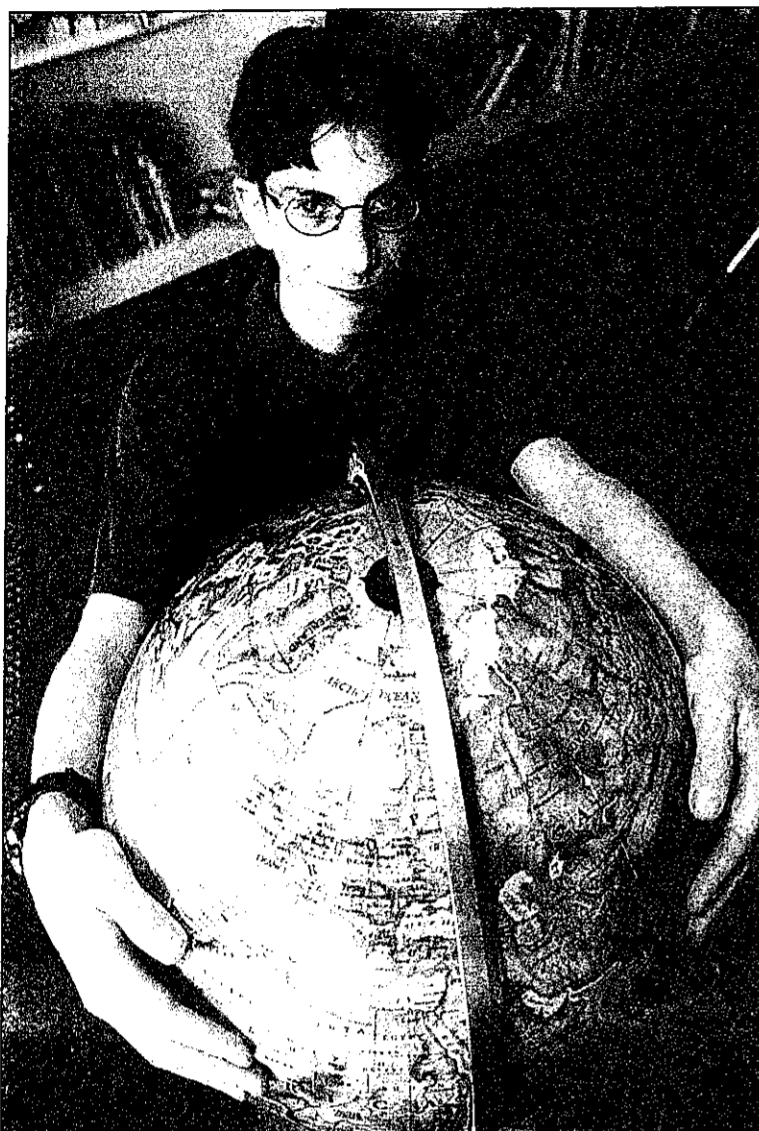
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Eighth grader gets chance to compete in Geo Bee

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL Staff Writer

Educators at St. Williams Catholic School in Walled Lake hope eighth grade student Dominic Piro will put their school on the map.

After all, Piro knows a lot about maps. He will be competing with 100 other Michigan students at Central University in Mount Pleasant this weekend for the National Geographic Geography Bee.

Piro won the school's geography bee and now he's looking forward to the state competition. If he wins, he will be able to compete nationally in Washington D.C. on May 22.

He has the chance to win the National Geographic Bee crown and top prize of a \$25,000 college scholarship. He would also win a lifetime membership to the National Geographic Society, including a lifetime subscription to National Geographic magazine.

If he wins second place, he will receive a \$15,000 college scholar-

ship and if he places third, he will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship. The event is being sponsored by First U.S.A. and has been going strong since 1989. The National Geographic Society started the competition because of the growing interest in geography and they felt that students would benefit from it.

Principal Alexandra Leitelin said she wishes Piro success at the next competition.

"We are just thrilled that he can use his knowledge to represent our school and our community," she said.

Denise Piro, Dominic's mother, said she didn't even know about the competition until he won the school geography bee.

"I'm very proud," she said. "This was a surprise to me. He never brought the book home. It's a bigger deal than I thought it would be."

It was a surprise to Dominick as well.

"Dominick didn't think he did that well on the test," Denise Piro said. "He's very excited."

St. Williams student Dominic Piro is headed off to the state's Geography Bee at CMU.

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Wixom could get second habitat

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL Staff Writer

Residents will be able to enjoy nature at its best if city officials are able to obtain a grant to finish phase two of the Wixom Habitat.

Phase one of the Wixom Habitat project began after receiving a grant in 1998 which created a boardwalk, pathways, and parking lot, said Debra Magee, director of community service for Wixom. Approximately 98 percent of the first project is done.

Officials approved the grant application last week and will find out if they will receive the grant in September, she said. The city hopes to begin the project in February, however, if the city does not qualify for a grant - they will not start the project.

Phase two will complete the vision with a slat/woodchip surface added to pathways, an additional 500 feet to the boardwalks, and additional wildlife viewing platforms. It would also add landscaping to the parking lot and trail head area. In the area, the 292-acre Wixom Habitat, located on Wixom Road and Potter Road, will protect and provide access to several significant natural resources, which include wetlands and a dedicated natural area.

According to city officials, the need to preserve and protect the Wixom Habitat is important not only for the preservation of the local environment but also presents illegal hunting, fishing and snowmobiling in the area.

"I think the development of the habitat has been met with a favorable response from the community," she said. "We're excited to develop the habitat."

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Student will travel to CMU for bee

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said. "It's a pretty good opportunity."

Pat Bilas, geography teacher, said that Piro has a wide array of knowledge and is able to explain different academic concepts to other students.

"What's even more important with this young man is what's on the inside," Bilas said. "He's the kind of kid you want to send out into the world."

She knows he will also do well at Catholic Central High School next year, she said.

"They will benefit from his presence there," Bilas said. She added that geography is important for all students to know.

"It's a great big world out there," Bilas said. "If they don't know about people and cultures, they're going to have a difficult time with school relationships or business or whatever they're going to do in life. They need to have an understanding of what the world is like."

Bilas is also excited that Piro made it as far as he has.

"I'm hoping that he will do well," she said. "From what I know about him, he will. It's an honor to be able to compete with all of the other kids. The experience alone is enough. If he wins, it will be the cherry on top of the sundae."

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Novi Chamber auction to be held this weekend

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

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These are just two of many exciting offerings that can be yours at the Novi Chamber of Commerce and Time Warner Cable team up to present its Ninth Annual Charity Auction this Saturday evening.

With a few tickets still remaining, the April 7 dinner will again benefit the Paralyzed Veterans of America - an organization addressing the needs and concerns of veterans who have sustained injury or disease of the spinal cord.

"This is the biggest social event held annually in Novi and the proceeds help the chamber and the Paralyzed Veterans of America - a chapter here in Novi," said auction chair and Novi Community Credit Union vice president Bob

Herbert.

Over 550 people are expected to attend the event, entitled "A Magical Night to Remember," which will feature a live auction, silent auction and raffles.

Volunteers have gathered a variety of unique auction items including vacations, furniture, custom jewelry, sports memorabilia, restaurant packages, Playstation 2 games, a 13" television, a trip to Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp in Lakeland, Florida, as well as a 2001 GMC Yukon SUV.

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Bob Herbert
auction chair

Detroit Lion and NFL all of Fame member - Lem Barney delivering the keynote address and former sports greats Willie Horton from the Detroit Tigers and Alex Deivechio from the Detroit Red Wings are also expected to attend.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America is a Congressionally Chartered Veteran's Organization established at the

end of World War II. Nationwide, their membership is over 17,000 - all of whom have suffered a spinal cord injury or dysfunction. The Paralyzed Veterans of America administers numerous programs including veterans' benefits counseling, wheelchair sports, spinal cord injury research and promotes the rights of all disabled citizens.

The Michigan Chapter, headquartered in Novi, also supports local spinal cord injury research projects at the University of Michigan, Michigan Rehabilitation Institute and Wayne State

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Tickets are \$60 per person and all residents, chamber members, and business people are encouraged to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be sold at the door.

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Hennessey Pub denied license for amusement

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

The management at Hennessey's Pub in Wixom wants to be able to entertain patrons but the Liquor Control Commission denied their request for an entertainment license.

The commission denied a request for a permit at the March 7 meeting. The license was to be held in conjunction with their Sunday liquor sales permit and dance permit. The commission turned down monologues, dialogues, motion pictures, still slides, closed circuit television, contests or other performances for public viewing at the bar.

City manager J. Michael Dornan said one of the reasons the permit was turned down was because the state law is very broad about what can be done with the license. It could mean anything from a ventriloquist to more distasteful entertainment.

However, manager Cynthia Glen said the refusal will not stop them from trying to get a permit again. They plan to reapply in the summer. The main reason that they were denied, she said, was because she thought the license was not applied for properly.

The management hopes that the permit would attract more women to the pub. At one time, the bar was filled with mostly men, however, the pub's patrons are now 40 percent women.

Glen said they would like to hire psychics to come in and entertain their customers and they have other women friendly entertainment plans.

Glen denied rumors that they plan to have lingerie shows or any other distasteful entertainment at the bar.

"There will not be lingerie shows," Glen said. "The city would never approve that. They've approved it in the past and it has cost them their seats."

The management doesn't want to have that kind of entertainment either, she said. They would not want to interfere with the respectful community.

"I think Wixom is a great town, very hardworking," Glen said. "You're not going to change that structure and we don't want to either. We want (the permit) to promote couples."

The pub is committed to being a part of the community and helps charities such as Muscular Dystrophy and Special Olympics, she said.

"We run a great operation and it's much improved," Glen said.

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Mill Race Quarters, Cady Inn, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6
Girl Scouts, Cady Inn, 6 p.m.
Wedding Rehearsal, Church, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 7
Wedding, Church and Grounds, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 8
Mill Creek Community Church, 10 a.m.
17th Michigan Infantry Reenactors, Church, 5 p.m.

Monday, April 9
Northville Lions Club, Cady Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10
Stone Gang, Cady Inn/Grounds, 9 a.m.
Girl Scouts Meeting, Cady Inn, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11
Mill Creek Community Church Prayer Meeting, Church, 7:30 p.m.

It finally looks like we might actually come out of the deep freeze and enjoy some spring weather. Thanks to the city of Northville, Trinity Landscaping and Northville Historical Society's Stone Gang, we have already had some spring clean-up in our village. Many of you are probably anxious to start your own annual plant swap will be held at Mill Race Village on April 28, from 8 a.m. to noon. This is a great event to attend to kick off your planting season.

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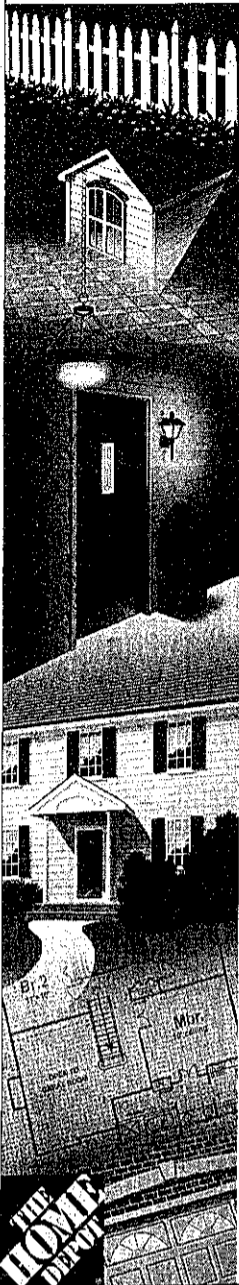
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Wild start to the spring season

Walled Lake Western softball squad opens its season with a tandem of gut wrenching games against Lakeland and Novi

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Walled Lake Western softball team has scored 17 runs in their first two games, and are 1-1, while their cross-town neighbors have scored two runs and are 2-0. Clearly, the 2001 softball season is gearing up to be a very weird and wacky affair.

On Monday afternoon the Lady Warriors dropped a heartbreaker to Novi, 4-3, losing it in the bottom of the seventh.

The game looked like it might get ugly, when Western pitcher Laura Bell hit the leadoff batter, walked the next two, and ended up yielding two first inning runs to the Wildcats. But Bell was able to settle down from there, and hold the 'Cats in the second, yielding only an unearned run in the third. That allowed her team to climb back, and tie the game at 3-3 going into the seventh inning.

"Laura struggled a bit finding the strikezone early on, but she really settled down, and found more of a groove," said Western coach Ron Repicky.

An error in the bottom of the seventh gave Novi the baserunner they needed, and eventually that runner came around to score the winning run, sending the Warriors to their first loss of the season.

"We had some chances to score some more runs during the game, but Novi played some real good defense on us. We played hard and well. The mistakes cost us, but they were aggressive mistakes, and those are the type I can live with," said Repicky.

There were several hitting stars for Western in the loss. Junior Courtney Dye was 2-3, with a walk, a run, and one RBI. Nicole Tucker drew two walks, and Laura Bell had a single, a double and an RBI. Jenny Kosleracki added a triple.

Coach Repicky realizes his team must start games better, and avoid falling behind early.

"We need to start games a little crisper. If we can start the way we finish, we could be in real good shape."

Western 13 Lakeland 12

The bags were packed, and the

fans were heading home with Western down 12-5 going into their final at-bat against Lakeland on March 28. But someone forgot to tell the Warriors that the game was over, as they fired off seven runs in their last at-bat, to tie the game, eventually winning it in the next inning, 13-12.

The early innings were a mini disaster for Western. With Lakeland crushing pitch after pitch, and building three, nine, and eventually 10 run leads after five and a half innings, the game looked just about over. But in the bottom of the fifth, the Warriors finally got the ball to drop in, as they tagged the Eagles' pitcher for five runs. Lakeland scored two more in the seventh, and that's when the Western bats really came alive. Run, after run came plate ward and before the inning was done, the score was tied a 12-12.

"We hit the ball hard all night, and had plenty of chances to score runs, but we couldn't get it past people. Then late in the game things finally started to go our way, and we were able to send the



Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Warrior second baseman Erin Retherford makes a routine throw to Nicole Tucker (24) in Monday afternoon's game against Novi.

game into extra innings," said Repicky.

Western needed only one inning, as they perfectly manufactured a run in the bottom of the 13th. With textbook technique, a leadoff runner made her way to third, and set the stage for Erin Retherford to win the game with a suicide squeeze. For the game Retherford

had three hits, and four RBI.

"Everything went perfect in that last inning. We got the leadoff batter on, worked her over to third, and got her in with a perfect squeeze," Repicky said.

Kristen Burgess went 4-6, and had four runs scored, and Danielle Bongero went 2-2 with three walks.

Western plays host to Marian this afternoon at 4 p.m., and travels to Northville to take on the Lady Mustangs Monday afternoon.

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Central softball knows how to win close ones

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

There has certainly been no lack of excitement early on in the 2001 for the Walled Lake Central softball team. The Lady Vikings have scored a total of two runs in their first two games, but non-the-less sit pretty with a 2-0 record.

Monday's game started in the afternoon, and ended in the evening, as Central won 1-0 in a 16 inning epic against South Lyon.

"Both teams played real well," said Central coach Gordon

Glennie. "We played very good defense, and while we didn't hit the ball all that well, we hung tough, and pulled out the win."

South Lyon wasn't without their opportunities to win. In inning 13 they had bases loaded and no outs, but failed to score a run.

Finally in the 16th, someone did finally get a runner across the plate. Central's Conlin Peterson lead the inning off with a screaming double to the gap. On the next at-bat, Sarah Stone laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt, advancing Peterson to third. Just a few pitches later, the game was over when Peterson darted home on a wild pitch.

Central pitcher Kristie

Marszalac (2-0) tossed a 16 inning shutout, giving up only seven hits. South Lyon pitcher Melissa Tavidian sparkled on the mound, striking out 28 Central batters, and allowing only two hits.

Walled Lake Central 1 Novi 0

There wasn't much offense for Central in their season opener against Novi, but the one run they did get was all they needed for the win.

"It was a tight ballgame from start to finish, one of those classic pitcher's duels," said Glennie.

Central pitcher

Kristie Marszalac tossed a two-hit shutout, while striking out six, and walking only two. Amber Hicks knocked in the game winning RBI early on in the second inning to notch the game's only run.

Shannon Shrader had a double for the

Wildcats, and pitcher Erica Brelsacher surrendered only three hits, while striking out eight Viking batters.

Next on the schedule for Central is KVC opponent Lakeland. That game is set for tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. in Lakeland.

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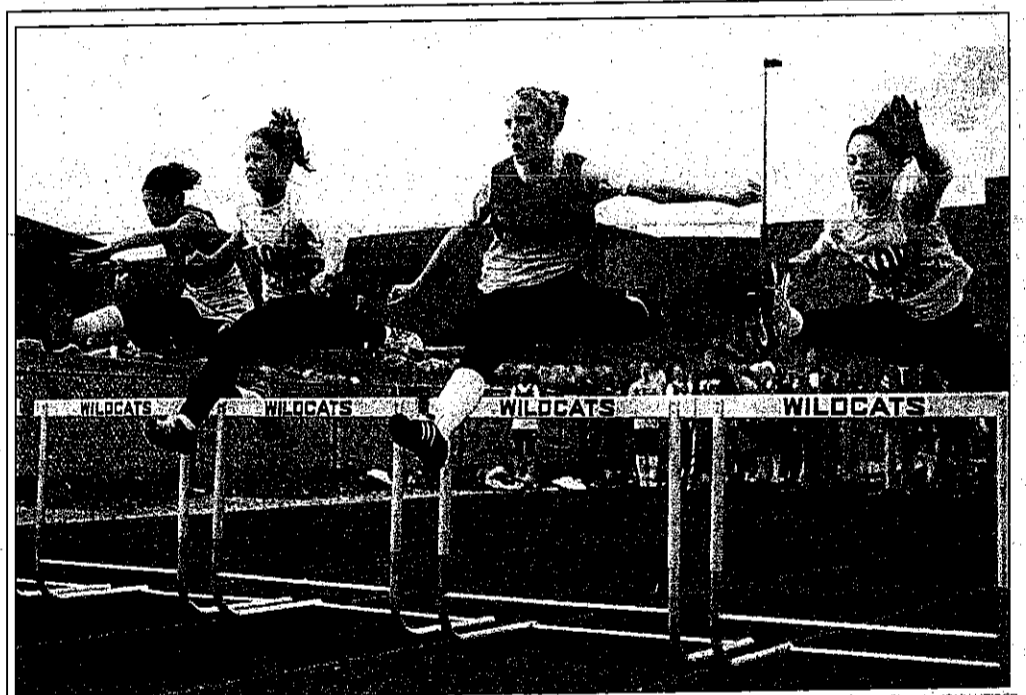


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Novi and Northville hurdlers hit their first jump in last week's meet at Novi. After years of success the Lady Wildcats will be pressed to finish better than third in a very competitive KVC.

Young track team might struggle

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

In 2000, the Novi girls' track team registered a 6-1 record that was good for second in the KVC. But this year, with the addition of a powerful Pinckney team and the loss of many seniors from last year's squad, the Lady Wildcats will be hard-pressed to duplicated that finish.

"We lost a ton of talented girls to graduation," said coach Sue Tomanek. "And this year, Pinckney joins the KVC. (They) are certainly good enough to give Brighton a run. Those two schools just have such a pool of talent to draw from that it's

so hard to compete against them. I think it's going to be a bit of a rebuilding year for us as we shoot for third in the league against Milford."

Despite the losses, there is still plenty of talent on the team. Heading the squad is multi-skilled Mickie Rzepka. Rzepka, a terrific performer on the volleyball court is even better on the field as one of the KVC's best sprinters. She placed fifth in the state last year in the pole vault and was one of the team's top runners. Complimenting Rzepka are sprinters Emily Motie, Jamie Westphal and Anna McDougall.

Tomanek is also hoping for some big things from hurdler Erin Reed, distance runner Beth Kittle and discus/shot putter, Michelle Burke.

"Mickie is pretty much going to go out there and beat anyone she faces, so clearly our strongest events are the pole vault and the 100, 200 and 400 dashes," Tomanek said.

The team dropped their first meet of the season against Northville, but Tomanek wasn't concerned.

"I wasn't all that concerned with the Northville outcome. I held some girls out because of injuries and the weather and because it wasn't a league meet; I didn't feel the need to

push it. But I did get to see some girls perform and I was able to get a good feel," Tomanek said. "We have a lot of young girls and right now, we need to figure some things out and get on the right track."

Novi's first taste of KVC competition comes this afternoon on the road at Lakeland. That meet is scheduled to kick off at 4 p.m. The Wildcats will face off against Brighton on April 10.

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Soccer future built around combination of youth, veterans

BY COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Editor

If there was ever a team built for the future, it would be the 2001 version of the Novi girls' soccer team.

The team lost one of the most prolific goal scorers in school history with the graduation of Kristie Arrington (148 career goals). But during their 13-7 season a year ago, the youth movement was quietly building and this year, the team belongs not to one superstar, but a mass of developing underclasswomen on the cusp of greatness.

First year coach Brian O'Leary has zero, yes that's right, zero seniors on

his entire '01 roster. If anyone thought Novi had a young soccer team last year, they haven't seen anything yet. O'Leary will start four freshmen; Forwards Maureen Pawak and Nikki Hermann, and midfielders Jaimie Harden and Colene Brockman. Five sophomores will handle a majority of the defensive duties; Lisa Checco, Katie Ales, Nina Schmitt, Karri Timmer and Kelle Pfeiffer, the goalie. Another sophomore, Kelly McMann, will have a place on the starting team when she returns in several weeks after recovering from a broken wrist. And finally, the old-timers on the team, the juniors, will handle the midfield; Karrie

Smith, and Tina Fenely.

On the surface, starting that many young players might seem like a bad omen, but O'Leary is thrilled with the prospect of having so much young talent to work with and develop.

"This is an absolutely perfect situation. I'm a new coach coming in, trying to install some new schemes and philosophies. It's great that I have so many young girls in the program because they haven't gotten used to an old way. Some older players may have a tough time adjusting to a new way, but with these girls, the slate is clean and I can take my time to make sure everything goes smoothly," he

said.

Despite being all underclassmen, these girls don't exactly lack varsity experience. All seven of the sophomore and junior starters have seen playing time on the varsity level in previous seasons.

The girls may have talent and some experience, but they are still a young team that will go through their fair share of growing pains, a fact not lost on coach O'Leary.

"We are switching systems right now, and everyone is trying to, get used to some new things, so right now it's a bit unorganized," O'Leary said. "But I am in no rush. We have a rare

opportunity here with this team being so young, so I want to bring them along slowly and build the kind of team that can be very special down the road."

The 2001 schedule also poses a bit of a unique problem for O'Leary's squad.

"Our schedule is kind of weird this year. We play teams that are either much better than us or much worse than us. There are very few teams that we are equal with, so it's going to be real tough to gauge just how well we are coming along. But if we can win the ones we are supposed to, continue to grow and develop, we might be

able to surprise some people," O'Leary said.

The team's season has started out just how O'Leary predicted. After dropping the season opener to a talented Northville team 5-1, Novi rebounded to destroy Walled Lake Western 6-0 on Monday evening.

The team faced a big test last night against WLA power Plymouth Canton and will open their KVC season at Lakeland tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

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Community Events

Young Life of Metro Detroit will be sponsoring an ice skating party at Compuware Sports Arena on April 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A \$10 fee covers skate rental, ice time and pizza. The event is open to all students in grades seven and eight. For more information, call (248) 477-5001.

A video and discussion on the life and career of Ansel Adams will take place April 10 at the Novi Civic Center. The event is part of the Novi Camera Club's program, and begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 380-5980.

The Northville Central Business Association will be sponsoring "Northville's Hoppin' & Shoppin'" from April 3 through April 8. Flyers listing participating downtown Northville merchants can be found in the March 29 edition of the Northville Record and other area newspapers. Entrants need to visit five of the merchants listed on the form to be eligible to win the prizes and promotions being offered. Winners will be drawn at random on April 13 at 3:30 p.m. at Rebecca's On Main. For more information, call (248) 949-5769.

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A luncheon honoring author Brian Lewis will be held April 5 at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The event, co-sponsored by the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi libraries, has tickets available for \$20. Lewis is the publisher of Sleeping Bear Press, and materials that can be found at the Henry Ford Museum Research Center. For more information, call (248) 348-3006.

Religion

Single Place presents Thursday programs, which will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville unless otherwise indicated: "Divorce Recovery Workshop." In session through April 26, 7:30 p.m. (No workshop Maundy Thursday, April 12.) Various speakers, First Presbyterian Church, Northville. Call the church at (248) 349-0911 for fee.

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Engagements

Kurt H. Borchert, son of Frederick H. and Claudia Borcherts of Northville and Susan C. Schramm, daughter of Frederick M. and Jo Ann Schramm of Fortville, Ind., announce their engagement. The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Greenfield Central High School and a 1989 graduate of Indiana University. She is director of communications for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese in Indianapolis, Ind.

Lisa Johnson and Larry Osiecki II announce their engagement and wedding date, which is planned for Sept. 15. The bride-elect is the daughter of J. Richardson and Nancy Johnson of Kalamazoo and Barb and Dave Retchers of South Haven. Following her graduation from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1999, she received a bachelor's degree in 1993 from Marquette University and a master's degree in 1995 from Western Michigan University. Lisa is in marketing communications at Stryker Medical.

Ellen and Gerald Van Noord of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari Lynn, to John E. Bessonon, the son of Eva Bessonon of Farmington Hills and the late Earl Bessonon. The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1998, and is currently employed in marketing research for Ford Motor Co.

Rick and Sharon Bondy of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne-Marie, to Mark Sander, son of Roxanne Sander of Canton and Ed Sander of Livonia. The bride and groom-elect are 1996 graduates of Northville High School. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and secondary education certification. Anne-Marie is currently attending Eastern Michigan University pursuing a master's degree in mathematics curriculum. She is also a math teacher at Franklin High School in the Livonia School District.

Van Noord-Bessonon. A June wedding is planned. The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1998, and is currently employed in marketing research for Ford Motor Co.

Bondy-Sander. A July wedding is planned. The groom-elect graduated from Kettering University this year, with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. Mark is employed as a product engineer at Magna Seating Systems.

Weddings

Kristin Lorraine Bricker and Kevin Michael Kolb were married May 6, 2000, at Cana Lutheran Church in Berkeley. Pastor David Seddemeier officiated. Her parents, Jerry and Linda Bricker of Northville, gave the bride in marriage. The bride is a graduate of Northville Senior High School. She graduated with honors from Alma College in 1995, with a bachelor of arts degree in international business and German. Kristin was awarded a juris doctorate by the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law in 1998, and an MBA by the U-D Graduate Business School in 1999. She is an attorney with Angelo Plakas & Associates in Westland and a member of the Michigan Bar Association.

Rebecca Lynn Van Hoesear and Robert Lawrence Blascyk were married Feb. 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wayne. The Rev. Francisco Radecki officiated the ceremony; the bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride is the daughter of JoAnne and Ellis Van Hoesear of Northville and is employed at Peiland in Novi. Attending as matron of honor was Sharon Kuych, Margaret Horton and Mallory Van Hoesear served as bridesmaids.

Barney and JoAnn [Moore] Hostetler of Prescott celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by going to Las Vegas. Joining in the celebration were friends and family members: sons Jim of Northville and Scott (Tara Hasty) of Prescott; daughter, Rhonda (Larry) Smith of South Lyon; and three grandchildren, Jessica and Lisa Smith, and Hatley Hostetler. The Hostetlers were married March 17, 1950, in Angola, Ind. Barney was born in Northville and is a retired machanic and carpenter. JoAnn is a housewife and was born in Dennis, Kan.

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Barney and JoAnn [Moore] Hostetler of Prescott celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by going to Las Vegas. Joining in the celebration were friends and family members: sons Jim of Northville and Scott (Tara Hasty) of Prescott; daughter, Rhonda (Larry) Smith of South Lyon; and three grandchildren, Jessica and Lisa Smith, and Hatley Hostetler. The Hostetlers were married March 17, 1950, in Angola, Ind. Barney was born in Northville and is a retired machanic and carpenter. JoAnn is a housewife and was born in Dennis, Kan.

Births

Mary and Normal Engelsen of Novi are proud to announce the birth of their son, Andrew Norman, born Jan. 18 at 8:53 p.m. in Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Also awaiting his arrival were his two sisters, Kristin, 11 and Elizabeth, 8. Andrew's grandparents are Norval and Judith Engelsen of Novi.

On Campus

Two Northville sophomores at Kalamazoo College are participating in the college's study abroad program. Their return is expected sometime in late June. Adrienne Manarita, a graduate of Northville High School, is currently studying in Trinidad. Bryan Shields is in Madrid, Spain. He is a graduate of Troy High School. This program enables students to understand how people in other cultures live and to attend excellent academic institutions in other countries.

Oakland University awarded academic commendation to Carolyn Farmer for achieving a 3.0 to 3.59 grade point average for the fall semester. Farmer is a sophomore majoring in elementary education. She is the daughter of Bill and Adele Farmer of Northville and a 1999 graduate of Northville High School.

Purdue University students Eric Robert Tkaczyk of Northville and Ryan William Hinz of Novi were recently recognized for their academic achievements and received scholastic honors. Tkaczyk is majoring in electrical and computer engineering. Hinz is majoring in consumer and family science.

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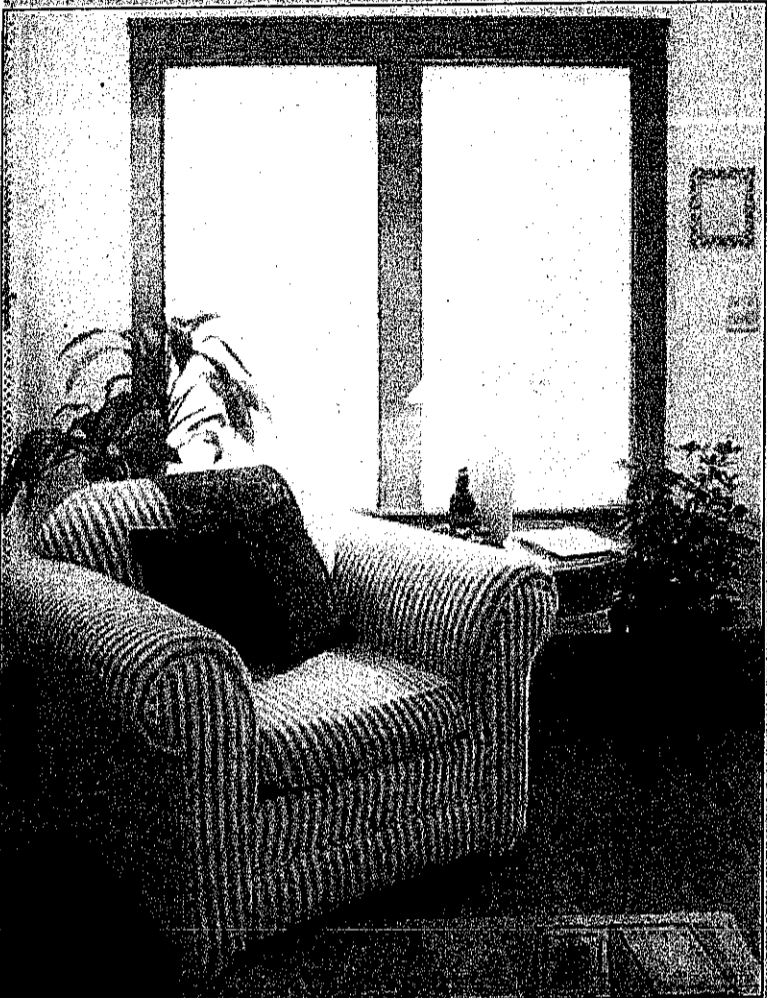
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Halleigh's living room area features plants — which symbolize earth and wood — and also a sitting chair, which angles toward the center of the room.



Susan Halleigh and son Christopher, 2, are reflected in one of the mirrors in her Feng Shui-inspired home. On this mantelpiece, all objects have significance: The mirror represents water, the Foo dogs — protection, the circle — creativity, and the pyramid — fame.



The dining room area of Susan Halleigh's Feng Shui-inspired Wing Street home has four sectors coming together. Some of the pieces of furniture were moved for the photograph.

...Ancient Chinese secret... you might find yourself rearranging your home or apartment each month in hope of finding a comfortable setting, and you may find yourself not comfortable with each change you make. What do you do?

...The office desk may have a pile of papers and enough clutter to have its own ZIP code, adding to the intangible stress of the workday. A person's physical environment can have many unknown as well as known stresses affecting him or her. The answers to the stresses of life and the monthly furniture arrangement may be in the hands of your local Feng Shui Practitioner at Environment and Energy Inc.

...Our culture has developed ways to effectively transform our physical bodies, our mental selves and our work processes. However, we have not generally looked at what is required in our physical world to support these changes at their foundation in order to maintain the effort and make a difference in the quality of our lives, said Northville resident and certified Feng Shui Practitioner Susan Halleigh. This is where Feng Shui can help.

...is fundamentally concerned with the topography, layout and how the placement of a home can be harmonized with the surroundings. The Compass School, developed in northern China, involves astrology and the eight directions of the compass. The Intuitive School is a more open form relying on the individual's natural tendencies. The Black Sect School, the more Western of the schools, was developed by Professor Lin Yun of Berkeley, California and is predominantly a spiritual practice.

...Halleigh said her approach to Feng Shui combines her practical, logical training as an architect and interior designer with her intuitive/metaphysical training. Her techniques combine to create a balance of the best of eastern and Western thinking, practice and philosophy.

...According to Halleigh, the chi or energy has form, movement and qualities. The antidotes to chi's six evil, the negative, disturbing energy, Halleigh said the basis of Feng Shui is harnessing Sha Chi and transforming it back into positive energy. Halleigh said achieving positive energy loss is the primary objective.

...mainly gives the client a plan of action based on the priority of the specific changes to be implemented to meet the future vision.

...One Feng Shui practice involved in the analysis is the use of the Bagua Map, Halleigh said. The Bagua map provides the structure within which to make changes and correct Chi flow. The map consists of nine squares within one large square. The nine squares involve the five themes of wealth/prosperity, fame/reputation and love/marriage are placed on the top level of the map. The second level consists of family/parent/child and creativity/children. The final and bottom level is knowledge/self-cultivation, career and helpful people/travel. The map can be placed over a home's floor plan and changes can be made in the areas lacking.

...in the area of the home where energy should be situated, a person could enhance the energy by introducing the element of water, items such as aquariums, fountains, mirrors or images of streams, oceans or lakes. Creating focal points within rooms can also focus positive energy.

...The next service Halleigh provides is design or vision mapping. This service or step helps create focus for the desired design using photos, drawings and materials to make tangible the vision a person may have for the home, office or business, Halleigh said. Vision mapping establishes a clear course of action and outlines the preliminary information needed to accomplish the goal.

...Feng Shui can also be used on the exterior of the home or business. Using site plans, elevations, landscape plans, site photos and photos with the help of feng shui or alignment can create a harmonious surrounding. Creating a healthy environment can be another service offered by Halleigh. Through this service, Halleigh offers suggestions on how to enhance the environmental quality by performing such tasks as an air quality review and relative placement of the site.

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Most people will say they get different feelings or emotions upon entering a room or building.

Susan Halleigh

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MODERN WORLD STRESSES

- Clutter and disorder
- Electrical pollution
- Chemical pollution
- Environmental stress
- Geopathic stress
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EIGHT FENG SHUI REMEDIES

- Light
- Sound
- Color
- Life
- Movement
- Stillness
- Functional objects
- Straight lines



The figure on this table is a Kwan Yin, which in Feng Shui represents an angel and compassion.

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