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**Drug pipeline stop uncovered in Novi**

By RANDAL YAKEY  
Staff Writer

A drug pipeline from Mexico, through Chicago and into Detroit, led police to a Novi home where over 90 pounds of marijuana was seized last week. According to Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer, the entire amount of marijuana seized at all three locations had a street value over \$885,000. "It was bigger than a hay ball,"

Shaeffer said, referring to the Novi seizure. "Apparently, this has been going on for a while."

Suspects in the case led authorities to a location in Detroit where police received 10 pounds of marijuana. Police then went to a Novi location, in the vicinity of Novi Road and Grand River, where they recovered over 90 pounds of marijuana and \$56,983 in a freezer. "It was a distribution center

for the area," Shaeffer said. "We had a lengthy investigation that had been going on for about ten months."

Police were then led to a Chicago location where and estimated 218 pounds of marijuana and cash were seized. At the Chicago location two suspects, two men, Jose Aguirre, 21, and Salvatore Hernandez, 51, were taken into custody. The group of officers that

found the drug locations is called SONIC (South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence) that covers a number of communities including Novi, West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills.

The drug traffickers are still under investigation and Shaeffer said that there may still be more arrests.

The SONIC unit is comprised of 10 officers from all three area police departments. Last year,

the group has been credited with confiscating more than 80 pounds of heroin, 300 grams of cocaine, 378 marijuana plants and more than 845 doses of LSD.

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**'Daring to dream'**

Novi High School's 2001 Prom

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

The tux, the dress, the date. It was a night some Novi High School students will never forget.

On May 12, the kids ditched their scrubs for elegant duds at the 2001 Junior & Senior Prom.

"A beautiful date, good music and major cash flow are sure to make this a great evening," said senior Anthony Hood, who was accompanied by sophomore Brianna Malone.

With approximately 659 students in attendance, Burton Manor of Livonia made a perfectly elegant setting for the memorable event.

This year's theme for the 2001 Prom was "Daring to Dream."

Once inside, the couples began the evening with the infamous prom picture, followed by a full course meal with Chicken Kiev as the main dish.

Then it was time to kick up their heels, as the students hit the dance floor.

"Everyone looks great and is in good spirits. I'm pretty impressed," said senior Derek Michaelson.

Students Nicole Wilson and Julie Stevens, who didn't allow the prom jitters get to them, said they were more interested in simply enjoying a fun night out.

"It's just fun to dress up and be with your friends," Stevens said.

However her date, senior Bryan Beeler, couldn't help but get swept up in the moment.

"Tonight is the perfect opportunity to treat her like the queen that she is," he said.

Dressed in a lilac gown, prom committee member senior Sarah Beth O'Connor said she was pleased with the event.

"We put a lot of preparation



Photo by JOHN HEIDER  
Senior Mickie Rzepka enjoys a laugh with some friends prior to entering the prom at Burton Manor.

into this and it's nice to finally be able to enjoy it," she said.

While the prom may have ended at midnight, the fun continued for most students.

"We're going to go back to a friend's house and watch movies," O'Connor said.

Other students, like Hood, Beeler and Michaelson were headed to parties.

"This is really the beginning to a good end," Michaelson said.

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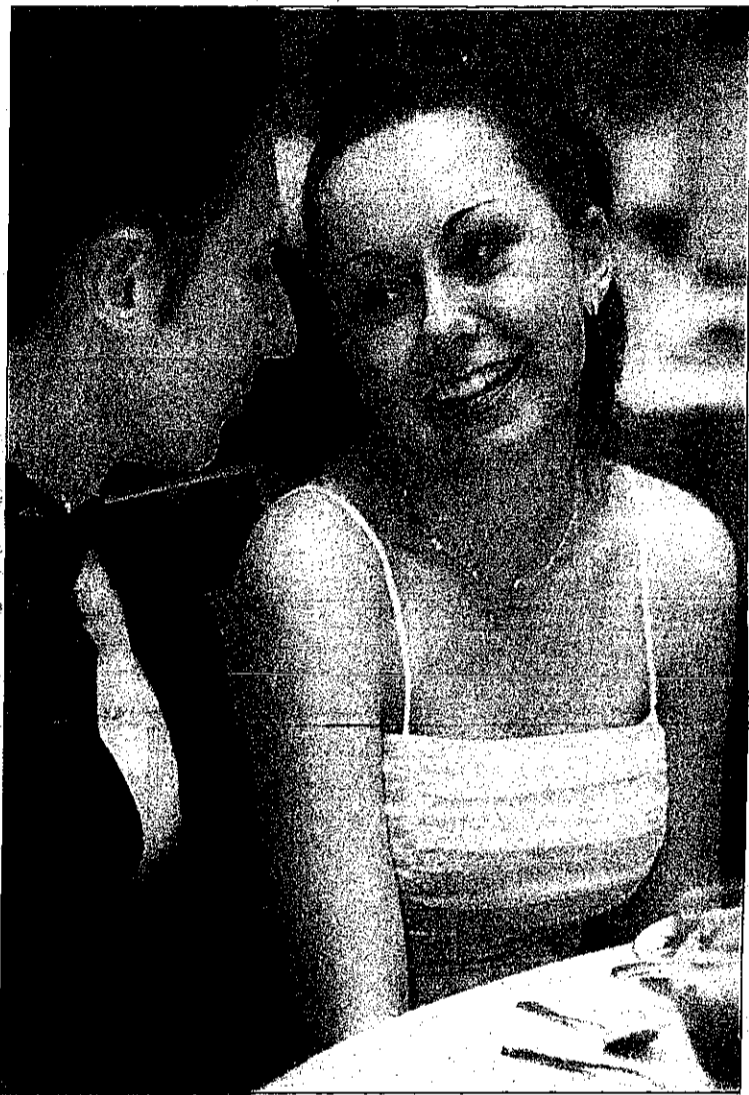


Photo by JOHN HEIDER  
Sophomore Amy Auletto enjoys a moment with her date junior Bill Varhol after dinner at Saturday's prom.

**School awaits bond vote**

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

The new look of Novi High School is taking shape, as the district prepares for the future.

Awaiting the approval from the community, school officials are looking to tax payer support for the \$37 million dollar renovation and expansion.

The project is part of the district's \$75 million bond issue to upgrade school buildings, which voters of Novi will see on June 11.

The need for school construction comes as a result of steady population growth in the community. School officials report that the district continues to add 200 new students per year.

The high school, which currently has a student population of 1,600, looks to exceed its capacity of 1,800 students by 2003.

The bond would allow the district to expand the high school from 1,800 students to more than 2,400 at maximum capacity.

The project also calls for a complete renovation of the high

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER  
Father Les Harding will retire soon with a smile from Walled Lake's Saint Anne's Episcopal Church. Harding was ordained in 1956. In addition to Saint Anne's, Father Harding is also the priest at Church of the Holy Cross in Novi.

**Father Harding will retire after 28 years**

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL  
Staff Writer

Father Les Harding is saying good-bye to St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Walled Lake and Church of the Holy Cross in Novi after 28 years of service to the community.

He will be retiring on May 27, the same day he was ordained in the ministry 45 years ago. Church of the Holy Cross in Novi will host a retirement roast for him on June 3 at 2 p.m. at St. John's Golf and Conference Center.

Harding said he'll be 70 in July and now it's time to leave the profession that he has always loved.

The two parishes joined forces in 1973 when he became a part of the churches, he said. Harding, a vicar, goes in-between both parishes to take care of church needs.

"I am the priest in charge of both parishes," Harding said. "It became a yoked parish. I am the egg salad in the sandwich."

Church members from both parishes will have to make a tough decision about how they will continue after he retires, he said.

"When I leave, the two parishes are going to have to make a decision how they are going to function," Harding said. "Whether they are going to stay together or branch off and go separate ways."

Harding didn't plan on being a priest in his youth, although he has been in the ministry for almost half a century.

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St. Anne's and Holy Cross

"I was a preacher's kid," Harding said. "I wasn't going to be a priest. I was going to be an aeronautics engineer."

He said he didn't know what made him change his mind.

"It was just changed," Harding said. "When I told my parents - it was a big surprise. It was a good thing they were sitting in a chair."

He has enjoyed all of his years as part of the Walled Lake and Novi communities. He's also treasured the people in his parishes.

"It's a wonderful congregation of people from all walks of life," Harding said. "They are given to good works."

Harding will be moving to Byron with his wife Judith from their home in Novi.

"We're building our first new home," Harding said. "I've lived in a church-owned home all of my life." Harding said he will have to adjust to retirement.

"Right now, I don't know what it

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## Another Spring Lake apartment gets broken into

A Spring Lake apartment resident arrived home to find his apartment broken into and a number of items missing on May 8 at approximately 5:30 p.m.

According to the police reports, a resident in the building contacted a male subject in the area. The man said the suspect, who was described as about 15-years-old, claimed to live in the "middle" building of number one.

The witness said he did not see the suspect enter the building, but was just merely "hanging around."

The owner of the apartment said that 12 silver dollar radios, a number of half dollars and a few Susan B. Anthony dollar coins were taken from the residence.

Police say that the suspect forced entrance throughout the glass doorwall. According to the report, the suspect apparently lifted the doorwall of its track to gain entrance.

In the past two weeks, there have been at least three break-ins at the apartment complex. In all three break-ins, entrance was gained through the glass doorwall. Police have not commented on the significance of the break-ins.

While at the scene, another resident told the investigator that her apartment was also broken into and that she thought that there may be evidence inside her apartment.

### Police News

**SECRET HIDING PLACE REVEALED**  
A 22-year-old Novi man told police he believes his ex-girlfriend broke into his apartment and stole \$500 on May 10 sometime while he was at work.

The man told police he was out of his home between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. When he came home, a cell phone and recorder were also missing.

The man told police that he hid his money in a secret hiding place that only his ex-girlfriend knew about. The ex-girlfriend, who moved out three months prior, was thought to be the only person who knew where the hiding place was.

**FOUND LUGGAGE**  
A Novi man's belongings have been recovered inside a pickup truck that was pulled over in the

city of Walled Lake on May 10.

According to Novi police records, the recovery was made after a traffic stop and foot chase in the lake-side community.

The driver of the stolen pickup truck was able to escape the scene but the truck and stolen items inside the vehicle were recovered.

The owner of the property was contacted and a brief case and lab top computers were among the stolen items recovered.

**NEIGHBORHOOD FEUD**  
A Lalose Street resident apparently didn't care for a game of street ball after he retrieved a baseball bat from the street and threatened a neighbor with it on May 12 at approximately 6:15 p.m.

After the street ball game was finished, the man came out of his house and seized one of the bats, turned to a neighbor woman and said, "Now I have one, bring it on."

The neighbor woman retreated to her house after the man threatened her and called police.

When police arrived on the scene, the man would not answer the door. Police informed the woman on personal protection order (PPO)

procedures.

**WALLED LAKE WANTING TO GET AWAY**  
Police were called to a domestic disturbance on May 7 at the 1400 block of Oakgrove for the second time in a week.

A 57-year-old Walled Lake man was seated in a lawn chair when police arrived. His wife called police when the man tried to take the keys to her van. She said she would not allow him to take it out because he had already crashed her truck.

She said he grabbed her forearm, twisting them in an attempt to get the keys. When she told him to stop, he did. He then threw a glass cake platter at her. The cake platter may have struck her right forearm.

She said she has been in contact with a doctor to have her husband declared incompetent. He is supposed to take daily medication but often refuses.

He would not cooperate with police and pushed one of the police officers. One of the police officers sprayed a chemical irritant on the man and was able to get him handcuffed. He was transported to the

station and treated by firefighters.

He still refused to cooperate with police and was taken to Providence Hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

They were on the scene to fix the problem.

**MAIL FRAUD?**  
A Village Apartments resident claims an unknown person is stealing his mail.

The man stated on April 29, that someone took his credit card statement from his mailbox and then attempted to get a new card. The suspect was denied after security questions were not answered.

The resident also states that other miscellaneous mail is missing on a regular basis.

**TOO MUCH GRASS**  
Three Echo Interspace blowers were stolen from Lawn-Scape Associates on the eve of May 1.

Estimated cost for the blowers were valued at \$450 each.

The blowers were taken from a garage located on the company's property located on West Road.

Also removed were various hand tools. Police are still investigating.

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## Powers vies for circuit seat

By RANDAL YAKEY

Staff Writer

Novi District Court Judge Dennis Powers has made a bid for the Oakland County Circuit Court seat vacated by Barry Howard who retired in April.

Powers, who took over for Harold Bulgarelli in June of 1998, said he made his bid for the seat because of the environment he is currently in at the 52-1 District Court in Novi.

"I think it would give me quite a variety," Powers said. "You have a support staff there and a research attorney."

Powers, who said he would like the change of pace at the circuit level, noted that there were others he felt would be given consideration as well.

"I think (Rochester Hills District Court Judge) Julie Nickolson is a

front runner," Powers said. "And I think there are two or three others that are up there."

Powers, a former member of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, said he didn't feel that he was one of the front runners for the position but pursued it anyway.

"I don't think I'm going to get it," Powers said.

Thirteen applicants applied for the position. All the applicants were given fifteen minutes in front of the State Bar of Michigan panel in Lansing to explain why they should be chosen. Also, each candidate was given a written questionnaire and provided a written response in advance.

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## Mayor exchange will give Clark a different perspective of cities

By RANDAL YAKEY

Staff Writer

It is a tale of two cities that is expected to be played out on two different stages next week.

On May 22, Pontiac Mayor Walter Moore will be given a tour of Novi and on May 23, Novi Mayor Richard Clark is expected to get the grand tour of Pontiac.

One of the major areas both mayors will be touring is each other's new downtown districts.

Moore will arrive at the new downtown for a tour between 3 and 4 p.m. Clark is expected to tour downtown Pontiac between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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# School district hopes to expand existing high school

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School cafeteria and swimming pool.

Tripling over \$3 million in construction costs, the high school would be expanded from its current six lanes into eleven, with additional seating and more deck space.

This would allow the high school to hold swim meets and intramurals, since it currently can hold more than two teams and has minimal spectator seating.

Other renovations to older portions of the building will take place to upgrade areas affected by age, and at the same time create a flow to match the newer additions. A new, more defined entrance is also a possibility.

While just a prototype, the current layout of the future high school does provide the community with a realistic look.

This is just an architectural

conceptual rendering, which means the high school may not be in this configuration," said assistant superintendent of business and operations, Jim Foster. However, he does know that the expansion will take place around the western part of the building.

Along with building expansion, expansion of the parking area used for student drop off will also take place.

The school will also shift its headquarters to the south of the high school, which has already been supported by city council and the library board, Foster said.

While plans are continuing for the outside of the building, staff and administrators from the high school are preparing for what will take place inside.

With more students expected, NIS principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal, along with her staff and the architects of Fanning/Hovey, are looking at ways to keep the "smallness within the bigness."

"We're not looking to reinvent

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Currently working with the former principal of Dakota High from Chippewa Valley, Cheal and her staff are researching way to maintain closeness between students and staff. Dakota High, which houses 2,900 students, is known nationally for its award winning design and instruction.

Cheal and her team will soon travel to other area schools, such as Adlai E. Stevenson in Illinois, which currently has a student population of 4,500.

"We're not looking to reinvent the wheel, but by seeing what other area schools are doing, we can take the best of those ideas so that it works for our students and do what is educationally superior for the children of our community," Cheal said.

If approved by voters next month, construction could begin in the summer of 2002, with the projects taking 18-24 months to complete.

The ticket will include the district's \$75 million bond proposal, as well as a dedicated site millage

proposal of .5 mills and a Headlee override proposal.

"The dedicated millage would take care of maintenance and contracted repairs, therefore prolonging the lives of the buildings keeping the district's assets in the best of shape," Foster said.

The Headlee override, he explained, is to restore the 18-mill levy as required by law in 1994. The 1994 school finance reform legislation (Proposal A) replaced local property taxes with state level taxes. Although not its intent, the Headlee began dropping causing school districts to lose money. Currently, the Headlee is at 17.6 and is expected to drop again next year.

School officials say all three are needed to remain competitive and educationally sound.

The package not only includes renovation of the high school, but funding for technology, upgrades at older schools, maintenance and the purchase of the Besco

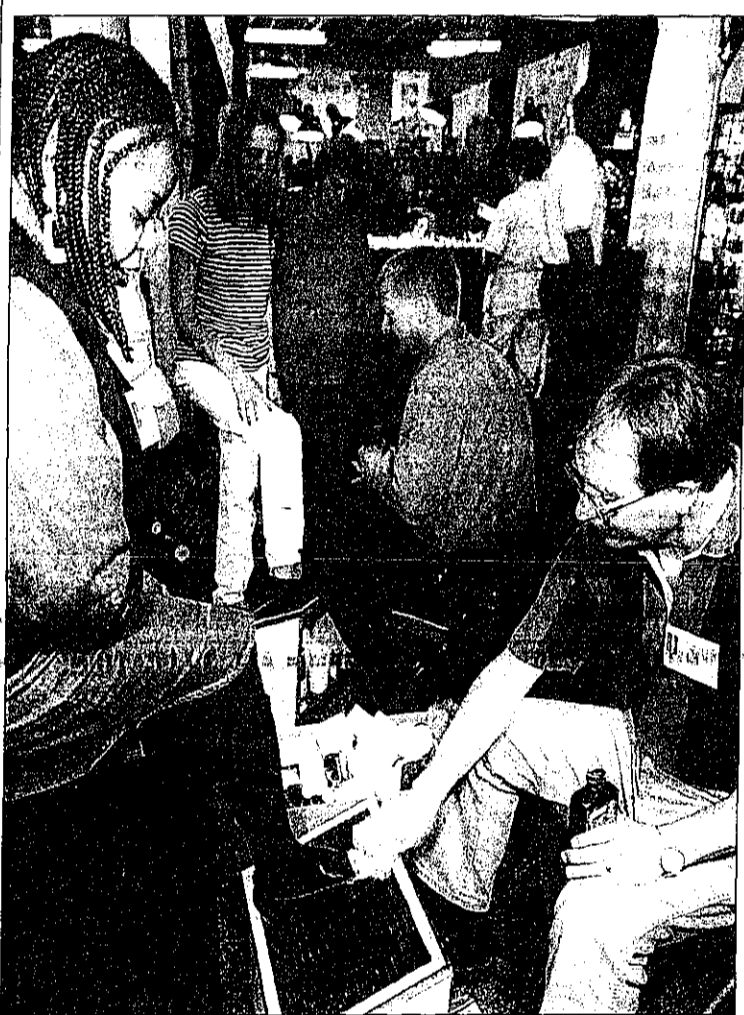
property. The district projects the total cost of these proposals for a homeowner living in a \$200,000 home is \$200 annually (\$150 for the bond proposal and \$50 for the dedicated millage).

Nov is not the only school district seeking bond funding. Currently, the Dearborn School District is considering a \$150 million bond issue for September and Mt. Clemens Community Schools have already announced a \$71 million bond issue for the fall.

Joining Novi for a June 11 election is the Garden City Public School District, who will be placing a \$37 million bond before voters. Northville Public Schools also just announced a \$25 million bond proposal for the fall as well.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at sfordyce@nl.homecomm.net

# Shiny shoes



Ted Nadyr dabs some "Doc Balleys Shoe Cream" onto the sandals of Sharon Lowery during the International Women's Show held recently at the Novi Expo Center.

# Harding will be missed by entire Lakes, Novi communities

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means to retire," Harding said. "I'm going to have to learn to retire. What the next few years brings - no one knows. I'll just take it one day at a time."

Joyce Marcinek, church secretary at Holy Cross, said she feels that the community will be losing something when he retires. He never turned down anyone when they needed help.

"I have never seen anyone as active in the community as he was," Marcinek said. "He was a father to his family and his flock but he was also a father to the whole community."

Lawson Letring, mission warden and member of Church of the Holy Cross, said he will be missed by everyone in the church.

"Father Harding has always been Holy Cross around from his inception," Letring said. "He's the reason why Holy Cross exists."

He was extremely active in the Novi community, he said. "Everyone in the church will miss him," Letring said. "He will leave some very big shoes to fill."

However, the church will stay true to his works. "We will continue to build the church on the foundation that he has created for us," Letring said.

Sharon Lane, a St. Anne's member, was choked up when she thought about how special Harding has been in her family's life.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to work with such a fine man," Lane said. "He instructed my daughters for their confirmation. By the time he retires, he will have baptized both of my grandsons."

Harding also has gone above and beyond his calling to the ministry. "He traveled down to South Carolina to officiate my daughter's wedding," Lane said. "Both of my daughters would tell you that he's been like a second dad to them."

When her daughter was in high school, she invited him to her photography class. The kids in class were amazed at how easy going and laid back he was, Lane said.

"He's always been there for our family through deaths, births, loss of income and for celebrations," she said. "He's just been a counselor, a friend and a mentor. We're really going to miss him."

Tracy Moore, St. Anne's Church secretary, said he performed the marriage ceremony 19 years ago. Her family has been attending the church ever since.

"He's always been available for trials and joys," Moore said. "He's a man of his word and he has a commanding presence about him that is laced with old fashioned gallantry."

He said he has enjoyed being a part of both churches.

"They've given me the freedom to serve in the community anyway I felt I could," Harding said. "I've met some wonderful people and worked with some wonderful people. I've watched the community grow. I've had a ball."

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# 2-1-1 helps locate non-profits

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service mmalott@homecomm.net

Dialing 9-1-1 will put a phone caller immediately in touch with police, fire and emergency medical dispatchers. In some communities, 2-1-1 is the number to call for non-emergency calls to the police department.

Of course, 2-1-1 is an old number for directory assistance.

Now comes 2-1-1, a number that would put callers in touch with community referral services.

Michigan lawmakers set that number aside last year when passing its latest version of the state telecommunications Act, reserving it for such health and human services information programs.

Now, non-profit and civic organizations across the state are working to put the number into use.

Typical calls to the service might include requests for information about where a family in trouble might be able to get food, clothing or shelter.

Home heating assistance is a common call to such referral systems. Services and the disabled might make use of the line to find the programs they need.

Referrals to counseling and crisis intervention services are not unusual.

"Questions can range from, 'Is there help for my son, who is into drugs?' to 'When is strawberry season and where can I go to pick my own?'" said Margaret Brund, of the Detroit Public Library, lead agency in the Metropolitan Detroit Community Information and Referral Collaborative.

The collaborative is attempting to establish 2-1-1 service in southeast Michigan. She made the comment while speaking at a forum in Lansing Monday hosted by the Michigan Public Policy Institute.

There are already many information and referral phone services in operation in the state, she said, ranging from single subject referral programs to others that attempt to be comprehensive on a large range of topics for the communities they serve.

The challenge in setting up 2-1-1 is the ordinance and code review of the existing services, she said. There are already many information and referral programs in Michigan.

That aspect is well established. They are not going to have to create that from scratch. It is the 24-hour, seven-day service that is the capacity that needs to be built," said Christopher Nelson, of the Michigan Association of United Ways.

Proponents want the service to operate 24-7 because that is what Michigan residents have come to expect as a result of their use of 9-1-1.

Another difficulty facing the system is the need to compile and coordinate computer databases for the system, according to Brund. Referral services use computer searches to quickly access the information the caller is requesting.

But researching the information for such databases, developing the system, and inputting all that information into a computer can be an expensive proposition, she said. Having referral services share a single database can help cut the cost.

Even better, developing a standard which would allow referrals services to share databases would be even more efficient.

Advocates envision a decentralized 2-1-1 system for this state, believing callers will get better information if the services is managed by people who know the local geography and the latest developments in local assistance programs.

Suli, 2-1-1 service may be costly, and lawmakers did not appropriate any money for the service when they set the number aside last year.

Some communities pay for 9-1-1 services through small charges tacked on to each phone customer's bill, but such a means of funding the system is not presently under consideration. Brund and Bob McKown, of First Call for Help — Heart of the West Michigan United Way, said they hope state lawmakers will put some money into the budget for 2-1-1 services, but none presently is proposed.

At present, funding is coming from non-profit foundations. The Skillman Foundation has given \$1.4 million for development of 2-1-1 in southeast Michigan. The Kellogg Foundation has put \$580,000 into development of 2-1-1 in Calhoun County. How much the system will cost to operate statewide also is not yet known.

McKown estimates the annual cost of operation of his similar referral program in Kent County alone at \$400,000.

But Brund said the first place to look for funding is to simply better coordination the money being spent now on referral programs. Not all is coming from non-profits. For example, the Detroit Library already operates one of most extensive referral services in the state, and that counts as government spending.

Proponents say service is needed. "Our mother dialed 9-1-1 to call the police. She said she needed to have an officer come over and put her son in the car because he wouldn't get in and they were late for an appointment. She didn't need a police officer's help, she needed a parenting class," said James McHale, assistant vice president of the Kellogg Foundation.

"During the last couple of years, major oil companies are pulling down record profits," said Leland. "Exxon-Mobil alone reports first quarter profits in excess of \$5 billion. Why haven't oil companies used a portion of their windfall to produce more reformulated gas or build additional refineries in the Midwest?"

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# Fire log

Monday, May 7 Medical, 21175 Woodland Glen, 8:50 a.m., Squad 3. Investigation, 24429 Holyoke, 1:46 p.m., Engine 4. Medical, 23995 Novi, 1:56 p.m., Squad 3. Woods fire, 41860 Quince, 6:08 p.m., Engine 3. Personal injury accident, 196 and Novi Road, 10:35 p.m., Squad 4. Tuesday, May 8 Service, 22450 Tower Court, 3:39 a.m., Squad 3. Investigation, 30985 Blueridge, 10:04 a.m., Engine 2. Service, 39500 Grand River, 10:12 a.m., Squad 1. Investigation, 22712 Bertram, 1:15 p.m., Engine 4. Building fire, 2450 Old Novi, 5:52 p.m., Engines 2, 1. Medical, 41893 Canterbury, 6:05 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 41550 Grand River, 8:35 p.m., Squad 1. Wednesday, May 9 Service, 22450 Tower Court, 3:11 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 41694 Kirkwood, 4:28 a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 26243 Louisiana, 5:51 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 43313 Ashbury, 6:57 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 22351 Conenema, 10:44 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 27650 Novi Road, 11:48 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 41812 Hampshire, 6:43 p.m., Squad 3. Saturday, May 13 Personal injury accident, M-5 and Twebe Mile Road, 5:27 p.m., Squad 1. Wires down, Grand River and Haggerty, 9:15 p.m., Engine 1. Investigation, 25729 Lincoln, 11:19 p.m., Engine 1. Thursday, May 10 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 6:24 a.m., Squad 2. Fire alarm, 196 and Novi Road, 7:12 a.m., Engine 4. Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 7:32 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 40100 Grand River, 1:05 p.m., Squad 1. Fire alarm, Eleven Mile and Taf, 8:56 a.m., Engines 4, 1. Personal injury accident, 196 and Beech Road, 1:01 p.m., Squad 4. Chemical spill, Pontiac Trail and W. Park, 2:15 p.m., Engine 2, Squad 1. Personal injury accident, Fourteen Mile and Novi Road, 1:30 p.m., Squad 2. Medical, 29788 Montmorency, 4:54 p.m., Squad 2. Personal injury accident, Grand River and Wixom, 6:03 p.m., Squad 4. Investigation, 50484 Idaho, 11:40 p.m., Engine 4. Saturday, May 12 Building fire, 30048 Montmorency, 2:13 a.m., Engines 2, 1. Medical, 24973 Meadowbrook, 8 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 12:38 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 44700 Bayview, 1:55 p.m., Squad 2. Building fire, 41905 Ridge Road East, 3:52 p.m., Engines 1, 3. Fire alarm, 40800 Thirteen Mile Road, 5:01 p.m., Engines 2, 1. Medical, 47950 Grand River, 6:01 p.m., Squad 4. Medical, 41812 Hampshire, 6:43 p.m., Squad 3. Sunday, May 13 Personal injury accident, Meeting Hall, 5:21 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 24505 Meadowbrook, 11:23 a.m., Squad 1. Brush fire, 1327 E. Lake, 3:47 p.m., Engine 2. Investigation, 21091 Haggerty, 5:55 p.m., Engines 3, 1. Car fire, 196 and Novi Road, 6:53 p.m., Engine 1. Medical, 41763 Hampshire, 7:05 p.m., Squad 5. Medical, 43600 Outisford, 10:32 p.m., Squad 3.

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The Novi High School Class of 1991 will celebrate its 10-

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Class Reunions This list was submitted by Class Reunions Plus, fax: (810) 446-9640, phone: 1-800-548-6086.

West Bloomfield 1991, West Bloomfield, Nov. 24, Northfield Hillton, Troy.

Western 1965, 1966, 1967, Detroit, Aug. 18, Holiday Inn-Southing, Southing.

Walled Lake Western 1991, Walled Lake, Sept. 29, White Lake Oaks Country Club, White Lake.

# Rising prices at the pump spur the interest of Lansing lawmakers

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service mmalott@homecomm.net

Rising prices at the gas pump, now getting close to \$2 per gallon, have spurred the interest of state lawmakers. Calls for action in response to the increasing price have come from both sides of the political aisle.

Lansing lawmakers have drafted a letter to Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, asking her to investigate the possibility of "unfair pricing practices" in gasoline sales.

A Senate Democratic Task Force on Gasoline Prices has come up with a long list of proposals aimed

at curbing prices. Along with giving the Attorney General more power to examine price gouging, Democrats called for "holiday free" weekends, where gas taxes would be suspended for a holiday weekend to encourage tourism.

They also proposed development of a Department of Treasury database to monitor fuel prices statewide.

Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, has proposed legislation intended to cap the sales tax on gasoline at 12 cents per gallon, in case price climbs higher this summer.

The six percent sales tax, already an addition to 19 cent per gallon fuel tax, would only be capped if prices go over \$2, but as Gosselin noted, if

price climb to \$2.50 per gallon, it would save 60 cents on a fill up.

Oakland lawmakers, in their letter to Granholm, said there is concern about gouging because there seems to be little reason for the price hikes.

Citizens are suspicious because retail prices here have risen sharply in recent weeks at the same time that world oil prices have been steady or falling slightly.

As we learned last summer when a broken pipeline and refinery problems caused a temporary price spike, there are other factors which also affect prices. Yet none of these factors seems to be present in this current price increase. This is what

is causing citizens to ask questions. [We] believe that free markets, unrestrained by excessive government interference, are the best way to ensure that citizens have access to adequate supplies of reasonably priced products, including critical commodities like oil.

Yet for people to enjoy these benefits, it is necessary that markets be truly free," the letter stated. Among the signers were Steve and Andrea Raczowski, R-Farmington, Nancy Cassis, R-Nov, Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, Pan Godchaux, R-Birmingham, John Pappageorge, R-Troy, Mike Rowall, R-White Lake, Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, as well as Gosselin.

Senate Democrats reached their conclusions after eleven months of hearings and testimony from citizens, as well as economists and other experts in the oil industry. Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, and George Hart, D-DeARBora, were members of panel. Democrats, led by Sen. Burton Leland, D-Detroit, called for an increase in the country's oil refinery capacity and called on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to restore funding supplies in the state.

Along with the "holiday free" weekend and statewide database, they called for tax credits for drivers who buy alternatives fuels to increase in public transportation.

"During the last couple of years, major oil companies are pulling down record profits," said Leland. "Exxon-Mobil alone reports first quarter profits in excess of \$5 billion. Why haven't oil companies used a portion of their windfall to produce more reformulated gas or build additional refineries in the Midwest?"

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## Obituaries

**HAROLD R. MARSH**  
Harold Robert Marsh, 80, of Farmington Hills died May 12 at Botsford Continuing Care Center in Farmington Hills. He was born April 8, 1921 in Brandon Township.

Mr. Marsh was a self-employed water pump repairman and had lived in Farmington Hills for over 50 years. He is survived by four daughters, Donna (Paul) Sumner of Farmington Hills, Peggy Shepherd of Jenks, Okla., Marie (Robert) Walters of Novi, and Theresa Marsh of Milford; two sisters, Marlon Kragralse of

Belleville and Irene Fahner of Montana; and eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mr. Marsh was preceded in death by his former wife, Ruth Wyckoff.

Services were held on Monday, May 14 at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Interment followed at Franklin Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials to Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, 29406 Pendleton Club Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 would be appreciated.

**ROBERT D. PEARSALL**  
Robert Donald Pearsall, 56, of Redford died May 10 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born Oct. 24, 1944, in Garden City.

Mr. Pearsall is survived by his wife, Wanda of Redford; two sons, Robert (Rebecca) of Florida, and Michael of Wilcom; one daughter, Tracy Pearsall of Novi; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Monday, May 14 at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington, with the Rev. Lyons Larson officiating.

With lyrics like "A mother's work is never done, with all the things she had to do she finds the time to love us too," there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Teary-eyed mother Julie Nielson said she was deeply touched by the children's Mother's Day presentation. "It was just so sweet," she said, dabbling her eyes with a tissue. "They were all just wonderful."

Following their performance, the students treated their moms to tea and cake, as well as a bag of hand-crafted gifts.

As they hugged and kissed the women of honor, the children gave many reasons why their mom is the number one lady in their lives.

"I love my mom because she is very sweet and funny," said first grader Kyle Oikowski.

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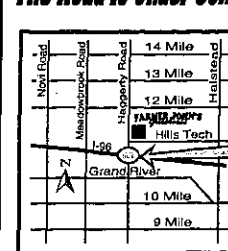
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## M-O-M spells lots of love

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

"It is for the million things she gave me, 'O' means only that she's growing old, 'T' is for the tears she shed to save me, 'H' is for her heart of purest gold; 'E' is for her eyes, with love-light shining, 'I' means right, and right she'll always be. Put them all together, they spell 'MOTHER.' A word that means the world to me."

In honor of Mother's day, the Orchard Hills Elementary students of Darlene Grabowski's classroom put on a wonderful performance, filled with adorable songs and poems for the women who mean the world to them.

"This is a just a fun way to show our moms how much we love and appreciate them," said Grabowski, as she gave her first graders the cue for shouting.

With the mother's seated, the children lined up in front of the classroom.

Following their performance, the students treated their moms to tea and cake, as well as a bag of hand-crafted gifts.

As they hugged and kissed the women of honor, the children gave many reasons why their mom is the number one lady in their lives.

"I love my mom because she is very sweet and funny," said first grader Kyle Oikowski.

Nielson's son Evan said his mom is tops because she doesn't make him do that many chores and even "let's me stay outside later than my dad lets me."

While the students didn't want to give too much away, most planned a breakfast in bed that Sunday.

"My mom loves omelettes so we'll be sure to fix her that in the morning," Oikowski said.

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Julie Nielson  
Orchard Hills mom



Kyle Oikowski shares tea with her mom. Photo by STEPHANIE FORDYCE

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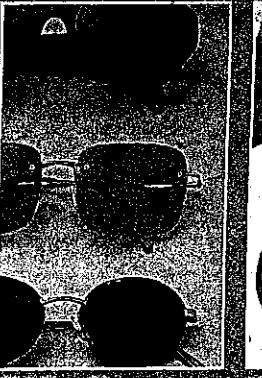
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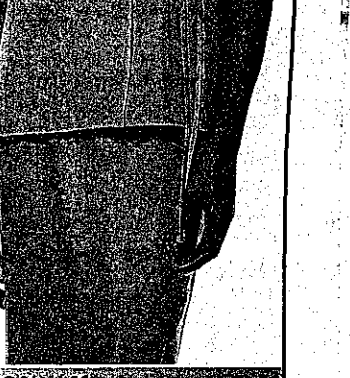
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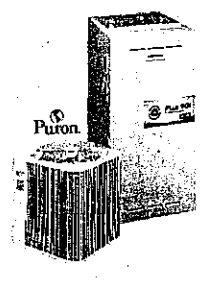


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 When: General meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Couples meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Women's meeting: Sunday 4 p.m.  
 Contact: Stanley  
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 What: Bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally.  
 Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi.  
 When: Every third Monday of the month  
 Contact: Betty Johnson  
 Phone: (248) 960-3559

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 When: General meeting: Tuesday for business and every fourth Tuesday for social event at 8 p.m.  
 Contact: (248) 344-8236; Auxiliary: (734) 581-5125

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 When: First Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.  
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**BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL Greater Novi Chapter**  
 Where: Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi  
 When: Every Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.  
 Contact: BNI regional office  
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 When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

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 When: Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

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 What: Serves the public through amateur radio service. It offers help during all emergencies and disasters. The club also provides public service in Northville on July 4 and works with R.A.C.E.S. and the tornado alert system.  
 Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Woodland Ave., Novi  
 When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

## Clark says he will 'be back in the pink in a week'

**BY RANDAL YAKAY**  
 Staff Writer

After more than a week without sign of Novi Mayor Richard Clark, he reemerged Monday as confirmation he is not seriously ill.

Novi city manager Richard Helwig confirmed this week that Clark is not seriously ill but was just in for some tests.

"He went in for some tests," Helwig said, "he just wanted to do it privately."

Council member Louis Cordas said he didn't know what was up with the mayor and was beginning to become concerned.

"I hadn't talk to him in a while," Cordas said on May 11. "Usually, I see him around somewhere."

Clark, who was reached at his home on Monday, said he did have tests done but did not elaborate on the kind of test or the results of such.

"It'll be back in the pink in about a week," Clark said. Clark said he did not think he would be back for the Monday city council meeting but did say he expected to resume his duties by the end of next week.

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The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The address is 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Tall. For more information, call 349-0720.

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# Children's theater takes on 'Raggedy Ann'

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

In a special playroom where wonderful, magical events transpire, the current production of "Raggedy Ann and Andy" is sure to capture the imagination.

From May 18-20, the Novi Theatre's Children's Annex will take audiences on an interactive journey from the room of a little girl, to a strange and colorful world of rescuing a doll in distress.

There's been a lot of hard work involved. I know everyone will really enjoy it," said actor Mike Cash.

Directed by Mary Kay Davis, the play involves the work of over 45 young actors from around the area.

"The characters in this play can be very silly, so get ready," said actress Jenna Utter, who plays Queen Koo Koo.

Utter explained that the play opens in Marcella's room on her birthday. Like a scene from the movie "Toy Story," the toys come to life when the humans leave and the lights go out.

When a new owner arrives in the playroom, a fancy French doll named Babette, the other toys try to make her feel at home.

Raggedy Ann and Andy introduce Babette to colorful characters like Suzy Pinchstone, a plump seamstress doll and Grandpa - a craggy hand-crafted mountain doll who wears a straw hat. She also meets poor Babette from a life spent in a

mysterious land, visit the Novi Parks & Recreation office for tickets.

The play will take place this weekend at the Novi Civic Center Stage on Ten Mile Road. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

"It's been just a wonderful experience for everyone involved," said actress Molly Flaherty, who plays Babette. "I hope people will bring their families and come see us."

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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 3:00 p.m. on May 23, 2001, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to May 23, 2001.

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If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at [www.novimichigan.com](http://www.novimichigan.com) to print out an application. Please submit your application by Tuesday, June 5, 2001 to allow time for scheduling appointments. Interviews are 15 minutes each, all City Council meetings are televised.

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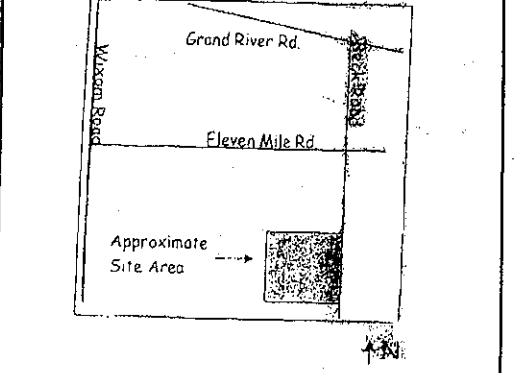
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All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2001.

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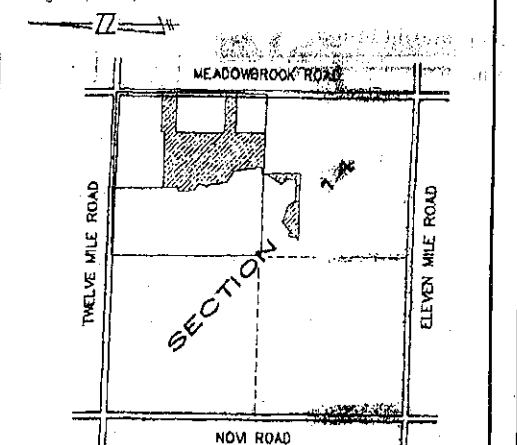


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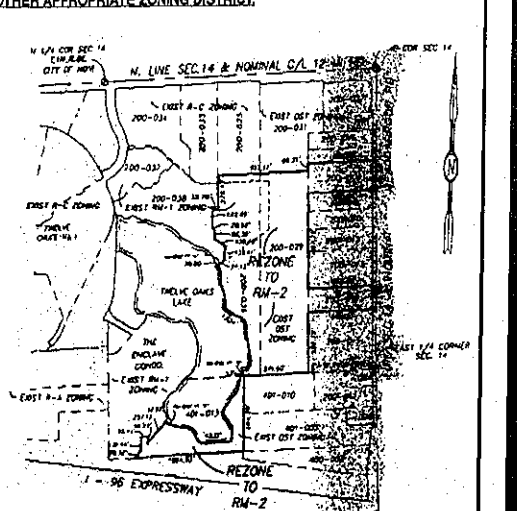


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# 'Painter of light' visits Novi

By RANDAL YAEVY  
Staff Writer

In a far corner of Twelve Oaks Mall came the sounds of bag pipes echoing through the massive glass halls.

Behind the procession of the yellow shirted entourage, the man known as the "painter of light," Thomas Kinkadee made his way to the stage.

An estimated 250 art connoisseurs were in attendance in Novi as part of a nation wide tour Kinkadee is on - the first in over five years.

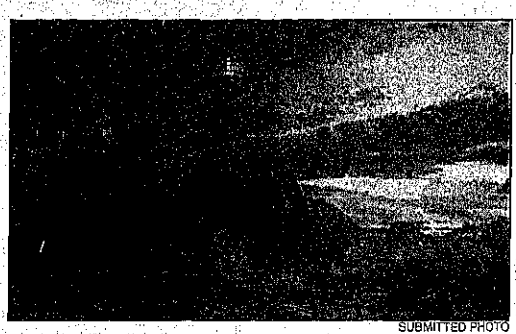
Kinkadee started his speech with a tale of inspiration. A tale centered on a little blond girl and a paper boy who was in love for the first time.

"I saw this little blond girl and I did a wheel-EE on my string-guy to impress her," Kinkadee said, standing on stage with microphone in hand. "I went to the house to sell them a newspaper, but they never did buy one."

Kinkadee keeps his muse in mind when he creates his art. In each of his paintings he paints a 'N' somewhere in honor of his wife and "best friend" Nanette.

But Kinkadee's paintings are more than a sentimentalist's vision of the world. He said his works are based on and inspired by, the works of the great masters of the Renaissance.

"All artists are related to other artists. They build upon what has been done before," Kinkadee said, from his California home last week. "I was interested in the old Dutch masters of the Renaissance," he



A Thomas Kinkadee painting.

continued. "The luminous style of these artists are what interested me."

And it is light that is the key with Kinkadee. It is essential to the image created on canvas and becomes spiritual in the entire scheme of the work.

"I see light as a spiritual dynamic," he said. "When I paint light, it's the light of the world. And I utilize faith in all my works. It's an act of faith to create. To make a world where you create everything in it. It's almost god-like."

Kinkadee also said American artist like Frederick Church and Thomas Cole were also influential.

A deeply religious man, Kinkadee uses the themes of family, serenity and of an era gone by in America. He's even been compared to American artist Norman Rockwell.

"Norman Rockwell created a iconic view of America: reflections of small town life in America," Kinkadee said. "Hope, faith, life they all constitute a way of life. A romantic spiritualization. I guess I can be seen in that way."

With the "curse" of popularity, there comes the accusations of being too commercialized. Kinkadee merely laughs those accusations off.

"Let's be honest," Kinkadee said. "Contrary to beliefs, all artists want to be recognized for their work."

Kinkadee said he's been lucky to be able to do what he loves and get paid for it but his philosophy of being an artist goes even much deeper than that.

Back on stage after a brief break, Kinkadee pencils a sketch to be auctioned off for the Twelve Oaks auc-



Thomas Kinkadee with one of his creations.

ence. Bids come at a fast pace. A husband and wife team out-bid a man standing on the second floor balcony with a final bid of \$26,000.

After the bidding is completed, he turns to the crowd and said, "When you think of the painter of light, think of the light of the world." And the bag pipers who escorted him in retreat and follow him out of the mall.

Kinkadee prints are available at the Avenue Galleries in Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and in Birmingham, which have the largest selection of Kinkadee art in the country.

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## Acting among their peers

Freshmen and sophomores learn acting skills from juniors and seniors

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

This month, elementary students from all over the district are enjoying the sites and sounds of live theater.

Presented to them by Novi High School, the children are having the chance to see two fun-filled shows, Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory and Little Dot No Hood.

"It's really been just a wonderful experience for everyone involved," said senior R.J. Lawrence. "There's been a lot of teamwork and commitment put both by the students and I think it really shows in our performances."

Unlike the major NHS productions, the traveling show is unique



The cast of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory at Novi High's theatre.

in that it is directed by the students, giving them the opportunity to put the entire play together themselves. While the freshman and sophomores take the role of the actors, the juniors and seniors manage the performance. "The great thing about this show is that it was created for students by students," said sophomore Matt



The cast from the upcoming Novi High School student-directed "Little Dot No Hood."

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## Different generations learn to respect each other

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Those black hair he has gray hair I am short, he is tall, I am fast, he is slow. I am young, he is old, I am nice, he is nice. I wear glasses, he wears glasses. I am smart, he is smart.

Thanks to one Novi teacher, children and seniors in the community are now seeing value in a generation far different from their own.

The poem above was written by Novi Woods third grader Kosuke Hayashi, and while it may sound simple, it actually represents the incredibly large bond Hayashi and other students have had the chance to form with elders in the community.

In a unique intergenerational program formulated by Novi Woods Elementary teacher Nancy Bain, young and old have been brought together in a wonderful exchange of life and learning.

It began in March when ten volunteers from the Novi Senior Center were matched with third grade buddies in Bain's class.

For two months, the two generations shared their talents, traditions, and knowledge, while at the same time building lasting relationships.

"I cannot express how much we

have appreciated the time, knowledge and warmth you have given in enriching the lives of our children," Bain said at the school's Friendship Tea on April 25, as the unit sadly came to an end. "The children have gained an irreplaceable appreciation for you all."

Bain said the pilot program not only gives students a real sense of history, but also helps in their writing, interviewing and communication skills.

The students started their unit by reading books on the elderly and later conducting interviews when their senior buddies visited their classroom.

The third graders learned about what school was like during the seniors time, where they grew up, about their families, their careers, the war, etc. The seniors brought in pictures and even talked about what Novi was like 55 years ago.

In addition to the interviews, the students also shared their class work.

The students and seniors even drew outlines of their hands together, which later was used to make a colorful quilt for the classroom.

After their initial meeting, the students explored immigration and then

used their interviews to create a biography about their senior buddy.

Later, the students took a field trip to the senior center where the two generations played "multiplication bingo" and then participated in a little line dancing.

Following the field trip, the seniors and third graders met again at the school and worked together on the computer and wrote poems.

"I was amazed to see that third graders already knew how to use a computer," said 84-year-old Dora Cook, who volunteered for the program.

"I am going to keep talking to my buddy," said 9-year-old Lauren Forche, who's senior buddy was Suzanne Davis. "She kind of became a role model to me. She was so funny

and nice and I learned a lot from her." Students Chloe George, Jessica Westman, Emily Banks, Alex Engbretson, Lauren Felcher and Jillian Hillard said the chance to bond with seniors gave them a better understanding of the aging process, while students Evan Dixon and Ricky Bright who interviewed WWII vet Rolland Hetton, said the experience allowed them to learn more about the war.

"Rolland was a spy in the Navy," said Bright, his eyes grown wide. "He sunk two German subs and his own brother was even killed in the war."

While the boys may have been mystified by the war hero, Hetton in turn was impressed by the students.

"They conducted themselves very well," he said. "They were very well behaved and very attentive."

The young men were even given some good advice from Hetton. "That's to always obey your parents and teachers and to be kind to everyone," Dixon said.



Dora Cooky hugs Novi Woods' Jessica Westman after Westman and partner Jamie Crist present a biography of the Novi senior.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## Next election time; stir things up

If it's not broke, don't fix it. This is a common saying that has a lot of merit. When things are working well - why try to stir up the pot? On the other hand, if things stay the same for an extended period of time, the chance of complacency is there. This June, two Novi school board members will expire. John Street and John Balagna. Both are running unopposed for re-election. We are not disputing what they have done for the community or what they will do in the future. What we do see as a current dilemma in Novi and the surrounding school districts is school board members running unopposed.

To become complacent or slide into a routine is only natural and easy to do in any job. It becomes old hat after awhile if there are no challenges. Without an opponent, school board members are not challenged. They don't have to

answer the harder questions during a campaign and they possibly won't feel challenged after the election is over. The school district and the Board of Education runs efficiently. However, when friendship competition is involved, it gets everyone to work harder for a common goal: the education of our children. The election process can be a waste when we don't take full advantage of the freedom to run for an elected office. Look at it this way, there can be no reason to complain if challenges are not made. With the deadline to submit applications to run for school board past, we fully support both school board members in their next terms in office. However, in the future it is important to keep in mind competition and challenges keep everyone on their toes and help the community to obtain its goals.

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It became a yolked parish. I'm the egg salad in the sandwich."

Father Les Harding  
of Church of the Holy Cross and St. Anne's  
on how he became the priest of two churches.

## GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed any, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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## LETTERS

### A great big thank you

A heart warm thanks to all the people who helped clean and spruce up the house and yard of Maxine McDonald at the corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads. As part of the Northville High School's "The Beautification Project," there were over 35 students, who dug flower beds, planted flowers, created landscape art, cut the grass, and hauled loads of stuff and junk to fill a 30-yard dumpster.

Many thanks to the adults from Dr. David Cowley's groups, students from Mercy High School, and other adults and kids who drove by, stopped, and joined in on the fun and work.

Thanks to the donation of time and expertise of the Fisher brothers, Jim and Fred, for electrical work. Best Rate Dumpster Rental Co., owned by Brian Cummings, came through by donating the use of a 30-yard dumpster which was filled to capacity by the end of the day. Also Oxy Corp. for live dumping.

Drive by Maxine's and take a look and see the great work by all the people.

Again, a heart warm thanks to all of those who helped make Maxine's Mother's Day one she will remember forever.

**Al Qualman**  
Northville

### Novi needs another judge

Recently, the Novi News, in an editorial opinion, has made reference to the recent legislative enactment to add a new judgeship to the 52-1 District Nov Court as self-serving for Sen. Bill Bullard. I want to express my concerns to you about this unfounded supposition.

The 52-1 District Court of Novi has been requesting an additional judge since 1992. The state court administrator's office has reviewed our court as needing another judge since that time. The governor has refused to consider adding new seats, unless a judgeship in another part of the state is retired. Therefore, despite the excessive caseload in the Novi court, the Novi court has maintained the highest standard of justice with timely adjudication because of the dedication of the judges and the efficient operation by the court's administration.

The fear is that "assembly line justice" would be attributed to our court. I can say that it is not. However, the court is "overloaded," and requires relief.

For years, the judges of 52-1 have consistently asked the Novi Mayor, Rep. Nancy Cassis for their help. Needless to say, they have not been able to soften the governor's position through the years. Further, Oakland County, which is the funding unit of the court, was reluctant to increase the budget.

In the past year, the senator and Rep. Cassis have finally convinced the governor's office and Oakland County of the need. The Clarkston court, 52-2, is also in need of an additional judgeship. It was clear that only one judgeship was going to be added. Sen. Bullard and Rep. Cassis hammered out a compromise by splitting off part of the jurisdiction of the Novi court, White Lake Township and Rose Township over to Clarkston, reducing the load in Novi and adding the new seat to Novi, with my seat transferring to Clarkston. Because I live in White Lake, the transfer meets constitutional requirements. As it is a compromise, no one is completely satisfied.

Although this gives some relief to the Novi court (reduces case load to 100 percent), it is only temporary. The Novi court will need a fourth judge in the immediate future. The recent census confirms the tremendous growth in population within the city's boundaries. You cannot deny the demographics projections. The past 10 years show growth in population: Novi, 44 percent; Commerce Township, 30 percent; Lyon Township, 25 percent; Milford, 40 percent. And the continued increase is projected to continue at the same rate. The number of cases in the Novi court is projected to exceed 60,000 this year, 20,000-plus per judge. The average state-wide is 12,500 per judge. The need for the new seat has been recognized for years. It is a compromise, but necessary for temporary relief.

I hope that the citizens served by the Novi court, along with the Novi News, will continue to urge the governor and the legislators to grant a fourth judge for Novi. The need is critical.

**Hon. Michael Butchik**  
52-1 District Court Judge

### Enough is enough

A number of weeks ago when Joe Toth first started his weekly letters in Hugh Crawford, I thought some of his comments were in exceptionally poor taste. Although I have never met Hugh Crawford and know little of him, I was offended. At the time, I thought about sending a letter but let it pass as I am not in the habit of writing letters to the editor. However, having now read Mr. Toth's

letter in last week's paper, I feel compelled to comment. I have never met Joe Toth, either. All I know about him is what I have gathered from years of reading his letters in the Novi News. I do have an opinion though. I think he is out of control. Week after week, we are subjected to his opinions. Certainly he is entitled to them but I cannot recall ever reading any letters in support of what he has to say. Week after week, he has his opinion on something, others write in response, then the next week he must defend his position. The tone of these letters smack of bitterness and he appears to have too much time on his hands.

This leads me to believe his agenda is more of a personal nature than true concern for the community. Like so many people that once hold some position of authority, he does not seem to be able to give it up. I know my feelings are shared by others. This can best be confirmed by the apparent lack of support he receives.

I think most of the same can be said about Jim Korte.

Last week Sharon Larson, who I also have never met, had an excellent idea. She suggested that if these two were running for office that they say for some ads. Up until now, they have been spreading their agendas for free in their letters to the editor. If they can find so much fault with the way our community is run, let them run for office. I think the outcome is predictable.

In conclusion, allow me to suggest to the Novi News that it give all of us a break and limit these men to one letter a month.

**Richard G. Bass**  
Novi

### Fuerst clean-up was successful

On behalf of everyone in the community concerned about the historic Fuerst Farmstead, I would like to publicly thank the many people who contributed to the success of our Spring Clean-Up on April 12. It was a community event that succeeded because of advanced planning, the participation of individuals and organizations that care about this historic property.

The week before the scheduled clean-up date, professionals shared their horticultural expertise and offered suggestions on the landscape conditions and maintenance needs of the Fuerst Farmstead grounds.

Linda Lemke, a registered landscape architect, toured the grounds and offered specific advice on the many flowerbeds and cultivated areas that the Fuerst family had developed over the years.

Roy Prentice, the farm manager at Tollgate Education Center, made recommendations regarding the trees. Jack Lewis from the city parks and recreation department met with organizers of the clean-up to determine the appropriate division of labor between volunteers and city workers and to determine what equipment and supplies the department might be able to provide.

Barbara Greenberg, a certified master gardener and a member of the Beautification Commission and Ruthann Jrassek, an avid gardener and organizer, made suggestions regarding the types of plants and tools to have on hand for this event.

The Planning Committee developed a set of tasks that needed to be done and that responsibility could be completed as part of the clean-up, determined a priority order and estimated the number of volunteers needed to accomplish the clean-up goals. Flyers were designed and distributed announcing the clean-up.

Finally, on the morning of Saturday, April 12, dozens of enthusiastic volunteers arrived ready to work. One woman had seen the front page article in the Novi News last week and wanted to help. Others, like Curt Perry, Rawland Storm and the Tim McNamara family, for example, were veterans from the fall clean-up. Mark and Diane Davies (and Alison and Margaret Schmidt) contributed in ways that go beyond the work of the day as part of their personal and continuing commitment to the Fuerst Farmstead.

In many ways it was a family event with many parent/child teams working on specific tasks. One man determined to help brought his daughter and both put in considerable effort before they had to leave for her soccer game. Another man who wanted to take part found out his wife had to work that day, so he arrived with four small children in hand. Working together, they formed a very effective pick-up crew clearing the ground of fallen branches and wind-blown debris. All of our volunteers can all take pride in the fact that their efforts made a difference.

We had several elected officials on hand, council members Cassis and Kramer and county commissioner Crawford, who all put some muscle into the project digging out scrub trees, clearing overgrown garden areas and learning first hand what it is going to take to restore this wonderful property.

Special thanks to the parks and recreation staff members, especially Chuck who readied a supply of gardening and cleaning tools and had coffee and doughnuts on hand to fortify the volunteers as they worked. With all that the department has to do at this time of the year, with another clean-up event occurring the same day and at a time of administrative transition, they are to be commended for recognizing the valuable contribution that volunteers can make and for working with us to achieve shared goals.

Finally, we would like to thank the Beautification Commission, the Novi Historical Society, the chamber of Commerce, and the Novi News for assisting in this effort. A thank you is also due the Novi Historical Commission for funding the doughnuts and juice, and to Preservation Novi for providing plants and flowers.

We invite everyone who would like to be part of the growing crew of "Fuerst Farmstead" contact Preservation Novi by mail, P.O. Box 731, Novi, MI 48376 or by phone, (248) 349-6774. Planning has already begun for the next volunteer event.

**Kathy Much**  
Preservation Novi

### Walkways and bike paths are park furniture

According to the letter on May 3 by Andrew Much, he apparently does not feel that city is spending enough of our hard-earned money. Along with the millions of dollars we're forking over for necessary infrastructure improvements and repairs, he wants the city to spend more to approve spending more on extras, like sidewalks and bike paths.

This from an individual who pays no property taxes. Last I knew, Andy was living at home with mom (a planning commissioner who doesn't pay city taxes? But that's another letter). If Andrew was a homeowner and taxpayer, he might better understand the mayor and council members' perspectives. As with a household budget, priorities must be established. If you need a new furnace, you wouldn't buy patio furniture. At this point in time, sidewalks and bike paths are patto "furniture." Yes, they're nice and they're functional, but they're not necessary right now when we've got more important issues before us.

This is not a matter of comparisons with other cities. Novi is dealing with its own unique issues. The Vistas lawsuit cannot be blown off as an "excuse." It's a legitimate reason not to spend money on extras until we know the outcome. The judgment now stands in excess of \$66 million, with interest being paid only \$10 million - \$20 million if we're lucky. Along with taxing residents even more, there is the possibility that park land will be sold off if the city loses the appeal. (In which case, we won't need to worry about bike paths - there won't be many parks to ride to.) The residents of Novi are fortunate to have a strong leader like Mayor Clark making responsible decisions on our behalf.

Furthermore, the issue of sidewalks and bike paths was on a ballot not too long ago and was defeated. It's not just the mayor and certain council members - it's the majority of the voters who have said not to spend the money on this project. Who is Andrew Much to override the decision of the voters in this city?

Finally, I suggest that Andrew concentrate on Planning Commission issues during meetings. He should have plenty of his own time for that the months ahead. In the meantime, stick to business.

**Steven Muller**  
Novi

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## Jaye hearings hold liability

Should those who break the law be allowed to make laws that the rest of us are expected to follow? If you find that idea offensive, as do I, you've got a lot of good company in the Michigan Senate these days.

According to local senator Thaddeus McCotter, that's the basic question at issue in the hearings regarding the proposed expulsion of Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township. Charges may have been dropped Monday in Florida that the senator lit his lance there in April, but there remains a litany of allegations against the controversial legislator.

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quilt convinced Jaye did indeed abuse his fiance in that incident, despite the dropping of the charge there, so are saying they will keep the allegation in their resolution or expulsion.

But if Jaye is under stage, he certainly has not hesitated to return fire. And many of his shots have been aimed directly at his Republican brother who is co-chairing the select committee examining his qualifications to hold office - Senator McCotter from Livonia.

According to Jaye and his attorneys, McCotter is violating Jaye's right to due process, and even the American Civil Liberties Union has joined in with that allegation. McCotter has a hidden agenda, a political agenda, according to Jaye's representatives. The senate wants to get rid of Jaye because of his staunchly conservative views, so the counter-charges go.

"I have no animus against Jaye. I agree with him on the fundamental conservative issues. This is not about his political agenda," McCotter insisted. "Let me ask you this. He's a recognized conservative. We share conservative issues - pro-life, pro-second amendment, anti-affirmative action, blah, blah, blah. If I were to run in a primary and he has admirers through out the state because of his advocacy of these issues, is that going to help me to splinter my conservative base in the next upcoming primary? How does that help me? ... Do you think Carl Pursell would have wanted me to do this if I wanted to get to Congress?"

One of Jaye's most frequent complaints has been that the committee won't let him produce character witnesses, people who could testify as to how hard he has worked for his district. And McCotter has been the toughest on the issue. He repeatedly cited committee rules that require any testimony to be relevant. Jaye contends that how well his represents his district is relevant.

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According to Jaye and his attorneys, McCotter is violating Jaye's right to due process and even with that allegation, McCotter has a hidden agenda - according to Jaye's representatives.

McCotter disagrees. "That would be like letting a defendant in a bank robbery case produce character witnesses," McCotter explained. "He may be a very nice guy when he isn't robbing banks, but it has nothing to do with the incident."

Jaye of course has threatened to sue if the senate votes to oust him. That may happen, McCotter said, but it is unlikely to get very far. The state constitution clearly gives the senate the power to police its own membership, he said. And separation of powers is likely to keep the courts from intervening.

But even if senators do decide to remove Jaye, that is not a plus for anyone in the legislature's upper chamber. There won't be any congradulations or slaps on the back, McCotter insisted.

"If you think about it, this is an admission of failure that we couldn't control him," he explained. "It's not, we hate David." We would be the first senate in 164 years not to be able to prevent it coming to this."

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# High school plays will be performed district-wide

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Britten, who plays Willy Wonka. Actors like Allison Barsamian and Rachel and Rebecca Whitehart said they like the fact that they are under the direction of their fellow classmates. "It's a great experience to be able to work under other students and get their advice," Rebeccah said. "Yeah," Rebecca added, "it's wonderful to have the upper classmen giving us their perspective. We've learned a lot from them." Freshman Brent Berber and Ecton Remers said the advantage of being involved in a student-run play is that the atmosphere is more relaxed. "There's a lot less pressure," Director Jessica Cole said she has been pleased with her actors progress. "They've done a great job," she said. "It's really important to just have fun with it."

With two one-act plays, the elementary children are having the chance to double their fun. The story of Little Dot No Hood is a revision of the classic Little Red Riding Hood. With new twists and surprises, the humorous tale includes a vegetarian Wolf, a fashionably picky little girl and an unusual grandmother. In the story of Willy Wonka, the children are introduced to a boy named Charlie as they follow him on an adventurous tour of a chocolate factory. There, they meet a number of interesting characters like bubble-gum lover Violet Beauregarde, greedy Augustus Gloop and Willy Wonka himself.

"When actors are communicating with children, they really have to push their acting skills, so the students are learning a lot about overacting," said Heather McKelg, who helps manage the show. Britten hopes that by seeing the high school kids perform, the elementary students will be inspired. "This gives them exposure to performing arts and at the same time introduces them to our own theater program at NHS," he said. Actor Patrick McDonald said he is just happy the elementary is providing them the opportunity to perform. "I think I speak for all of us in thanking the schools for letting us do the show," he said. "We couldn't have done this without them."

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## Novi Briefs

**Absentee ballots for the Novi Community School District's upcoming election can be picked up at the Novi Educational Services Building located at 25345 Taft Road. All absentee ballots must be returned to the ESB by Saturday, June 2.**

**The office will be open on that day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** For more information about the school district election on Monday June 11, please contact your local school principal, visit the district Web site at [www.novis.k12.mi.edu](http://www.novis.k12.mi.edu), watch TV-10, or call (248) 449-1208.

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**Arts and Music** On Tuesday, May 22, the district will present its annual Festival of Arts.

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For more information, please call NHS Choral director Don Daniels at (248) 449-1525.

## Correction

In the May 3 issue of the *Novi News*, the article for Novi High School's valedictorians did not include senior Stephen Swast, is one of 26 valedictorians for the Class of 2001. We apologize for any inconvenience.

# Novi High's 2001 Prom



Prom-goers approach the Burton Manor in Livonia on May 12.

Photos by John Heider



Prom-goers Lindsay Anan and Nick Slovan hit the dance floor Saturday night.



Mike Bertoli and Amanda Nowaryta enjoy a slow dance together during last Saturday's Novi High School prom at the Burton Manor.



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# Bills would force break up of states two largest phone companies

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State lawmakers want to force the break up of Michigan's two largest providers of local phone service, Ameritech and Verizon. Reps. Mickey Mortimer, R-Horton, and Andrew Neumann, D-Alpena, cite high rates and poor service, despite the passage of bills last year designed to open the market to competition, as the reasons for their proposals. Their announcement came just a week after Ameritech unveiled its intention to petition the Federal Communications Commission for permission to begin selling long distance services in the state. Ameritech, owned by Texas-based SBC Communications, has previously

been blocked from selling long distance services here, in part, because significant competition has yet to materialize in Michigan for local phone service, and the phone company would need the approval of Michigan lawmakers to get a go-ahead from the FCC. "Today, SBC/Ameritech controls 96 percent of the lines in its territory. Verizon controls 100 percent of the lines in its territory," Mortimer contended. "Both have been using their monopoly control to block competitor's access to their network operations. This bill will give them an incentive to open their network operations on a fair and equal basis to all — SBC/Ameritech retail to small companies struggling to offer new, lower cost services to

Michigan." The bill would require Ameritech and Verizon to separate their companies into "wholesale" and "retail" operations. The wholesale company would operate the network all companies need to deliver local phone service. The retail company would market and deliver local phone services, in competition with other companies. "This is a discredited idea that the Federal Communications Commission has rejected at least four times. Most recently, Pennsylvania regulators realized it was a bad idea. And in Maryland, a structural separation bill was withdrawn when it was headed for certain defeat. In fact, no state has required it," said Verizon regional President John Dudley. He contended com-

petition in local service is getting underway in Michigan, with more than 100 small firms already authorized to begin competing for customers. "So, who really wants structural separation? It's clear that AT&T has one driving motive here — to gain market advantage at the expense of its chief rivals." The proponents disagree. "Last year, we passed a new law that everyone thought would bring about lower rates and more competition," Mortimer said. "But the giant phone corporations are dragging their feet, using the court system to delay price reductions and even raising rates in Michigan. It's time for real action that will give phone customers choices to their local phone services."

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Wildcat Nina Schmitt battles with a Brighton opponent for possession of the ball.

# 'Cats can't get past Brighton

Veteran experience gives Bulldogs the edge in 5-1 victory over the Wildcats

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
Sports Writer

Since their first meeting with the Bulldogs on April 11, the Novi girls' soccer team has run over and through all the KVC has thrown at them.

After every blowout win, the rematch with Brighton got closer and closer, until finally the two teams squared off on May 9. But like the first meeting, Brighton proved to be the better team as they all but wrapped up the conference title with a 5-1 win over the Wildcats.

The two teams didn't disappoint, as Brighton clung to a tight 2-1 lead at halftime in a well-played game. Colene Brockman

"Every time we made a mistake, they created a scoring chance."

Brian O'Leary  
Novi Soccer Coach

"In the second half we did a great job of limiting their scoring chances by stopping their talented dribbles, but they made a couple of great goals on shots from 25 yards out," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "Every time we made a mistake, they created a scoring chance. If we got beat on the dribble, they got a shot on goal. Overall, they are a much better team than us, but the experience for our young team is great."

The loss dropped the Wildcats to 9-4 overall and 8-2 in the KVC.

### NOVI 11 LAKELAND 0

After beating Lakeland 5-2 early in the season, the Wildcats showed how far they have come since then, as they ran up and down the field in a 11-0 domina-

tion of the Eagles on May 7. Everyone played equal minutes in the first half and eventually the game was called at the 10 minute mark of the second half because of the mercy rule.

Maureen Pawlak had three goals and three assists, Nikki Hermann and Karrie Smith had two goals and two assists each. Also scoring were Jaimie Harden, Colene Brockman, Tina Fennelly and Kelly McMann.

### NOVI 5 SOUTH LYON 0

Yet another KVC opponent fell to the 'Cats, as Novi ran past the Lions 5-0 last Friday night.

Maureen Pawlak had two goals and two assists, Nikki Hermann had one goal and one assist.

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# Western picks perfect time to play their best

Softball team play their best in two recent tournaments; gear up for playoffs

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western softball team (16-9, 7-4) couldn't have picked a better stretch of the season to be playing their best ball.

The team played extremely well against some brutal non-conference competition at the Northstar Invitational on May 7 and 8, and at the Kettering Invitational last weekend, but they have also taken care of business at home, winning all three of their conference meets last week.

At the Northstar Invitational, the Lady Warriors were one of six undefeated teams after the first day of play. The next day they played well, but suffered setbacks to Waterford Kettering and Lincoln Park to finish the invite with a 3-2 record.

After winning an extra-inning affair against Northville on May 7, the Warriors made the week a conference sweep when they defeated Livonia Stevenson on May 9, and Livonia Franklin on May 11.

Just last weekend Western participated in the Kettering Invitational. Surrounded by state-ranked teams, the Warriors were one of two undefeated teams after the first day with a 4-0 record. Western beat Lake Orion 10-5 in eight innings to start the day, then beat Southfield Christian 10-0, avenged their previous week loss to Kettering 5-2, and squeaked by Our Lady of the Lakes 5-4. The Warriors started out day two with another win over Our Lady of the Lakes, but their win streak was halted by Kettering 3-2, and their tournament ended by Portage Central 15-5.

In the seven games, juniors Laura Bell and Kristen Burgess each had 11 hits, including a double, and four triples. Right behind them with 10 hits (2 doubles, triple) was Nicole Tucker. Senior Jenny Kosieracki con-

"We have really jelled as a team and become tight... We are getting contributions from everyone at the plate and it's been big for us to play so well against the tough competition in these recent tournaments."

Ron Repicky  
WLW softball coach

tributed six hits (double) of her own.

On the mound, the Warriors were led by junior Nicole Lown who compiled a 3-1 record, and only allowed four earned runs in her 21 innings of work.

Head coach Ron Repicky was quick to pinpoint the reason his team has been so successful as of late.

"We have really jelled as a team, and become tight. We are getting contributions from everyone at the plate, and it's been big for us to play so well against the tough competition in these recent tournaments," Repicky said.

Despite their recent surge, Repicky said she knew that there were still things that needed to improve if the team was going to rattle the chains as the season winds down and the playoffs heat up.

"We need more consistency on defense. That's one of the only things I see that could hold us back," Repicky said.

After facing off against Canton on Monday and North Farmington on Wednesday, the Warriors are slated to face off against Harrison on the road tomorrow at 4 p.m.

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# Not without a fight

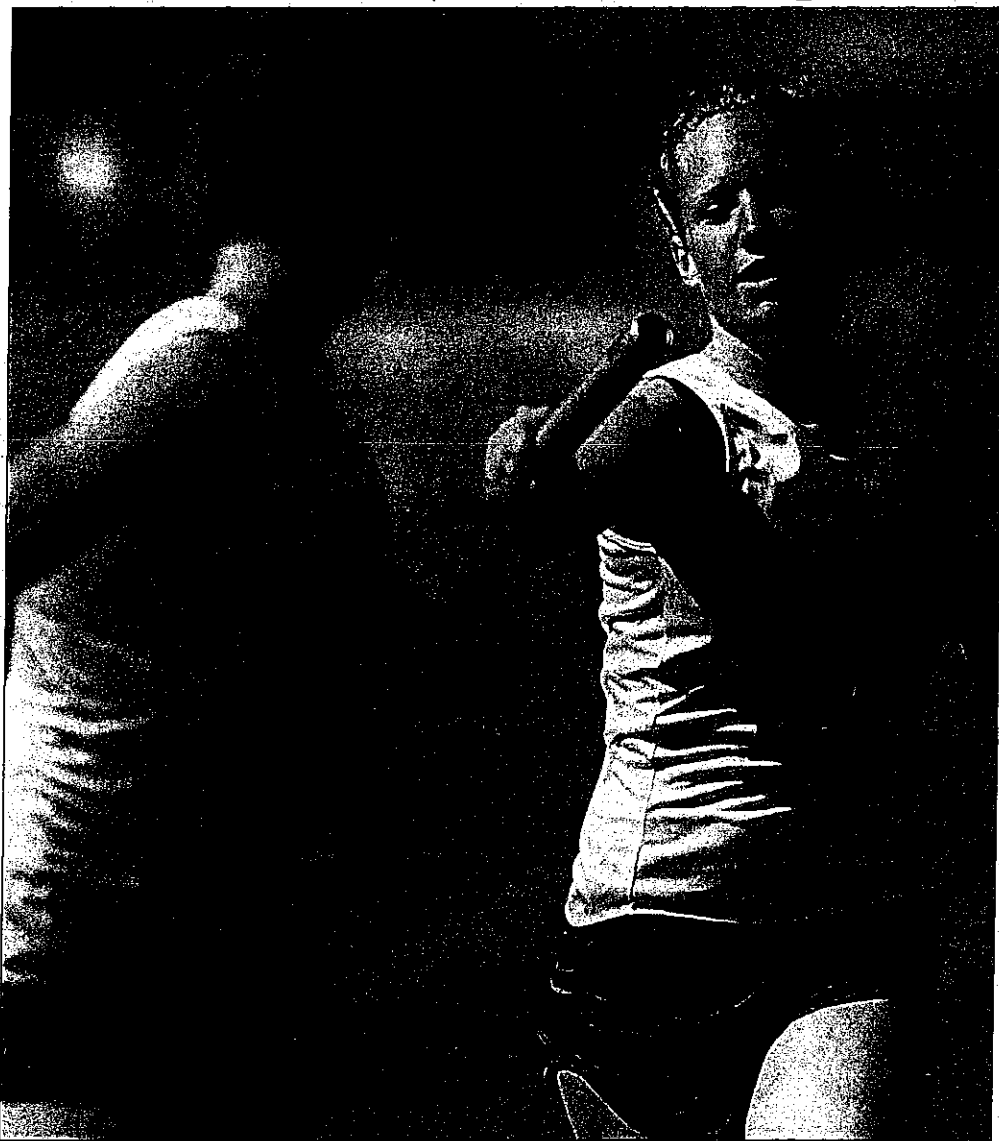


Photo by HAL GOULD

Novi's Margo Wolowiec hands off to teammate Laine Williams in the 4x800m Relay.

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE  
Sports Writer

The new kids in the KVC weren't very kind to the Wildcats. A battle weary girls' track team put up a good effort against Pinckney in their first-ever KVC matchup on May 8, but it wasn't

enough as the Pirates went on to win 85-51.

"We have many girls hurt or injured and some not being able to make it through the meets," said coach Sue Tomianek.

Forced to juggle the lineups in several events, Novi had to rely on several of their younger mem-

bers. Fortunately, several of them came through with solid performances.

"What I did see at this meet was many of our young athletes coming through for us. That shows a lot of promise for our future, but for right now the trick is to keep everyone healthy and

injury free," Tomianek said.

Despite the loss, several Wildcats put together fine performances. Michelle Burke (87'5") and Alexandra Oliveira (84'11") placed 1-2 in the discus. Emily Cross jumped 4'9" to win

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## Wind resistance



Photo by HAL GOULD

Pinckney's strength in the field events sent the Novi boys' track team to their second straight defeat. The teams will face off again at the KVC meet on May 22.

# Curt Ellis named new Director of Athletics at Novi

Welcome to Novi, Mr. Ellis. Curt Ellis, the current athletic director for the South Lyon school system was named as the successor to retiring Novi athletic director John Fundukian.

After a lengthy application process where a committee of coaches and the athletic booster club parents narrowed down 45 original applicants to a final two, Ellis was announced as the new

athletic director at the May 10 school board meeting.

"[Mr. Ellis] will make a fine addition to our staff," said Novi School District personnel director Bob Schram. "He is an excellent role model, and I'm sure he will build great relationships with coaches, students and the Novi community."

Ellis is slated to be on hand to address the school board at its June 7 meeting.

## WILDCATS SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE MAY 18-MAY 19

Friday 5/18		
Varsity Tennis	Regionals	8 a.m.
Varsity Lacrosse	vs E. Grand Rap.	7 p.m.
Varsity Baseball	vs Milford	4 p.m.
Varsity Softball	vs Milford	4 p.m.
Girls Varsity Soccer	@ Pinckney	7 p.m.
Varsity Track	Regionals @ Milford	

Saturday 5/19		
Varsity Softball	vs Milford	11 a.m.
Varsity Baseball	Make-up	11 a.m.
Varsity Tennis	vs. Milford	4 p.m.
Girls Varsity Soccer	@ W.L. Western	7 p.m.
Varsity Softball	vs. W.L. Western	4 p.m.



### Wildcats saddle Mustangs in 11

Erica Breisacher prepares to gun one toward the plate in a recent game. Between lopsided losses to Brighton and South Lyon, the Novi softball team got a measure of satisfaction when they beat their neighboring rival Mustangs in 11 innings on May 10. In that game Breisacher pitched all 11 innings, and started the winning rally when she led off the last inning with a double. She finished 3-5 at the plate.

## Soccer team rolls past Lions, Eagles

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Karrie Smith had a goal and Lindsey Crofoot scored the other goal. Kellie Pfeiffer earned the shutout in goal.

"Overall for the week, Karrie Smith had three excellent games. She does a great job of being captain and does all the little things on the field, like winning 50-50 balls, running a

lot and covering lots of ground and stopping her mark. Nina Schmitt, our top defender, also had a great week. She is playing very aggressive and stops her mark from getting the ball 75 percent of the time and then the other 25 percent she does not get beat on the dribble," O'Leary said.

The Wildcats will travel to Pincney tomorrow night at 7 p.m. and wrap up their regular season with a game at Howell on Monday night at 7 p.m.

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## Young girls' track team shows signs of promise

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the high jump and Amanda Smith's 15'1.5" performance in the long jump earned her second place. Jennifer Mehl also placed second in the pole vault.

On the track, Margo Wolvenc won the 800m, Erin Reid won the

300m hurdles and placed second in the 160m hurdles. Smith took second in the 200m dash and Vidya Mahadevan finished second in the 1600m run.

The Wildcats wrapped up their KVC regular dual season on Tuesday against Howell. Tomorrow the regionals are set to

take place in Milford at 4 p.m. The KVC meet is slated for May 22 at Brighton.

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## Novi loses close match to Milford, rebounds to beat Pirates

### Girls' Golf

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

In a wild golf season where no team has totally dominated the field, the Novi girls' golf team moved their Kensington Valley Conference record to 2-2 with their 198-217 win over Pincney on May 10 at the Pebble Creek Golf Course.

Match medalist Carolyn Vermeulen enjoyed her best outing of the season with a team best 43. Brittany Neill also enjoyed success, as she had a career low match score of 49. Rounding out the counting scores were Sarah Wilson, who shot a 50, and Sarah Ehlers with a 54.

In the JV match, Lisa Yin had the day's second career low when she shot a 45.



Novi's Jodi Waara tees off at Pebble Creek early in the year.

Redskins on May 8, but came up short by only seven shots. The Wildcats went in order, as Carolyn Vermeulen led the way with a 51, followed by

Lindsey Broadwell's 52, Sarah Ehlers's 53, and Jodi Waara's 54.

The loss ultimately removed Novi from contending for the regular season KVC title, but with the way things have been balanced throughout the year, coach Deb Harris felt anything could happen down the stretch.

"The league is very closely matched this year and anyone can beat anyone. There have been many matches lost by single digits; the post KVC tournament could be very interesting," Harris said.

After wrapping up the regular season against Howell on Tuesday afternoon, Novi will turn their focus to the MHSAA regional competition on May 21. The regionals are set to take place in Monroe at the Carrington Golf Club.

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Novi gave a strong effort on the road against the Lady



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Scoreboard		
<b>BASEBALL</b>		
Average		
Ziem (Milford) .....484	Dubs (Brighton) .....449	Lantzy (Brighton) .....449
Reynolds (Pincney) .....421	Delling (Milford) .....410	Davis (Novi) .....410
Hiner (Brighton) .....406	C.Kours (Pincney) .....406	Walters (Howell) .....400
McVeach (Northville) .....400		
Hits		
Hiner (Brighton) .....26	Davis (Novi) .....25	Reynolds (Pincney) .....24
Hay (Howell) .....23	T.Kours (Pincney) .....23	Duby (Brighton) .....22
Lantzy (Brighton) .....22	Gorman (Novi) .....22	C.Kours (Pincney) .....20
Crawford (Novi) .....19		
Home Runs		
T.Kours (Pincney) .....4	Reynolds (Pincney) .....4	Simpson (Novi) .....3
Walters (Milford) .....3	Ziem (Milford) .....3	Hiner (Brighton) .....3
Walters (Howell) .....3	Arnel (Howell) .....2	Duby (Brighton) .....2
Evans (Northville) .....2	Kumor (Harland) .....2	Ray (Novi) .....2
Whitman (Brighton) .....2		
Runs Batted In		
Duby (Brighton) .....26	Reynolds (Pincney) .....21	Simpson (Novi) .....19
Davis (Novi) .....19	T.Kours (Pincney) .....18	Delling (Milford) .....15
Walters (Milford) .....15	Darga (Milford) .....14	Walters (Howell) .....14
Whitman (Brighton) .....13		
Runs		
Darga (Milford) .....26	Ziem (Milford) .....25	Delling (Milford) .....21
Sara (Milford) .....16		
Stolen Bases		
Gorman (Novi) .....21	Lantzy (Brighton) .....10	Habermer (Novi) .....9
Pescenya (Brighton) .....9	Darga (Milford) .....8	Hughes (Northville) .....6
Jakubowski (Brighton) .....6	Ray (Novi) .....6	Mohr (Novi) .....6
Sara (Milford) .....7		
Innings Pitched		
Christner (Brighton) .....50.2	Trehanne (Novi) .....37.0	R.Decker (Howell) .....35.1
Zorra (Novi) .....34.0	Jakubowski (Brighton) .....32	Keppen (Howell) .....31.1
Crichton (Howell) .....26	Patterson (Howell) .....23.1	
Won-Loss		
Patterson (Howell) .....4-0	Crawford (Novi) .....3-0	Evans (Northville) .....3-0
O'Neil (Milford) .....3-0	Cocher (Milford) .....2-0	Christner (Brighton) .....2-2
Davis (Novi) .....2-2	Trehanne (Novi) .....3-1	Crichton (Howell) .....3-1
Crichton (Howell) .....4-2	Darga (Milford) .....4-2	
Strikeouts		
Christner (Brighton) .....80	Darga (Milford) .....45	Hughes (Northville) .....44
Keppen (Howell) .....34	Jakubowski (Howell) .....33	Cocher (Milford) .....28
Zorra (Novi) .....26	Walters (Milford) .....26	Crichton (Howell) .....26
O'Neil (Milford) .....24	R.Decker (Howell) .....19	Hutchinson (Northville) 19
Davis (Novi) .....19	Trehanne (Novi) .....19	
3,200 meters		
More (Novi) .....9:01.8	French (Milford) .....9:40	Glenapp (Brighton) .....9:53.7
100 meters		
Langston (Northville) .....10.66	Hughes (Northville) .....11.0	Greenman (Pincney) .....11.0
800 relay		
Pincney .....1:30.6	Fowlerville .....1:32.5	Brighton .....1:33.4
Novi .....1:35.0	Northville .....1:36.3	South Lyon .....1:37.7
1,600 relay		
Pincney .....3:29.1	Novi .....3:29.8	Brighton .....3:30.9
Howell .....3:30.9	Milford .....3:36.5	Lakealand .....3:38.6
400 relay		
Brighton .....51.5	Pincney .....51.6	South Lyon .....51.9
400 meters		
Mallinson (Milford) .....1:00.6	Rupley (Northville) 1:01.0	Wissner (Howell) .....1:01.7
300 hurdles		
Isgrigg (South Lyon) .....42.3	Maxwell (Lakealand) .....46.3	Johnson (Milford) .....48.6
800 meters		
Kern (Lakealand) .....2:23.2	Bylsmo (Pincney) .....2:24.6	Mallinson (Milford) .....2:26.5
200 meters		
Fuelling (Milford) .....27.0	J. Gaudreau (South Lyon) 27.1	Mallinson (Milford) .....27.2
3,200 meters		
Kramer (Milford) .....12:06.7	Moehle (Northville) 12:07	Thompson (Novi) 12:25.5
1,600 relay		
Brighton .....4:16.0	Pincney .....4:17.6	Northville .....4:18.0
South Lyon .....4:18.7	Novi .....4:20.1	Milford .....4:21.3
100 hurdles		
Maxwell (Lakealand) .....15.4	Isgrigg (South Lyon) .....15.8	Thomas (Lakealand) .....15.9
200 meters		
Trojillo (Pincney) .....22.3	Langston (Northville) 22.4	Wild (Pincney) .....22.5
100 meters		
Ossola (Northville) 12.53	Picucci (Brighton) .....12.6	
110 hurdles		
Novi .....8:04.3	Pincney .....8:11.7	Brighton .....8:13.1
Milford .....8:20.8	Howell .....8:20.9	Northville .....8:21
South Lyon .....8:34.3		
3,200 relay		
Novi .....10:03.7	Milford .....10:03.7	
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## Wildcats stake their claim for repeat KVC title

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE Sports Editor

The Wildcats have taken a slight advantage in what is becoming a three-horse race for the KVC baseball title.

Novi, the defending league champions, moved slightly ahead of Milford and South Lyon, when they defeated the Lions by 8-3 and 5-2 in a rain soaked doubleheader on May 11.

In game one, the Cats built an early lead and cruised on performance of pitcher Dan Trehanne. Trehanne went the distance, striking out four.

"That was probably Dan's best game of the year," said coach Rick Green.

Adam Habermer, Brian Swift and Trey Simpson paced the Wildcats offensive attack with two hits each.

In the second game, Jake Ray had two hits and Matt Gorman had a huge game breaking two-run double. But the game wasn't in the bag until the top of the seventh. With bases loaded and no outs, Nov's 5-1 lead looked in jeopardy, but the second baseman was able to backhand a screaming ground ball, flip it to shortstop Brandon Davis to start the rally crushing 4-6-3 double

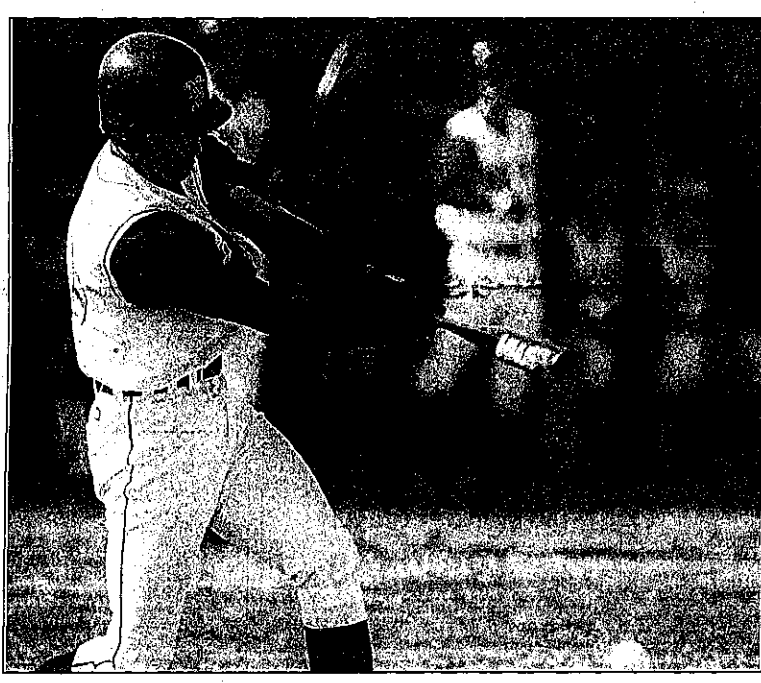
play. Pete Kobylerek complimented the fine defensive effort by going all seven innings and striking out five. The sweep put the Cats at 13-5 overall and more importantly put them at 8-4 in the highly contested KVC.

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The eagerly anticipated matchup between the Mustangs and Wildcats never materialized, as the Stangs lost to North Farmington in the first round last Saturday. Novi, on the other hand, took care of a solid Oxford team in 11 innings by an 11-9 score. The Cats took an early 9-0 lead, only to see Oxford tie it at 5-5. An inning later, Novi took a 7-5 lead, but Oxford was able to tie it in their last at-bat to send the game into extra innings.

The two teams played three scoreless innings, until the Cats finally broke through with four runs to win it in the 11th.

Senior Austin Guffey had a bases clearing double. Jake Ray went 3-6 and Mike Crawford pitched four innings of relief in the win.

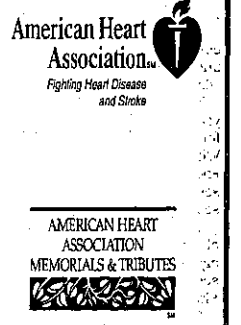
The win propelled Novi into the championship game against North Farmington. Despite a complete rally crushing 4-6-3 double



Novi centerfielder Matt Gorman shanks one off the end of his bat into the batter's box during a recent home game. Gorman did plenty of hitting in last weekends Northville/Novi tournament, as he went 7-10 in games against Oxford, and North Farmington.

The 14-6 Wildcats traveled to Harland yesterday and will host Milford in a double-header on Friday at 4 p.m. in a match-up that could go a long way in determining the KVC champion.

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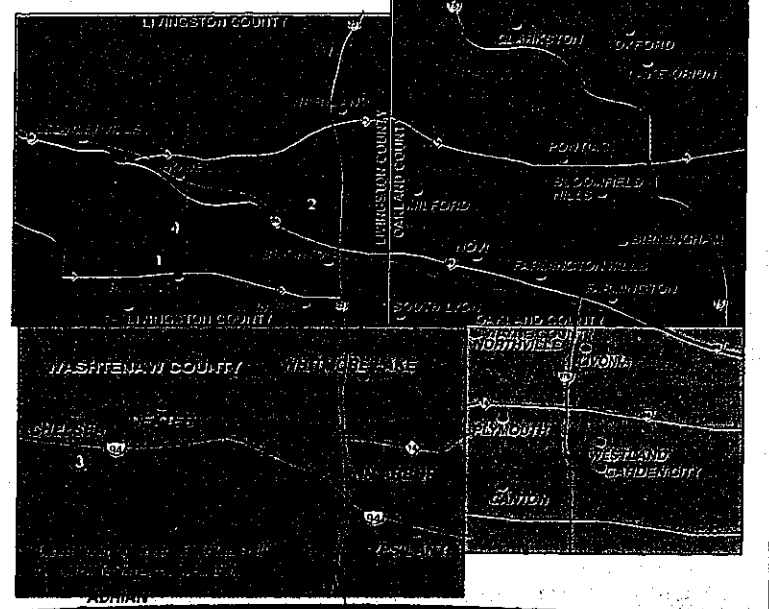
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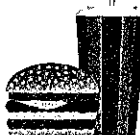
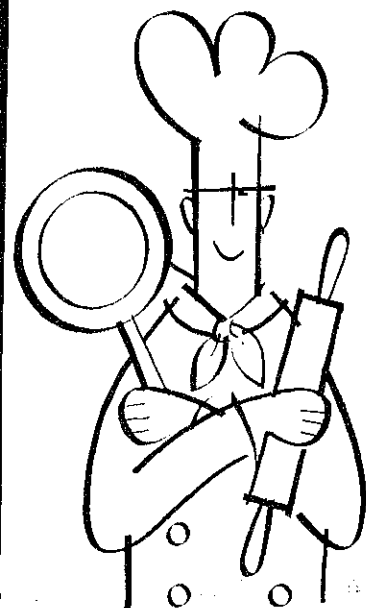
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### Community Events

The 14th annual flower sale will be held in Northville on May 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 15 member greenhouses of the Metropolitan Detroit Flowers Growers Association will be participating. Main Street, between Hutton and Center streets will be closed to vehicular traffic for the show. For more information, call (248) 348-0485.

The League of Michigan Bicyclists has partnered with Art Van Furniture to provide guests with information on bicycle safety, selecting the proper bikes for children, helmet safety and area events.

The free event is scheduled for May 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at all Art Van stores.

Bicycle experts from the League and local sporting goods stores will visit with guests, answer their biking questions and pass out information. Guests meeting with the experts will also receive a set of safety reflectors as a gift (while supplies last).

A benefit auction for four-year-old cerebral palsy patient Travis Walker will be held at Gertrude's Home in The-Wall on June 15. Proceeds from the event will help cover the cost of sending Travis to Poland, where a unique form of cerebral palsy therapy is practiced. Event organizers are seeking donations of goods and services for the auction. Admission to the 7 p.m. event is \$10, with the restaurant's bar open until 2 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-0522.

A weekend of shopping at Zany Brains of Northville Township will help benefit Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation. On May 16, 18 and 20, 10 percent of all purchases at Zany Brains will go toward Friends'. Patrons wishing to purchase goods for the Friends' must use the words "parks and recreation" at the check-out counter to have the funds forwarded. For more information, call (248) 449-5281.

The Rotary Club of Northville will be hosting "Lobster on the Green" on June 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Providence. Tickets are \$40 per person, with a cash bar available. Proceeds benefit Rotarian causes. For more information, call (248) 348-6246.

The Zonta Club of Novi-Farmington will be hosting an evening of private shopping at Parkland, located at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia on May 20. The event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Restaurants and caterers will be serving food during the event, which costs \$25 in advance as a tax-deductible donation. Parkland will extend a 15 percent discount on all non-designer purchases made during the evening. Tickets are \$30 at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-6246.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will be hosting a noon sandwich luncheon on May 21. The topic of the seminar is "Insights to Genealogy," with Pat Dickerson as the keynote speaker. Organizers ask that those attending bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information, call (734) 455-5825.

Clentis and staff of No. Vi Station will be riding bicycles on June 10 to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association. The salon is seeking donations and welcoming riders to join in the event. For more information, call (248) 348-3360.

### Engagements

Christopher A. Polsinelli, the son of Donald Polsinelli of Novi and the late Barbara Polsinelli and Melissa S. Roosen, daughter of JoAnn Roosen of Hessel, and Warren and Florence Roosen of Muskegon announce their engagement.

The bride-elect graduated from Les Cheneaux Community Schools in 1994, and received a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1998. She is currently employed at Pelle Pelle.

The groom-elect is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School. He was awarded a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1997, and is now employed as an athletic trainer at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac. Their wedding is planned for June.



Polsinelli-Roosen

Alan and Judy Somershoe of Northville Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren, to Paul Bauerschmidt, the son of Louise and Gerald Bauerschmidt of Monroe.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Northville High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan, with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. Judy anticipates receiving her master's degree in ergonomics and safety from the U-M next month. Starting in August, she will be employed at Abbott Laboratories in Chicago, Ill.

The groom-elect graduated from Monroe High School in 1992. He is a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan, with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering and is currently employed at BEA Systems in Ann Arbor. A July wedding is planned.



Somershoe-Bauerschmidt

Tom and Janice Cook of Kalkaska announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy, to Eric Snider, son of Bill and Jan Snider of Belleville.

The bride-elect graduated from Northville High School in 1995. She received her bachelor's degree in athletic training from the University of Michigan in 1999; her master's in health-care administration from Ohio University in 2000. She is employed at the University of Michigan Sportsport.

The groom-elect graduated in 1998 from Belleville High School. He has a bachelor's degree in sports medicine from Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed at Pfizer in Ann Arbor. A July wedding is planned.



Cook-Snider

William Felix Morton and Rebecca Anne Montgomery have announced their engagement and are planning an October wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Audrey Montgomery of Plymouth. She is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School and is currently employed at Terrell Mill Animal Hospital.

The groom-elect is the son of Bill and Jan Morton of Northville. He graduated in 1995 from Northville High School and is now employed at IBM.



Morton-Montgomery

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<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Sunday School: 9:30 am Rev. James P. Russell, Pastor	<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 200 E. Main St. at Huron • (248) 349-0911 Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Sunday School: 9:30 am Rev. James P. Russell, Pastor
<b>CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity)</b> New Location Meadowbrook Elementary School - Walled Lake Countryside at 13 Mile on Meadowbrook Road (248) 469-8900 Services: 10 AM Children's Church 10 AM Minister: Barbara Cleveland	<b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 770 Thayer WEEKDAY: 8:00 am, 12:30 pm SUNDAY: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Religious Education: 349-2599
<b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 4107 W. Fort Meade - Meadowbrook 349-2522 (24 hrs) Sunday Worship at 9:45 am Nursery Care Available Louise R. O'Neil, Pastor	<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD</b> High & Elm Streets, Northville Church: 349-3140 • School: 348-3146 Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:45 am Wednesday: 7:30 pm
<b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 21325 Meadowbrook Rd. North of 8 1/2 Mile Morning Worship: 10 am Church School: 10 am 248-348-7192 Minister: Rev. Dr. E. Meli Hurst Minister of Music: Patrick Kuhl	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 349-1144 • 8 Mile & Kraft Road Worship Services: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Sunday School: 9:30 am - 11:00 am Rev. John Rice Rev. Jeffery Babay
<b>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 4520 N. Lincoln 4000 S. Michigan - Northville, MI 48174-7002 Services: 8:30, 10:30, 11:30 am Sunday School & Nursery Provided Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m. Live Service Broadcast: WJLW 500AM 11:30 am	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI</b> 4520 N. Lincoln Daycare: 9:30-5:30 pm, including pre-school Worship Services: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Sun. School: 9:45 am • Worship: 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Dr. Don Smith 349-3477 www.firstbaptistnovi.org
<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 4520 N. Lincoln Rd. 217 N. West Sundays 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Saturday 8:00 pm Reverend James F. Cook, Pastor Phone: 349-3773	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. West Sundays 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Wed. Youth Meetings: 7:00 pm Boys Brigade: 7 p.m., Pioneer Girls: 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 am
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Masses: Sat. 8 pm, Sun. 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 12:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 8:00 pm Holy Days: 9 am, 12:30 pm, 7:30 pm Father Andrew Gammell, Assoc. Pastor Dr. Peter W. Lewis, Pastor	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 21205 Hogarty, Northville, MI 48174 (between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near Novi Hilltop) Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Morning Worship: 11:30 am Discipleship Services: 6:00 pm www.firstchurchofthenazarene.org
<b>WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH</b> "A Place to Grow" Sunday Worship Services: 11:00 AM Lecty Pastor with 12:00 AM The Comfort Inn - Morning Room Sundays 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Wed. Evening Bible Study, Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM PASTOR: MICHAEL WHITE (248) 348-2747 Rev. John Jett	<b>SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.</b> 1st Mile between Hogarty and Worship: Sat. 8:30 am, Sun. 10:30 am Pastor: Matthew M. Schaeffer • 248-677-6296
<b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 4440 W. 10 Mile Hwy, Novi 48066 12210 West of 10 Mile Richard J. Henderson, Pastor Rev. John Jett	<b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b> Northville High School on 6 Mile Sunday: 9:30 am and 11:00 am Caucasian, contemporary live band (248) 615-7050
<b>OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 23900 Beck Rd., Novi • S. of 10 Mile Adult Bible Study & Sunday School: 10:00 AM Morning Worship: 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Church Service: 6:30 PM Wed. Evening Bible Study, Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM PASTOR: MICHAEL WHITE (248) 348-2747	<b>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 1000 am. Sunday Service at the Noel Civic Center Quality Kids Care and Learning Located at 10 Mile, E. side of Novi Road www.cornerstonecommunity.org 248-888-1188
<b>PRaise CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD</b> Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Children's Church & Nursery Home Study Classes: 6:00 PM 9 am Worship Service & 21200 Hogarty Road - Northville Church North, Tallahassee, Iowa, Ohio, Alaska (734) 216-7424 • Ron Schubert, Pastor	<b>ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> (248) 624-3417 430 Highland St. Walled Lake Church School The Rev. Leslie Hastings Vidor
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b> 10 Mile between Tall & Beck, Novi Phone: 349-1175 Sunday: 7:45 am, Holy Eucharist Sunday: 11 am, Holy Eucharist 11 am, Sunday School & Nursery The Rev. Leslie Hastings Vidor	<b>HOLY ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> A new Eastern Catholic parish being formed to serve Catholics residing in the area south of the Detroit River and west of the River Rouge. The parish will be located at 10 Mile, E. side of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 615-7050.
<b>COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS CHURCH</b> 125 S. Church Street, Brighton Rev. Suzanne Poni, Minister (810) 225-2882 taunick@yahoo.com	<b>UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON</b> 25301 Haledon, Farmington Hills Phone: 349-1772 An historic church with 140 years of service to the community of Grand River, celebrating programs, weddings and funerals for 150 years. Services & Sunday School 9am & 11am

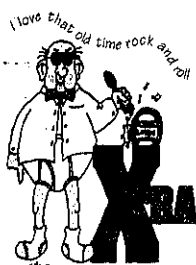
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Thursday, January 18, 2001



## All that is Tom & Nicole

Things are getting ugly between Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. Apparently, career interests may have been the spark that lit under the powder keg of their marriage. That, or Cruise's blinding white teeth caused permanent retinal damage to Kidman's eyes. In any event, we dedicate this XTRA installment to all that is Tom and Nicole...

### Top 10 Nicole Kidman Movies

1. Eatman Forever (1995)
2. Days of Thunder (1990)
3. The Peacemaker (1997)
4. Practical Magic (1998)
5. Far and Away (1992)
6. Malice (1993)
7. My Life (1993)
8. To Die For (1995)
9. Billy Bathgate (1991)
10. Dead Calm (1989)

### Top 10 Tom Cruise Movies

1. Mission: Impossible (96)
2. Rain Man (1988)
3. Top Gun (1986)
4. Jerry Maguire (1996)
5. The Firm (1993)
6. A Few Good Men
7. Interview with the Vampire (1994)
8. Days of Thunder (1990)
9. Cocktail (1988)
10. Born on the Fourth of July (1989)

— The Top 10 of Everything, 2000 edition

### Comments overheard during the Cruise - Kidman marriage

- "Tom, I'd really appreciate it if you'd put on some pants and quit sliding around the living room in those Ray-Bans."
- "But Australia is so far away! Can't your folks come here for a change?"
- "Hey, Nick — the TV guy just said that 'Eyes Wide Shut' has now passed 'Waterworld' in box office revenue! And to think the critics thought it was a flop!"
- "Okay, here's the deal. You give me back my copy of 'Dianetics,' and I'll tell you where I hid the Fosters."
- "I'd appreciate it if you wouldn't hoot and holler every time Val Kilmer's body comes up in the 'Top Gun' volleyball scene."
- "Honey, could you pick up some tooth polish while you're out?"

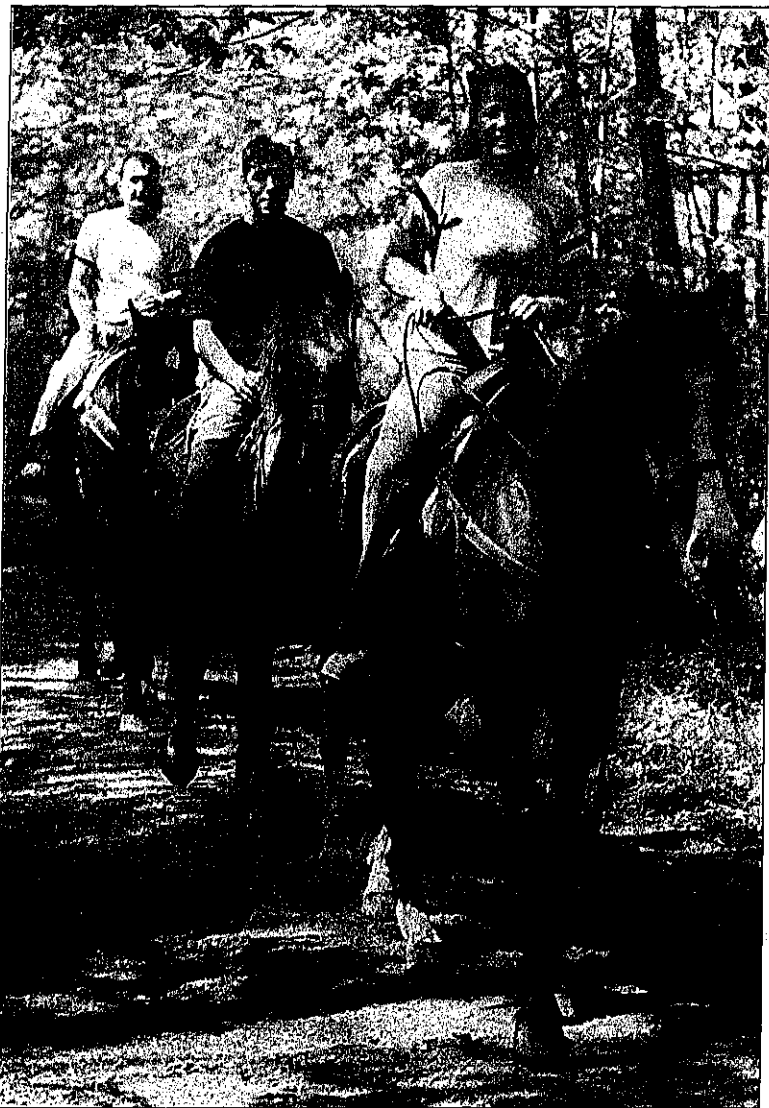


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Stablehand Brooke Jones leads a group of riders down a Maybury State Park trail.



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Maybury State Park stablehand Bridget Serylo prepares her horse, "Junlor," for a trail ride. Serylo and other hands were taking out a group of four riders for an hour-long journey.

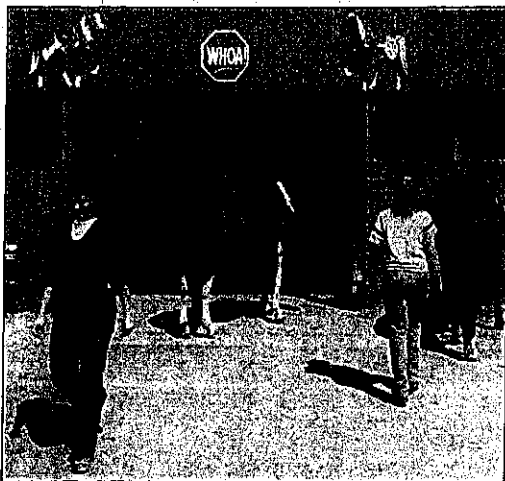


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Bridget Serylo, left, and Brooke Jones, Maybury State Park stablehands, prepare some horses to hit the park's trails.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Stablehand Tommy Moin on thoroughbred "Booker" approaches the watering hole before hitting the trails.

# TALL

## in the saddle

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

A good horse beneath you. A blue sky above. And nearly 1,000 acres to explore.

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That's the beauty of a visit to Maybury State Park's horse stables.

"If you haven't tried riding, you just have to," says Erin Pushman of Plymouth.

The 24-year-old horse lover, who once lived on a ranch in Howell, owns one horse and rides as often as she can.

"It gives you a whole new angle on life," she said. "You truly gain a deeper appreciation of nature—even if you're out here for just for an hour or two."

Pushman, who has been working as one of the park's trail guides for the past three years, said many people who live in the area still don't know the park exists.

"It's so beautiful back here," she said. "It's like a hidden treasure, and to be able to explore it atop a beautiful animal makes it all more exhilarating."

With an average of 30 horses available, the stable provides horses to fit everyone's skill and nerve.

"We like to know if you're a beginner," said Brooke Jones, who's been with the stables two years. "That way we can give you the appropriate horse."

Riding the trails through the park offer experienced riders the opportunity to canter through the woods and hills, while affording novice riders the same sights—but at a slower pace.

The staff gladly assists beginners, demonstrating the proper handling and saddling. But most of the lesson takes place on the trails, where horses act like horses, and you learn to deal with their little quirks while learning to be a better rider.

"Horses love to eat, so they'll constantly be trying to nip and bite every green leaf and plant in site during the ride," explained trail guide Tamara Moin.

Moin said the best thing to do is just tighten up your horse's reins and pull the animal back into the direction of the trail.

"They're pretty good listeners, but you have to be consistent, otherwise they'll take advantage of you," she said.

### RIDE ALONG

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#### FEATURES:

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Also features a fishing pond, playground equipment, sports fields, picnic tables and grills, shelters, and miles of trails designed specifically for bicycling, hiking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

**Hours:**  
• Park: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily;  
Stable: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday

**Price info:**  
• \$18 an hour weekdays; \$20 an hour weekends and holidays

To let them know they're doing a good job, Moin and Pushman suggest giving the horse a scratch around their front mane, or a little pat on the rump.

"Like anyone, they need food and shelter, but also lots of love and attention," Moin said.

Stables manager Keith Gordon said the horses at the park are primarily quarter horses, with a few appaloosas, paint horses, and thoroughbreds.

Since they are full-size, Gordon said riders must be eight years old and at least four-and-a-half feet tall.

Owners are also welcome to bring their own horses and ride the trails.

Think you need chaps, boots and cowboy hat to play the part? Jones said the best attire for a horse ride is actually quite simple.

"Good shoes," she said. "No flip-flops or open heeled shoes. Something with a sturdy sole."

Maybury Riding Stables are located off Beck road just south of Eight Mile Road within the park. Stable hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. For further information please call the stables at (248) 347-1088.