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Man alleged kidnap victim

Police sort through confusion

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Two men were taken into custody on Monday after allegedly forcing another man to withdraw cash from the Novi Community Credit Union. The alleged extortion occurred at

around 9:30 a.m. when a 49-year-old Novi resident reported to a bank manager that he had been kidnapped and was now being forced to withdraw money from his account.

According to a report from the Novi Police Department, the two men, who were waiting outside in the parking lot, supposedly told the subject that they would kill him and his mother, also a Novi resident, if he did not withdraw the money.

"The man says he was held at a home in Detroit for a couple days because the men wanted to get his money," said Novi Lt. David Butler. "Apparently they had tried to get

money out of his account on Saturday, but were unable to."

After the manager called 911, Novi police arrived at the scene where they found the two male subjects in a green Ford Taurus in the parking lot. Police made the arrest outside the credit union located on Haggerty Road, just north of Eight Mile Road, at about 9:45 a.m.

Both men, one a 21-year-old white male and the other a 23-year-old black male, were residents of Detroit.

The victim's mother was interviewed by Novi Police officers and found to be unharmed.

Officers are still trying to find out what connection the resident had with the men.

"We're in the process of sorting out what kind of relationship this man had with the two subjects," Butler said.

In a statement made to police, the alleged victim, a black male, said the suspects had held him for three or four days in a basement at the 23-year-old suspect's grandmother's home in Detroit.

The victim stated to officers that his son was in a Cleveland jail, so he borrowed approximately \$900 from the men for bond. The resident said

he agreed to pay the men back \$1,200.

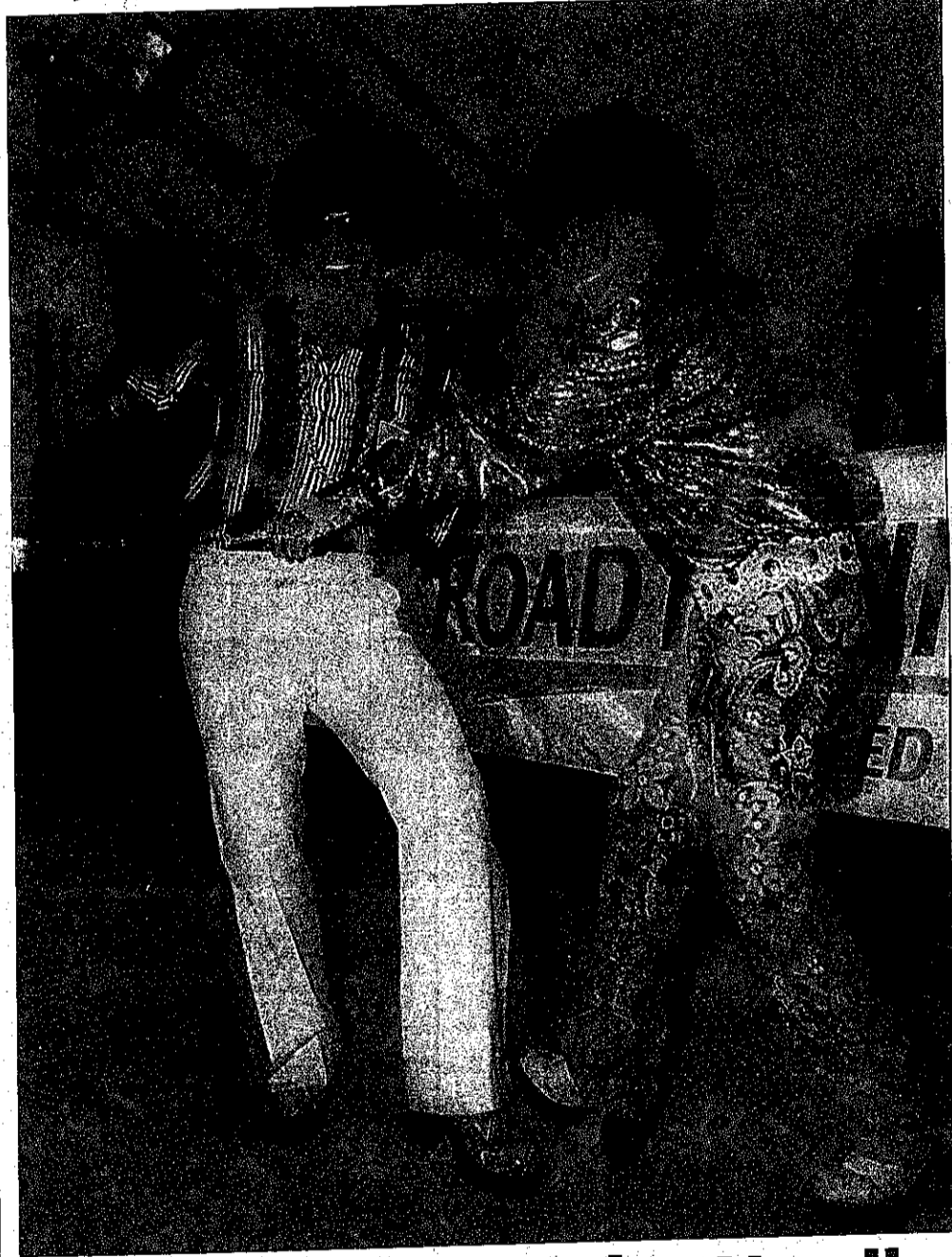
When the man could not come up with the money, the suspects allegedly locked him in a basement and took his watch, car and ring for collateral.

However, the suspects claim that the resident was not kept against his will and that the man owed them money for prostitutes.

In a statement made to police, the 23-year-old suspect stated that a few days prior to the incident, the resident approached him looking for

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Stayin' alive



"80 percent better"

Music and Motor Fest packs house on Saturday

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

The annual Music & Motor Fest outwardly played on last weekend, giving spectators a variety of entertainment, food and fun.

While Sunday may have gotten some rain, Saturday proved to be the highlight of the event, pack-

ing in several hundred visitors for the group "Three Dog Night."

"Saturday night was fantastic," said festival manager Jane Thomas. "We had great band and a full house."

While Thomas didn't have any exact numbers, she said the turnout for the entire event was definitely better than last year.

"I think about 80 percent better," she said.

The five day fest, held at the Novi Expo Center, kicked off on Wednesday evening with a VIP party where over 16 local restaurants served up food, followed by a free concert by Living Soul.

For the remainder of the

week, the event opened for the day at 11 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sunday, where visitors could enjoy rides, games and treats like pizza, ice-cream, and freshly squeezed lemonade.

Other highlights of the festival included the popular Dog

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Booze played role in driver's death

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

A 43-year-old Novi woman was found dead in her vehicle on I-96 near the Novi/Wixom Road exit Friday, July 20.

According to Michigan State Police - the woman, Lynn Ann Bostrom, died after her car plunged 25-30 feet down onto embankment after striking a bridge abutment head on.

"We had received a call the night before that someone was driving the wrong way on the expressway," Lt. Steve Craft, commander of the Metro North Michigan State Police Post said. "We sent some patrol cars out, but we couldn't find anything and we disregarded the call."

According to the report, the woman was traveling eastbound at around 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 19 in the far left

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MEAP scores on hold

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Those interested in finding out the Novi Community School District's MEAP scores will have to sit tight as the state continues its re-evaluation of test scores.

While the spring 2001 MEAP results for grades 4, 5, 7, and 8 have arrived, the state is still continuing its thorough review of a number of potential test administration irregularities.

Summary reports have been withheld pending completion of the process for those districts under review, which means all school districts will have to wait.

"Because there have been irregulars, the state has withheld the summary reports," said Jane Hesse, curriculum testing coordinator for the Novi Community School District.

"While we're getting results in bits and pieces, we still don't have the summary reports and we don't know when we'll get them. So we're in limbo for now."

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Hood experiences Washington D.C. for DECA

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Senator, and former first lady, Hillary Clinton was just one of many political figures Novi resident Anthony Hood had the opportunity to meet on his trip to Washington D.C. last month.

As part of DECA's 2001 State Officer Leadership Conference, the

recent Novi High School graduate took part in a six day training program from July 13-18, which helps prepare newly elected officers to successfully carry out their terms.

DECA, which stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America, is a national student organization which helps young adults interested in careers in

management, merchandising, and marketing build the skills they need to compete in the business world.

DECA's State Officer Leadership Conference is held each summer in Washington D.C. and draws between 100-200 officers from around the country.

During their stay, officers partic-

ipate in a number of leadership workshops, explore the nation's capitol, network with other officers and meet with state representatives to discuss issues facing education and DECA.

"It was a really great experience," Hood said. "I got to see a lot of the

city, learn the history, and meet a lot of interesting people."

Among those interesting people, was none other than former



Anthony Hood

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Purse disappears overnight from apartment

WALLED LAKE
Officers responded to a home invasion July 30 in the 900 block of Lark Path in Walled Lake. The 37-year-old woman in the apartment said she did not lock her front door when she went to bed at 10:30 p.m. After she went to sleep upstairs, someone allegedly smacked in and stole her purse.

Police News

He had made him leave the club. The bouncer told the officer that the man became combative and tried to take on one of the bouncers at the club. That's when he was escorted out and he allegedly tried to run over the bouncers. The man said that when the man was speeding away, he almost hit a group of teenagers that were walking in the club. The officer caught up with the 17-year-old Westland man at Pontiac Trail and Decker.

The case is still open pending a warrant. The person in the green 1999 Honda pumped \$16.77 cents worth of gas. The case is still open for investigation.

WIXOM ARMED ROBBERY AT TUBBY'S

BOUNCERS THREATENED AT LA BOOM
Two bouncers at La Boom on July 28 told police that they were almost deliberately struck by one of the male teenage patrons of the club.

CAR BURSTS INTO FLAMES
A car was engulfed in flames July 29 in the 800 block of E. Walled Lake Drive, which is being considered as suspicious circumstances by Walled Lake police.

The 19-year-old Walled Lake owner of the beige 2000 Ford

Explorer said he didn't know what could have caused the fire. He told police that he was in the front yard when he noticed that the car was burning. He said the fire department is conducting an investigation and the and they requested a police report.

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The suspect then ordered the victim into the bathroom and told him to "sit tight" for two minutes. The employee waited five and then called the police. The victim did not see the suspect or vehicle when he came

Tubby's Sub Shop on Pontiac Trail was the place of an armed robbery on July 26.

At around 10:30 a.m. an employee observed a black male pull up in a green Grand Am.

The 19-year-old employee saw the man walk towards the party store out of view.

The suspect then walked inside Tubby's wearing a tan "fade rag" and asked the employee, "who did you call?" as he approached the victim with a knife.

The employee responded, "no one" and the suspect jumped over the counter and removed the money from the register.

Then he asked where the safe was. The employee told him there wasn't one and the suspect then found a small fire box type container and removed \$120 in singles and \$40 in quarters. There was approximately \$60 in the register.

The suspect then ordered the victim into the bathroom and told him to "sit tight" for two minutes. The employee waited five and then called the police. The victim did not see the suspect or vehicle when he came

A white 1999 Aurora was vandalized in the Village Apartment complex on the eve of July 24.

The owner, a 22-year-old man, found the car the following morning with his tires slashed and potatoes stuffed into his exhaust pipes.

There are no suspects at this time. Witnesses said both suspects were white males, wearing white short-sleeved shirts. The man said one suspect was medium built and the other was somewhat heavy with a shaved head.

Suspects ran toward the Stone Ridge Apartments. The man gave chase but lost them. The incident occurred at around 2 p.m.

The victim did not see the suspect or vehicle when he came

Officer searched the area and were unable to locate the suspect or vehicle.

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Academy allows citizens to be in officer's shoes

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

The Novi Police Department is now accepting applications for their upcoming Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy.

The Academy, which will begin on Sept. 5, will have a maximum of 40 students drawn from Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, South Lyon and Wolverine Lake.

According to Novi Police Lt. David Butler, the purpose of the academy is to foster communication and better relationships between the departments and the communities they serve.

The Citizens Police Academy allows our citizens to understand and experience law enforcement situations from a police officer's point of view. We hope to give them a better understanding of what the

police do, how we do it, and why we do what we do," he added.

Butler added that it also helps dispel misconceptions about law enforcement in general.

"A lot of the time, the only real contact people have with the police are if they get a ticket or have an emergency," he said. "So this is a very positive, enlightening way to improve our relationship with our citizens."

The academy meets once a week for 10 weeks and a total of 30 hours. It takes the participant through a condensed version of a regulation police academy study course.

The classes are conducted by officers and staff of the Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake, South Lyon and Wolverine Lake Police Departments and includes guest

speakers of particular expertise. Classes are held once a week for three hours, covering a different area of the police department every week.

"The Citizens Police Academy is an excellent opportunity for residents to get a 'behind the scene' look into the police department," Evie Lewis, a coordinator for the academy, said.

"The academy enables citizens to become more familiar with the day-to-day operations of the police department and gain a better understanding of the laws, procedures, and responsibilities. I think people gain a new appreciation for what officers go through and the hard work that is involved."

The Lakes Area Citizens' Police Academy covers such diverse topics

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Evie Lewis
Police Academy
coordinator

ics as communications, criminal investigation, drunk driving procedures, crime prevention, narcotics, domestic violence, and juvenile law. Emphasis is placed on the

patrol division as that is the segment of the police department the public most often comes in contact with.

Instruction consists of lectures, tours, demonstrations and hands-on experiences.

Citizens even participate in a "ride-along" with an officer on patrol, learn how to fire a weapon, and take a visit to a crime lab.

"Probably the biggest myth is that they are going to see something really gory, like a dead body, but it's not like that," Lewis said. At the end of the course, a graduation banquet is held to honor those who complete the requirements.

The academy is free to participants and is open to citizens who are at least 18 years old. The only requirement is that participants must live or work in

one of the five communities. Classes begin Sept. 5 and will meet on Wednesdays from 7-10 p.m.

Applications can be picked up at the police station, 45125 Ten Mile Road Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All applicants will be subject to a background check before being admitted to the course.

For more information about the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy, please contact either the Novi Police Dept. at (248) 348-7100, the Walled Lake Police Dept. at (248) 624-3111, or the Wixom Police Dept. at (248) 624-6114.

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Obituaries

JAMES E. SPEELMAN

James E. Speelman of Wixom, 74, died July 29 at Courtyard Manor of Wixom. He was born July 10, 1927.

Mr. Speelman is survived by his wife, Marvel Speelman; one brother, Walter; three sons, Rod (Brenda), Dale (Fay), and Jerry; two daughters, Sheila (Dan) Weight and Holly; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, August 1, at St. William Church, 531 Common St., Walled Lake. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI 48375.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

MARIE ANN DORCHAK

Marie Ann Dorchak, 73, of Walled Lake, died July 25 at Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Twp., MI. She was born October 10, 1927.

Mrs. Dorchak is survived by her husband, George; two daughters, Cathy (Michael) Dinsler and Deborah (Blashfield); two grandsons, Keith and

Ryan; two granddaughters, Nicole and Heather; a sister, Lorraine and a brother, Carl. She was preceded in death by her sister, Carol.

Services were held July 27 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi, MI.

Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi, MI.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375.

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EMILY NEWBY
Emily Newby, 83, of Northville died July 27.

She is survived by two daughters, Janet and Marilyn, and five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Newby was preceded by her husband, John S. "Jack."

Services were held Monday, July 30 at North Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

Arrangements were made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington, Michigan.

Memorial contributions to North Park United Methodist Church, 29987 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 would be appreciated.

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Tee up; golf outing to benefit local students

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

It's that time of year when the familiar wail of the club is met with the sound of the ball rattling in the cup - it's the game of golf and the season is in full swing.

Now golf lovers can enjoy the sport and benefit education at the same time, thanks to the Novi Educational Foundation's annual golf outing.

The event, now in its sixth year, will be held next Tuesday, August 14, at the Links of Novi Golf Course.

According to organizers, the function is a fun, social event for all golfers.

"It's a great event," outing co-chair Bob Schram said. "It's really a fun way to get people involved in the community as well as a place to get together and socialize."

Last year, the golf outing raised \$5,000 for the foundation.

This year organizers hope to get more people and more sponsors.

"The foundation only has two fundraisers a year, the golf outing and the Wmner-Take-All raffle in October," Schram said. "So this is a big deal for the foundation."

The Novi Educational Foundation provides student scholarships and teacher grants that provide extra learning opportunities for students in the district.

Various teacher grants have led to award-winning projects, including honors won at a science fair sponsored by Detroit Edison.

"Everyone should have a chance to see the looks of appreciation that we get from the scholarship recipients," Michael Penderdier, chairman of the Novi Educational

Foundation said. "We know the funds are being put to good use."

The Novi Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1988. The foundation's objective is to provide expanded educational opportunities for citizens of the Novi School District, primarily accomplished with grants and scholarships.

"We want people to come and have a good time and they can see what the foundation is about," co-chair John Balagna said.

Sign in for the outing begins at 10 a.m. with tee time starting at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch is served on the course, with dinner and awards following the game. Cost for golf and meals is \$100 per person. Personal or company hole sponsor is \$150. Those interested in just the dinner and awards banquet only can attend for \$50.

All are welcome and advance registration is required.

This year the golf outing will be a shotgun start, so that all golfers can begin and end at about the same time.

The Links of Novi is located on 10 Mile, one half mile west of

Wilson Road.

To register for the golf outing or to get more information on the foundation, please call (248) 449-1200 or visit the Novi Community School District office at 25345 Trail Road in Novi.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or sfordyce@ht.hometownnli.net.

On Campus

Northville and Novi high school graduates were awarded scholarships from the University of Michigan based on their grades, class ranking and test scores.

The following students will receive these non-renewable scholarships upon entrance to the U-M this fall.

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship - \$2,000.

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Regents Merit Scholarship - \$1,500.

Northville
John R. Belanger, Carrie Allison Husman, Zubair Husan Sarma, Foren Alexander Shlah, Sheena Marie Thomas, and Alison Margaret Gillette.

Novi
Valerie Marie Caroselli, Elizabeth Ann Bowler, Lindsay Emily Anan, Lindsay Ann Delinc, Bidish Jyoti Sarma, Ralph Thomas Petty III, Jeffrey Travis Gdowski, Melissa Ann Harrison, Astin M. Kagzi, Lauren Lyn Karoi, Tristan William LaChance, Karen A. Andrews, Prachi Deepak Shah, Stephen Joseph Sawast, Allison Christine Tringoli, Kamala Vallabhai, Alexander Karling Wong, and Sriyaya Mahadevan.

Cara Cuenot of Novi graduated in May from Syracuse University College of Law. Cuenot received her juris doctor degree.

Angle Mathews of Northville has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Creighton University for academic achievement during the second semester of the 2000-01 year.

Novi resident Karen Elizabeth Atkinson is a recent graduate of Stanford University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Chelsea Lynn Bennett has been accepted at Harding University and will start in the fall. An orientation program to help freshmen and new students will be held in August.

Bennett attended Novi High School, where she was a member of the marching band, jazz band, wind ensemble, French Club, and Internet Club.

She is the daughter of Michael L. and Pamela S. Bennett of Novi.

Two local area students at Bowling Green State University have been named to the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average for spring semester.

Recognized were Jill Victoria Boginski and Thomas P. Price.

Boginski is a junior in the college of health and human services. She is the daughter of Conrad A. and Priscilla Boginski of Northville.

Price is a sophomore in the college of arts and sciences. He is the son of David P. and Donna M. Price of Novi.

Northville Mill Race

Thursday, Aug. 2
Archivists, Cady Inn, 9 a.m.
Two Wedding Rehearsals, Church, 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 3
Wedding, Church/Grounds, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Wedding Rehearsal, Church, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 4
Two Weddings, Church, noon, 2 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 5
Mill Creek Community Church, 10 a.m.
All Buildings Open to the Public, 1-4 p.m.
Croquet Tournament-Northville vs. Salem, 2-5 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 7
Stone Gang, Cady Inn/Grounds, 9 a.m.
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Fire Log

Monday, July 23
Fire alarm, 43494 West Oaks, 12:06 a.m., Engines 1, 2, Medical, 28259 Indiana, 5:26 a.m., Squad 4.
Service, 23228 Gilbar, 11:23 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, Eight Mile/Haggerty, noon, Engines 3, 1.
Wires down, 45385 Nine Mile Road, 12:57 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, Haggerty/Eight Mile, 1:54 p.m., Squad 3.
Personal injury accident, Twelve Mile/Haggerty, 3:17 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, M-57/36, 3:34 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 6:35 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 313 Elm, 6:55 p.m., Squad 2.
Mutual aid, 23303 Michigan Ave., 11:54 p.m., Response 506.
Tuesday, July 24
Medical, 46100 W. Park, 12:27 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 26500 Wixom, 9:25 a.m., Engines 4, 1.
Investigation, Twelve Mile/Novi Road, 12:16 p.m., Engine 2.

Personal injury accident, Eight Mile/Napier, 12:41 p.m., Squad 4.
Personal injury accident, Ten Mile/Haggerty, 5:08 p.m., Squad 1.
Grass fire, 196/Novi Road, 8:26 p.m., Engine 1.
Personal injury accident, M-57/Thirteen Mile Road, 8:36 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, Novi/Expo Drive, 11:31 p.m., Engine 1.
Wednesday, July 25
Personal injury accident, Eight Mile/Haggerty, 7:18 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 25460 Novi Road, 9:25 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
Medical, 39500 Ten Mile Road, 10:18 a.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, 45075 Pontiac Trail, 10:19 a.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, 1314 E. Lake, 12:13 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, Grand River/Novi, 12:43 p.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, Grand River/Town Center, 2:06 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, Novi Road/Two Oaks, 2:30 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Investigation, Pontiac

Trail/Beck, 2:34 p.m., Squad 4.
Personal injury accident, Eight Mile/Meadowbrook, 4:13 p.m., Squad 3.
Personal injury accident, Pontiac Trail/W. Park, 5:53 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Beck/Pontiac Trail, 7:47 p.m., Squad 2.
Thursday, July 26
Medical, 23737 Stonehenge, 1:53 a.m., Squad 3.
Mutual aid, 48078 Walnut, 7:43 a.m., Tanker 1.
Medical, 24600 Old Orchard, 8:03 a.m., Squad 1.
Mutual aid, 50785 Pontiac Trail, 8:21 a.m., Engine 4.
Investigation, 44895 Yorkshire, 8:27 a.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, Ten Mile/Haggerty, 9:58 a.m., Squad 1.
11:10 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
Fuel spill, Grand River/Beck, 12:16 p.m., Engine 4.
Fuel spill, Grand River/Town Center, 1:10 p.m., Engine 1.
Personal injury accident, I-96/Novi Road, 1:25 p.m., Squad 1.
Wires down, Nine Mile/Trail

2:03 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 28331 Haggerty, 2:26 p.m., Squad 2.
Wires down, 2020 Austin, 3:56 p.m., Engine 2.
Personal injury accident, Novi/Fourteen Mile Road, 5:02 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22214 Solomon, 8:55 p.m., Squad 3.
9:34 p.m., Squad 4.
Wires down, Village Wood/Cranbrooke, 9:47 p.m., Engine 3.
Friday, July 27
Medical, Pontiac Trail/Beck Road, 11:45 a.m., Squad 2.
Service, 43049 Nine Mile Road, 12:04 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22279 Haggerty, 12:39 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27054 Granada, 2:53 p.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, W. Park/Ludlow, 3:43 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 40000 Grand River, 4:40 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 28223 Carolina, 6:23

p.m., Squad 4.
Car fire, Twelve Mile/Beck Road, 9:21 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 25037 Meadowbrook, 9:50 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 2450 Old Novi Road, 11:57 p.m., Squad 2.
Saturday, July 28
Medical, 42868 Clay Court, 6:57 a.m., Squad 2.
Detail, Expo Center, 8:46 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Ten Mile/Novi Road, 9:16 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 1185 S. Lake, 10:24 a.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, 39575 Town Center, 2 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 29715 Montmorency, 3:02 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 4:43 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Crescent/Novi Road, 6:05 p.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, W. Park/Ludlow, 3:43 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 41602 Ten Mile Road, 7:03 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41810 Chalet, 7:48 p.m., Squad 2.

Personal injury accident, 23141 Meadowbrook, 10:48 p.m., Squad 3.
Sunday, July 29
Trash fire, Pontiac Trail/Beck Road, 12:49 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 24068 Windridge, 3:13 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 25057 Meadowbrook, 7:03 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 9:40 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24140 Chipmunk Trail, 1:02 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23925 Hickory Grove, 4:36 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Plaza/Pontiac Trail, 8:34 p.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 49000 Eleven Mile Road, 8:36 p.m., Engines 4, 1.
Tree fire, 41650 Borchart, 8:50 p.m., Engine 3.
Fire alarm, 45182 W. Park, 9 p.m., Engines 2, 1.
Investigation, 45761 Willingham, 10:50 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 1685 Harbor Cove, 10:59 p.m., Squad 2.

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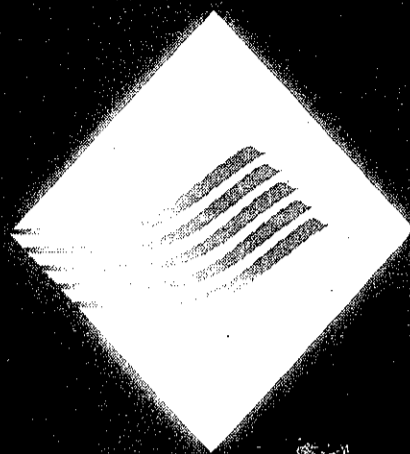
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Copper Mug to hold fundraiser for food bank

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

People can enjoy a brew, a burger and listen to blues while supporting a great cause at the Copper Mug tent party and fundraiser.

The tent party will begin at 2 p.m. and the festivities will last until 10 p.m. on August 5.

The music will start outside at 4-9 p.m. with the Ron Ostin Blues Band. "It's one of the better ones," Karner said.

There will be music inside with Dan Valme, who will be singing and playing the guitar, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"These guys are good," Karner

said about the musicians who will be performing.

People will be asked to pay \$2 to get in along with canned good items. "They can bring whatever they feel comfortable with," Karner said. "We donate the money and the food to the Oakland County Food Bank."

He wanted to support the food bank because they travel around the county helping people in need. They also help those who have a history of bad luck.

"I've been working with them for years," Karner said. "They are organized. The money goes to where it is supposed to be going."

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All Karner owner, Al's Copper Mug

canned goods but they will be able to purchase tasty food at the party. Al's will provide Dearborn hot dogs, beer, Italian sausage, buffalo burgers, and cheeseburgers cooked

on the outside grill.

Karner enjoys the tent party fundraisers that he puts on three or four times a year.

The last fundraiser, which was a couple of months ago, was a success. The goal was to raise money for a boy, Dennis Mulica, so he would be able to travel to Australia to compete in the wheelchair basketball All Star team.

Mulica was \$3,000 closer to Australia after patrons helped him by attending the tent party fundraiser.

People look forward to the tent parties at the bar.

"It's a get-together for people," Karner said. "People know each other a little bit. It helps make everything nice."

He guarantees a good time. "It's a hometown party," Karner said. "You have a tent, music and beer. I'm sure you'll run across someone you know here."

Karner would like everyone to support the charity.

"Come out and have a good time," Karner said. "Enjoy yourself and at the same time, help the charity."

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Vandals hit second Northville District elementary

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

For the second time in less than a month, Northville schools are being forced to address the aftermath of a weekend bout of vandalism—this time at Thornton Creek Elementary school.

The incident resulted in broken windows and assorted damage to buildings and the grounds.

David Bolitto, assistant superintendent for Northville schools, said the vandals broke a window in the portable classroom that the district recently relocated. He also said the letters that spell out the school name were removed from the small

billboard near Nine Mile Road.

"The portable classroom that we just moved there had one window broken out," he said.

Bolitto said the district would have to order new letters for the sign and added that it would be costly to do that repair.

In addition, the vandals knocked the school marquee off of the wall. "It looks to me like it's totally destroyed," said Bolitto. "The PTA bought the marquee sign. In 1998 and spent about \$3,000. That's going to have to be replaced."

He also said the front light that illuminates the sign was smashed. The lens, bulb and the reflector were also broken.

Police officials noticed that two windows had been broken out completely using a long piece of wood. Police arrested a 17-year-old Beverly Hills male, a 15-year-old Novi male and a 16-year-old Novi male. The other male is under the age of 17.

An officer noticed a smell of intoxicants coming from one of the males. A PBT test measured a .12.

Police noticed the sign had been knocked off the brick pedestal and the suspects denied damaging the sign or the windows. The case was forwarded to the detective bureau.

On July 30, the mother of the suspect who ran called the police and said her son had admitted doing some damage at the school. All four of the males were staying

at a friend's home in Novi. When police asked about the suspect that had run, the others said he was a friend of the person they were spending the night with.

Bolitto also expressed his appreciation in how police officials handled the matter.

"We appreciate their following through and their professionalism," he said. "They did a wonderful job."

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Sweet retreat; Lakes Candy moves

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

When people need a sweet fix, they can step into Lakes Candy's new Wallcut Lake location. Lakes Candy will be opening up at 1123 E. West Maple Road in the West Maple Plaza after closing doors at their former S. Commerce Road location. The store is now located next to The Works Salon. Owner Connie Kelley said she was excited about the store's August 1 opening. Kelley was in her last site for three

years and she looks forward to a new beginning at the new location. "Our rent had increased and we changed our location to have better access to the residents and to make it more convenient for them," Kelley said. "The change is nice for everyone. We figure that we are not moving far so we won't lose clientele," Kelley said. "But we will be gaining some new clientele. We will have the best of both worlds." Her employees and their families have helped with the move. "They have redecorated, helped with

remodeling and they painted and wall-papered," Kelley said. "It's absolutely beautiful." The new quarters is 50 sq. feet larger and it's airy with a higher ceiling. "I feel like they want us here," Kelley said. "It's really nice." The other businesses in the plaza have given them a warm reception. "We're very excited to be with the great people here who are well established," Kelley said. "They have welcomed us with open arms." Kelley said. "And this is the direction that God wants us to go." She was surprised when new customers were so excited about the

store's opening that they were knocking on the window to get in. "The customers will like her candy creations." "It's different because it doesn't have the wax and preservatives in it," Kelley said. "I believe if people enjoy chocolate, they will enjoy our creations more because it doesn't have the wax and preservatives that just dilute the taste." Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lakes Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or dddeel@lt.hometown.com.

Benefit play takes stage Aug. 3

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

The 100th Sheep Livingston Seventh-Day Adventist drama group will be presenting a unique play "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" at a local theater tomorrow night. Down said the performers have been practicing for this performance for approximately three months. "I think it's about the important priorities of life," she said. "It puts life into perspective looking at it through the eyes of a child." All proceeds from this performance will be earmarked for charity. Tickets for the play are \$15 dollars and all

the money collected from ticket sales will be given towards feeding children in the country of Albania. Down said a \$15 ticket purchase will feed one child for a month in Albania. She also said that the participants selected the cause. "The kids were so willing to do this for someone less fortunate than themselves," she said. "They are a real spiritual group of kids. Their definitely doing it to help someone else." Pastor Curtis Small, of Livingston Seventh-Day Adventist in Howell, will also participate in the play.

Other participants include Sarah Lehn, Jill Down, Todd Mrazik, Jim Whittion and Danielle Daney. "It's so refreshing to see a group of young people donate their time and talent to help someone less fortunate than themselves," said Down. Tickets for the play can be purchased at the door for \$15. For more information or to reserve tickets call (517) 348-1408. The Aug. 3 play is slated to begin at 7 p.m. at Genitri's Little Theater, located at 108 E. Main Street.

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Land use to top agenda for legislators in fall

BY MIKE MALOTT
Hometown News Service
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Land use tops the agenda of state lawmakers when they return to session this fall, according to House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-Keby. "You are going to see some things done with the inner cities, trying to create more growth back in the inner cities which in turn will save a lot of land in rural areas," he said in a "Media Roundtable" discussion in the Capitol Thursday. Johnson said it was his first such sit down with reporters since taking over the leadership position earlier this year.

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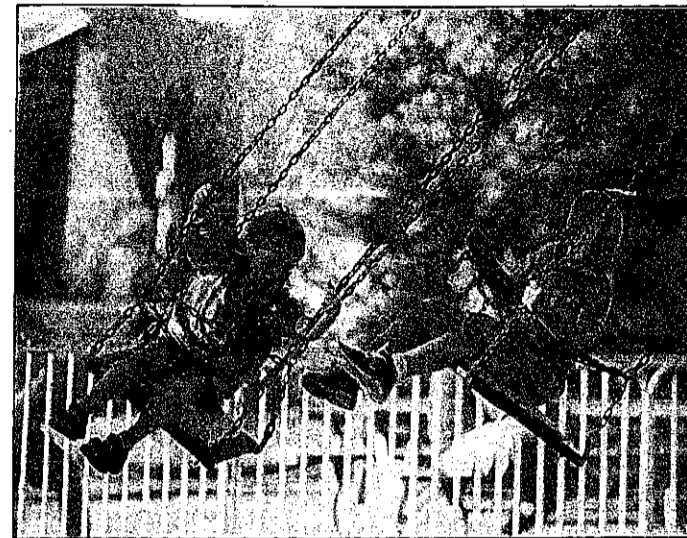
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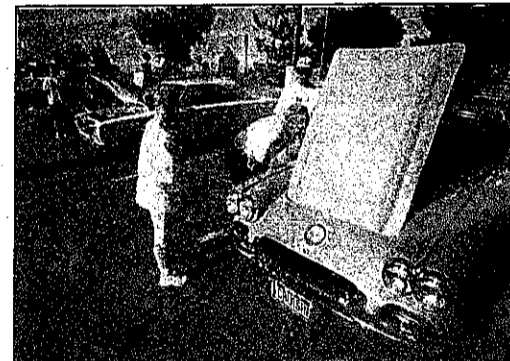
Patrons stroll the midway of the Music and Motorfest last Friday afternoon.



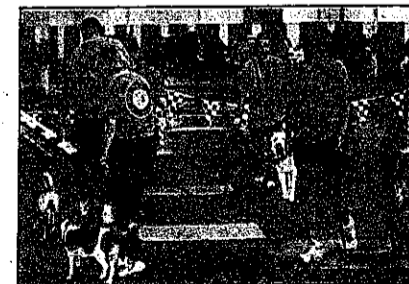
Mary Whitfield, 2, enjoys a hand-in-hand stroll down the Midway of the Music and Motorfest Thursday afternoon with brother Peter, 13, and her mother Linda. The Whitfields are from Novi.



Tedd Wallace of the South Lyon Lions tries his hands at craps Friday evening at the Music and Motorfest inside their Las Vegas Tent.



Frank Brennen takes a look at the 1960 Corvette of Mike Tamarelli during last week's Music and Motorfest.



Rock and Roll Canine handlers and their charges enjoy a game of "musical mats" (like musical chairs) at Friday's Music and Motorfest. The canines performed tricks inside the Novi Expo Center.



Photos by John Heider

Photo by TOM HIBBELN



Two of the three Sister Sledge dance along to their music during their Friday night performance.



With a face-shield and oven-mits, Bob Maron of "Big Bob's Kettle Corn" mixes up a batch of his popcorn last Friday afternoon at the Music and Motorfest. Fest-goers had a lot to choose from in terms of tasty treats.

Brandau yearning to be an Ironman

Is Kona, Hawaii waiting?

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

For 45-year-old Novi resident Dave Brandau, being a triathlete isn't just about participating in a sport — it's about bettering himself as an individual each and every time he competes.

Brandau challenges his body and mind every time he participates in a triathlon, an event typically consisting of a half-mile swim, an 18-mile bike and a four mile run, and says that his training regimen is one of the most important aspects of his sport.

"In a week we swim about six miles, bike about 90 miles and run between 20 and 25," Brandau said of his and his wife, Cathy's, training schedule. "We are not super hardcore — we just enjoy doing it but we have to train."

Without the training the triathlon could become more of a challenge than an athlete is looking for.

"You have to be in really good shape just to be able to get through the race let alone win anything or place," Brandau said. "I typically train from about March right through the season which usually ends at the end of September."

According to Brandau, who says he usually finishes in the middle of the pack while his wife wins most of her races, running a triathlon brings more to life than the typical win or loss associated with sports.

"You get to meet a lot of new people while being forced to get into really good shape," Brandau said. "It is also a great way to kill a Sunday morning."

Though Brandau, who owns an executive search firm, and his wife normally compete in the typical sprint triathlons, they recently tested the waters of a tougher breed of competition — the half Ironman in Muncie, Indiana. The half Ironman consists of a competitor grinding out a 1.2 mile swim before dragging themselves out of the sometimes frigid waters to undertake a grueling 56-mile bike before wrapping the competition up with a 13.1 mile half-marathon. The half-Ironman found Cathy completing the test in six hours flat with Brandau finishing fifteen minutes later.

"To be a real competitor in a triathlon you need a true triathlon body, which I don't have," the 5-foot-11, 182-pound Brandau said. "You need to be real light. Triathletes are typically people who used to be run-

ners or swimmer and just added the bike but everybody is different. Most races offer a Clydesdale division for men over 200 pounds or an Athena division for women over 150."

According to Brandau, he usually manages one first-place finish a year — which is not contest to Cathy's abilities. Cathy Brandau, a 45-year-old teacher in Novi, stands at 5-foot-3 and weighs in at 117 pounds — a lean frame that gives her the body most female triathletes strive for.

"Last year she entered six races and finished with four firsts and two seconds," Brandau said. "We both won our age group at Coldwater, Michigan last year and this year we both won our respective categories at the Kalamazoo Seahorse Triathlon. This year Cathy has two firsts and a second in three races."

Not everyone is built to compete in a triathlon but Brandau says anyone interested in competing in triathlons should at least be a spectator first or volunteer to work during one.

"My advice for beginners is to definitely go to a triathlon and be a spectator first," he said. "Three years ago I went to a triathlon out in Ann Arbor on a Sunday morning just to watch and I was hooked. I was able to see how important the transition areas were and how important it was not to use a mountain bike. That is how you can tell who the rookies are — they are the ones using the mountain bikes."

According to Brandau, the trouble with bringing a mountain bike to a triathlon is like racing a tortoise against a hare — there is no contest.

"In a typical triathlon bikers are going to average 20 to 23 miles per hour," Brandau said. "If you are on a mountain bike you are going to be lucky to get 15."

Another piece of advice that Brandau had for beginners was to ask questions and to not be embarrassed if you're not ready to compete in the Olympics just yet.

"If you are not a swimmer don't be embarrassed," he said. "Some people breast stroke and some people float on their backs — whatever it takes to complete the swim. Just do the rest of us a favor and start in the back so we don't have to crawl over you."

Through the last three years Brandau has been able to compete in various levels of triathlon competition and even ran in the Detroit Free Press Marathon, but he says there is still one competition he strives to be a part of — the Ironman challenge held in Kona, Hawaii.

"I would really like to do Kona," Brandau said. "You have to qualify for it and I would never qualify. They also do a lottery (offering 150 slots) and every year I try to get lucky and get a lotto spot. I would have to decide if I got it though. You have to swim in the ocean, bike over lava pits into a strong headwind plus a marathon in Hawaii must be a killer. There are other Ironman races around the country and I plan to do one next year."

Brandau says anyone wanting to know more about triathlons can surf the Internet and visit www.cooltri.com. He also noted veteran triathletes as well as anyone interested in becoming a triathlete or wanting to know more about the sport are more than welcome to contact him through his e-mail (beard4295@aol.com).

"Hey let's start a club here in Novi," he said. "There are triathlon clubs out there and we could be next."



Submitted Photo

Dave Brandau sets his pace for the grueling run awaiting him after a swim and a bike in one of the triathlons he has competed in. Brandau and his wife, Cathy, are Novi residents and triathletes.



Submitted Photo

Dave Brandau in the transition area during a triathlon.

Ruiz plays tennis for the fun of it

Novi resident's aggressive behavior not a bad thing

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

It can be something as simple as the swing of a tennis racket that brings joy to a girl's life — just ask Christina Ruiz.

The 12-year-old Ruiz takes tennis to the next level — somewhere between utter enjoyment and ferocious competition. She plays for the sake of playing and she wins because that is what comes naturally to her.

"I really love to play tennis," Ruiz said.

"I love it so much because it is fun and because I have a passion for it."

Ruiz said that one of the aspects of her game that assists her in gathering wins is her aggressive tendencies on the court.

"I like to play the net a lot," she said.

"I am aggressive and a lot of the girls hand back and are not.

When I play aggressive and play up on the net I think it helps me win more points and keeps me in the game."

One of the more important part of Ruiz's game is her ability to keep her head high even in desperate situations.

"I don't let myself get down and I make sure to stay mentally tough," she said.

"That is my strategy when I am out on the court as well as staying aggressive and to keep going at the net."

Ruiz has had the opportunity to test both the singles and doubles version of the tennis world and says that she is a little more fond of the doubles.

"I am just starting to get into doubles but they are so much more fun," she said. "You are part of a team, which you normally don't get to be in tennis, and you talk with your partner and high five — it is just a lot of fun."

Ruiz doubles partner, Kirsten Flower of Columbus, Ohio, is one of the reasons doubles has become so exciting.

According to Susan Ruiz, Christina's mother, the duo has won a national tournament held in May in Columbus before crushing their opponents for the title at the Midwest Closed in Lansing in June.

"Basically every tournament I play double with her," Christina Ruiz said.

"We work well together because we talk a lot. You have to talk for things to go well and for things to click."

To Ruiz, tennis offers something more than other sports — something she just can't put her finger on.

"I have done swimming and gymnastics but they are not as exciting or as fun, I really don't

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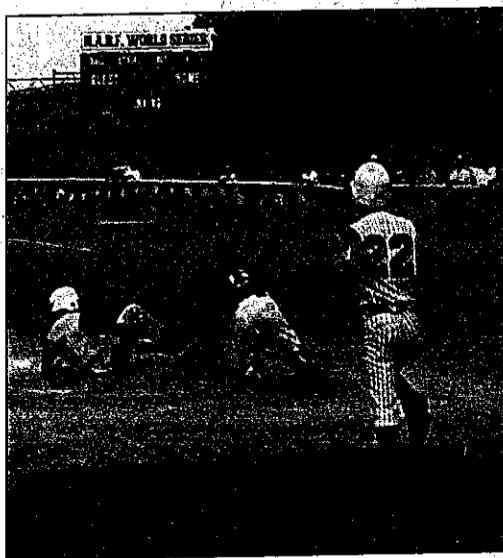


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Dayton's Bridewell slides by Indiana catcher Gaston in the NABF World Series title game. The Indiana Bulls won 10-9 in the eighth.

Indiana crowned NABF champs

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

It was a fitting end to an exciting National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series Championship game as the Indiana Bulls squared off against the Dayton, Ohio Classics Sunday.

The Bulls managed to edge out of a tight situation and literally slide by the Classics in a 10-9 decision in an extra inning after leading the contest 7-1 in the fifth. The winning run came as Kennedy took advantage of a wild pitch that made it past the Classics' catcher and slid into

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Indiana manages tough World Series title win

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home for the win. "Talk about exciting," Indiana coach Jerred Moore said after the game. "I've been with these kids for three years, words can't really describe what I am feeling right now."

The Bulls looked as though they had the game in the bag before a deep double by Classics' catcher Bridewell sent three runners home in the top of the seventh inning and brought the game to a 9-9 tie.

"Give the Classics credit, they are a tough team that really knows how to hit," Moore said. "They turned a six-run deficit into a tied game and pushed us right to the end. The motto of this tournament was winners never quit and in this game the losers didn't quit either."

The Bulls managed to put three Dayton players down in the eighth inning with Knighton sending a pop fly nearly straight up above home plate for Indiana's catcher to hunt down before Sharkey did the same to third base. Dayton's Stevens sent a hopper speeding to Indiana third baseman Eric Osborn

who made the throw to first for the third out. "The kids just relaxed and played their game," Moore said of the Bulls eighth inning performance. "They knew what they had to do and they went out and did it."

The Bulls followed the lead of the Tournament MVP Osborn, who hit two home runs in the contest and pitched two innings to help Indiana to the win.

"These kids are just great," Moore said. "It is going to be hard to see them move on -- hard to let go of them next year."

The majority of the game was a highlight reel for the Indiana Bulls at nearly every position. A diving catch in the outfield, a stretching catch

The Indiana squad, which consisted entirely of 16-year-old players, hoisted their championship trophy with pride while tears flowed down their cheeks and the impressive gathering of friends, family and fans cheered for them.

"These kids worked so hard for so long for this," Moore said.

"I hope they can take the experiences they have here and apply them to life. It showed the character they possess to pull this one out."

The Classics gathered together with their runner-up trophy and said nothing as the Bulls collected their first-place plaques and their championship award. As the Bulls lifted their trophy in the air a round of applause came from the defeated Classics.

"They are a quality ball team," Moore said.

"They deserve full credit for what they did here today. It takes a lot of courage and a lot of heart to battle it out the way they did."

But Moore added that the offense deserved a large part of the credit as well.

"You can't win a game without scoring some runs," he said. "Our bats were hot and it really made the difference that we could keep up with their pitchers."

"My assistant coaches deserve a big part of that credit. They showed these kids the important parts of baseball and have helped them through the struggling moments. Without them this wouldn't have been possible."

Baseball, softball seasons are coming to end for local squads



The Madness include (left to right): Top: Coach Mike Natzel, Sarah Thelen, Kall Blanchard, Dana Frantz, Coach Phyllis Wagner, Kim Natzel, Lindsey Throher and Karen Turkovich. Bottom: Alyssa Wagner, Becky Reichel, Stephanie Conlan and Samantha Huber. Not pictured: Brigid Mulroy, Ashley Gamble, Jordan Sims and Courtney Malinoski.

This time of year is when baseball season gets really exciting and not just for the teams that are heading to state, regional and national tournaments.

Some teams are indeed taking their season to the next level and continuing to compete with the best of the best -- the elite of their age if you will -- in hopes of earning the right to call themselves the number one team in baseball.

There are also the teams that are tying up the end of their schedules and putting the icing on a great summer.

Here are some of the local teams that are advancing in the tournament and some that have wrapped up their seasons:

The Novi Youth Baseball League Bronco Division Cardinals hoisted their trophies in celebration after defeating the Novi A's to become the National League Champions at the Annual Jets Tournament.

Chase Stevens was named the championship game's Most Valuable Player.

The **Michigan Warriors** baseball team finished their season with a 15-3 record.

The Warriors play in the AABC and are comprised of Cory Patterson, Travis Macey, Doug Hassler, Nathan Ball, Lowell Schwab, Scott Smutzki, Paul Shoemaker, R.C. Murphy, Garret Peyton, Steve Beyoff and Sean Herman.

The **11 and 12-year-old Lakes B** youth baseball team cleaned the house with a first place finish in this season's State District Bronco Tournament.

Finals and an undefeated season.

The Lakes B squad is headed for the state finals hosted in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

The Lakes include Steve Little, Casey Johnson, Brad Nedrow, Josh Norris, Josh Harris, Mike Robinson, Ben Kingston, Nick Lusk, John Allen, and Alex Petrix.

The **Motor City Madness** will be taking a trip to Kansas City, Kansas after defeating the Ann Arbor Gold 8-3 in the championship game of the USSSA Mount Clemens Softball Tournament July 22.

The Girls will be headed for the National Championship tournament July 30 to compete for the chance to call themselves the number one team in the United States.

The Madness include Sarah Thelen, Kall Blanchard, Dana Frantz, Kim Natzel, Lindsey Throher, Karen Turkovich, Alyssa Wagner, Becky Reichel, Stephanie Conlan, Samantha Huber, Brigid Mulroy, Ashley Gamble, Jordan Sims and Courtney Malinoski.

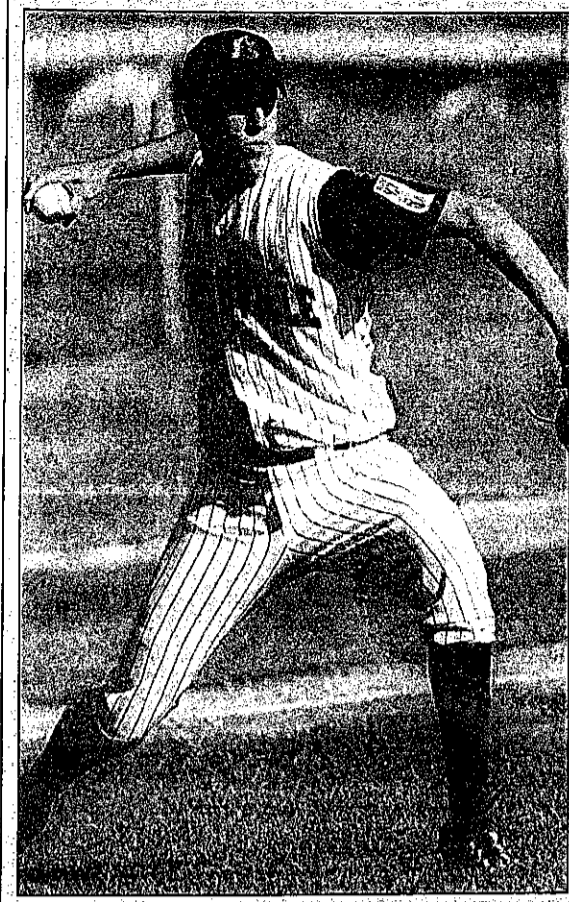
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The Lakes are (left to right): Front: Steve Little, batboy Colin Roberts, Casey Johnson, Brad Nedrow, Josh Norris, Josh Harris. Second: Mike Roberts, Austin Richards, Brad Penn, Frank Robinson. Back: Coach Jeff Roberts, Ben Kingston, Nick Lusk, Josh Allen, Manager Don Kingston, Coach Red Norris and Alex Petrix.



The Novi Expos are (left to right): Front row: Adam Chandler, Josh Baker, Ryan Peters, Dan Kaminski and Dan Piligan. Second row: Jimmy McCusker, Mike Slack, Tom Spislich, Brian Smith, David Bandy, Coaches John Slack, Roy Piligan, John Peters and Carl Chandler. Not pictured: Tom Claverilla and Kyle Potocki.



Northville's Tyler Carter makes a play on a bunt attempt in the first inning of the Broncos' game against the Texas Knights. Carter made all three outs of the inning. Northville lost the game 7-0.

Broncos win one during World Series

Overall 1-3 record has some players satisfied, others wanting more

By SAM EGLESTON, Sports Reporter

For two years running the Northville Broncos have gathered the dedication and intensity needed to win a contest in the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series.

The Broncos, who ended the Series with a 1-3 record, edged B and C Construction 5-4 in game 10 Friday night.

"There are some really good quality ball clubs that come to this tournament," Broncos pitcher Tyler Carter said as he watched the championship game between the Dayton, Ohio Classics and the Indiana Bulls Sunday. "It is in a tournament like this that you get to see how well your team really matches up in the larger scope of baseball."

Northville may have not proven that they were the best team in the tournament, but Carter said that much of what the team was after was obtained together -- the complete game.

"Everybody had fun and that is what is really important," he said. "Yeah, we really wanted to come out here and show that we were as good as the rest of these teams but it didn't work out that way."

According to Carter, the most important thing for his teammates to remember is that there are no regrets.

"We played our hearts out," Carter said. "We gave it everything we had every game and if we lost then that is the way it is. We won a game and finished 1-3 and that is great if you ask me."



Mustang batters had a difficult time catching up to the Texas Knights' pitching in Thursday morning's MABF tilt.

Some of Carter's teammates might not agree with everything the mound master had to say about the tournament.

"When we were going into this we wanted to win the World Series," Broncos Matt Sebastian said. "It is really disappointing that we only managed to win one game. We wanted to go further then one win, we wanted to show everyone that we were as good as the rest of these teams."

Though Northville managed to win only one game in the tournament, Carter said that there was a lot learned by each and every member of the team -- including first year coach Aaron Kriepner.

"He taught us a lot about baseball and what it takes to bring our games to the next level," Carter said. "We taught him a lot about coaching too. Once we both started learning from each other it really started to work out."

The Broncos couldn't put together the complete game needed to win their other contests during the Series and found themselves lacking where the other teams did not.

"These teams are just amazing," Sebastian said. "They don't have any weak spots. You can try and place your hits or throw your best pitches and they are going to be able to deal with it."

Northville earned the tournament against the Texas Knights and held the game close until the fifth inning when an errant throw to the Jason Krug behind home plate bounced in the dirt and over his shoulder, allowing

runs to score and the Knights to take a 5-0 lead before the inning closed.

The Knights managed to hold the scoreless Northville squad to no hits as well.

"It was a tough game and we were the one that made the first mistake," Coach Kriepner said after the opening game of the Series. "At this level all it takes for a team to make the first mistake and that can mean the end of a ball game. Unfortunately we made more than one mistake and it showed."

Kriepner said that even with the talent level that had gathered in Northville for the World Series, it was a rare game that his Northville Broncos would get bled.

"It takes a lot of well-placed pitches and a lot of bad luck for us to not get a hit," he said. "These teams are good. They no doubt deserve to be in this tournament."

The tournament was brightened by the players on the Northville team.

"Tyler Carter has been consistent all season long," Kriepner said.

"He has a lot of talent. Kyle Ghedotte is a quality player as well. They are all good kids."

Twelve-year-old tennis player already has gold ball, nationals under her belt

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daughter's ambitions in the sport know why I like tennis more," she said. "I have more fun playing tennis than any other sport I have ever played. I love it."

One of the positive aspects of tennis for Ruiz is the support she receives from her parents.

"They are great and they have always been so supportive of me," she said. "I have taken her further than some of the other girls. I have always made tennis something fun and exciting to be a part of."

With a title win at the Super National Hardcourts in

Alpharetta, Georgia, Ruiz was awarded a very coveted prize -- the gold ball.

"Apparently it is a pretty coveted award," Susan Ruiz said. "After they won the doubles people told her that some tennis players work a lifetime and never win it."

To Christina Ruiz, tennis is more than just a sport or hobby -- it is a way of life.

"I hope to get a scholarship to a good university," she said.

Ruiz also noted that it takes more than hard work on the court to win a tennis match.

"You have to get pretty good grades to be efficient in tennis," she said.

"It takes a lot of thinking and a lot of strategy to win day in and day out. That is what makes tennis so tough and that is one of the reasons I like it so much."

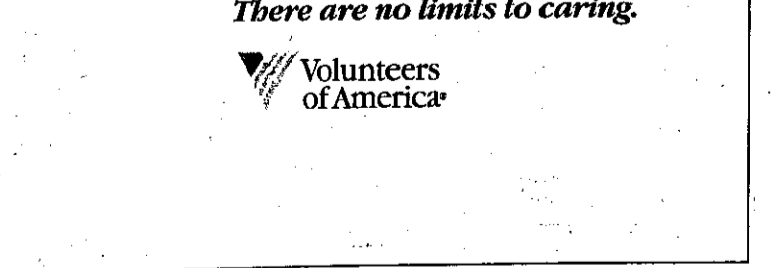
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Buying or selling, know who your real estate agent is

There are several types of relationships in real estate: seller's agent, buyer's agent, dual agent and transaction coordinator. As harmless as these may seem, agency relationships in real estate can be confusing.

First, let us lay the groundwork. The agency relationship is always with the broker/real estate company. When you choose a real estate agent to market your home, the listing agreement/contract is with the broker/real estate company and the real estate agent that you interviewed is a subagent to the broker. For example, Mr. and Mrs. John Seller interviews Susie Subagent from XYZ Real Estate for the job of selling their home. Susie Subagent shares her marketing plan and informs Mr. and Mrs. John Seller what the listing commission will be. Mr. and Mrs. John Seller decide they like the marketing presentation and are pleased with the commission rate, so they decide to list their home with Susie Subagent.

Even though Susie is the real estate agent that Mr. and Mrs. John Seller interviewed and she is the person who will be advertising their home as well as negotiating on behalf of the sellers, the actual "agent" for the Seller is XYZ Real Estate. Susie is the "subagent".

Similarly, when a purchaser establishes a relationship with a real estate agent and chooses to have that agent



Gary Reggish
Real Estate

represent him in their new home purchase, the actual "agent" for the Purchaser is XYZ Real Estate and the real estate agent that the purchaser has chosen to work with is the "sub-agent".

A broker delegates duties to a subagent, whether the subagent is a listing specialist or a buyer specialist. Ultimately the broker bears responsibility for the salesperson's actions.

Whatever kind of relationship exists, the agent or subagent must live up to certain fiduciary duties by law.

A seller's agent/subagent is one who represents — solely — the best interest of the seller. The agent/subagent must, in every case, inform the seller of any information about the buyer that will be advantageous to the seller's negotiating position. The seller's agent/subagent duty is to negoti-

ate on behalf of the seller, promoting the seller's best interest. The seller's agent/subagent must adhere to absolute confidentiality in regard to any information that may compromise the seller's negotiating position (i.e. the seller has been transferred and must sell their home by the end of the month). This does not include disclosure of any known material defect. By law, any known material defect must be disclosed to the purchaser.

A buyer's agent/subagent is one who represents, solely, the best interest of the buyer. The agent/subagent must, in every case, inform the buyer of any information about the seller that will be advantageous to the buyer's negotiating position. The buyer's agent/subagent duty is to negotiate on behalf of the buyer, promoting the buyer's best interest. The buyer's agent/subagent must adhere to absolute confidentiality in regard to any information that may compromise the buyer's negotiating position (i.e. the buyer has sold their home and must find a home in two weeks or they will not have a place to live).

Dual agency can be a little confusing and we will demonstrate dual agency in the following example.

Susie Subagent lists Mr. and Mrs. Seller's home. Susie and the company she works for (XYZ Real Estate) are contracted with Mr. and Mrs. Seller as seller's agent/subagent. Susie

receives a phone call one afternoon from a past client, Mr. and Mrs. Buyer who inform Susie that they want to move and would like Susie and her company to represent them as a buyer's agent/subagent. Susie agrees. After meeting with her clients, Susie realizes that the home that Mr. and Mrs. Seller are selling would be perfect for her clients. Susie has now found herself in a "Dual" agency position. Susie is contracted with Mr. and Mrs. Seller to represent their best interest and negotiate the highest possible price for their home, and at the same time she is contracted with Mr. and Mrs. Buyer to represent their best interest and negotiate the best possible value for the home that they decide to purchase.

In the above example Susie Subagent found herself in a "dual" agency relationship, and therefore XYZ Real Estate was also in a dual agency relationship. The following example will demonstrate how XYZ Real Estate will again find itself in a dual agency position:

Remember, the real estate office/broker ultimately holds the relationship with the seller and/or buyer. The licensee actually working closely with the seller and/or buyer is one who cannot share confidential information with either the seller or

the buyer and the negotiating ability is limited. On the upside, the licensee that possesses the most knowledge of the positive aspects of the home is the listing agent/subagent. This can be a real advantage to the seller. From the buyer's perspective, the listing agent is still required by law to disclose any known material defects that the home may have. The agent/subagent becomes a middle-person working to create a win-win situation between seller and buyer.

Since Susie is the subagent to the seller and Joe is the subagent to the buyer, and Susie and Joe both work for XYZ Real Estate, XYZ Real Estate is an agent to both the seller and the buyer, a dual agency.

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advertising and marketing Mr. and Mrs. Seller's home. One morning Susie coordinates a home tour of the Seller's home and brings many agents from her office over to preview the Seller's home. An agent from Susie's office, Joe Salesman, informs Susie that he just started working closely with a buyer that is relocating to the area. He believes that the Seller's home would be perfect for his client. After showing his client the Seller's home, his client agrees that the home is just what he is looking for.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing and is currently employed as a labor and delivery nurse at St. John Hospital, Detroit. The groom-elect graduated from Lawrence Tech. He is currently employed as an electrical engineer at Rockwell Automation in Troy.

A September wedding will be held in Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, followed by a reception in Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The couple will celebrate their honeymoon in Hawaii.

Engagements



Kemp-Colletta

Myles and Patty Kearney of Salem Township, formerly of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly, to Jeff Arenz, the son of Keith and Kathy Arenz of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated from Kalamazoo College in 2000 and plans to attend medical school.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School. He received his bachelor's degree this year from Kalamazoo College, and owns a landscaping and lawn care business in the Northville/Novi area.

An October wedding will be held at St. John's Center in Plymouth.

Robert and Sandra Kemp of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Sue, to Jack Joseph Colletta, the son of Louis and Dorothy Colletta of Port Austin, formerly of St. Clair Shores.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing and is currently employed as a labor and delivery nurse at St. John Hospital, Detroit. The groom-elect graduated from Lawrence Tech. He is currently employed as an electrical engineer at Rockwell Automation in Troy.

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Kearney-Arenz



Richardson-Kenney

David and Elizabeth Kamish of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Michael, to Kris Dawson, the daughter of Cherry Dawson of Battle Creek and Michael Dawson of Jupiter, Fla.

The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Lakeside High School, Battle Creek and a 1988 graduate of Michigan State University. She is a senior account executive at Keane Inc.

The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Novi High School and a 1986 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a senior account executive at Lexis-Nexis.

Their October wedding will be held in Battle Creek.

Greg and Nancy Richardson of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Dena, to John Kenney, the son of Patrick and Irene Kenney of Westchester, N.Y.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School. She is currently studying at the University of Phoenix and is employed at Computware, Farmington.

The groom-elect is a 1986 graduate of St. Regis in New York City; a 1992 graduate of St. John's University in New York; and is now employed at UniTrust Bank, Park Ridge, N.J.

Their wedding will be held in Negri, Jamaica, during the spring 2002.



Kamish-Dawson

Rick and Nancy Pantaleo of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Andrew Axe, the son of Jackie Axe of Kalamazoo and Fred Axe of San Mateo, Calif.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School. She received her bachelor's degree in 2000 from Western Michigan University and her master's degree

this year from the University of Michigan. She is currently employed as a school social worker.

The groom-elect graduated from Paw Paw High School in 1997. He is a current graduate of Western Michigan University and is now employed at Tektronix Inc. in Portland, Ore.

A September wedding is planned.

Religion

Single Place, an extension of First Presbyterian Church of Northville will be hosting a divorce recovery workshop from Aug. 16 through Sept. 27. Various speakers will be present at the workshops, held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. A \$30 fee will cover the cost of materials. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

Also at Single Place — a grandparent/grandchild vacation in Cedar Lake, Ind. will be held Aug. 16-19 at Cedar Lake Bible Camp. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

St. William Parish / Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a rummage sale Aug. 1-3, beginning at 9 a.m. Household items, baby equipment, sports items, books and clothing will be available for sale. Proceeds benefit the church. For more information, call (248) 685-2025.

Community Events

A blood drive will be held at Home Depot in Northville Township on Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (800) 448-3543.

The Northville Township Police Officers & Command Officers Association will be holding a four-person golf scramble to benefit the associations' benevolent charities. The outing, scheduled for Aug. 22, will begin at 11 a.m. at Northville Hills Golf Club. Tickets are \$150 and include golf, cart, dinner, three hours of open bar and a trophy and prize presentation for top finishers.

The 100th Sheep Drama Group will be performing their stage production, "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" on Aug. 3 at Gentili's Little Theatre. Tickets are \$15, the proceeds from which will benefit feeding children in Albania. For more information, call (517) 548-1408.

The Northville Hockey / Golf

Booster will be holding a benefit golf outing / auction on Aug. 13 at the Links of Novi. The scramble begins with an 11 a.m. shotgun start. Tickets are \$120 per person, which includes golf, cart, dinner and a snack at the turn. A \$2,500 golf trip to Myrtle Beach will be available for the auction and the event will also feature a hole-in-one contest.

Proceeds will benefit the Northville Golf and hockey teams. For more information, call (248) 349-3522.

The Northville Newcomers will hold their annual kickoff meeting at First United Methodist Church on Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. Dues of \$20 per household can be paid that evening, at which time family members can sign up for a variety of interest groups, including bridge, euchre, bowling, wine tasting, book discussion and Moms & Tots. The club is open to any resident of the Novi-Northville area, and newness to the community isn't necessary.

For more information, call (248) 347-3537.

Northville VFW Post No. 4012 will be sponsoring a steak cookout on Aug. 10 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the VFW hall. Dinner includes a steak, baked potato, salad, bread, cake and coffee or tea.

Tickets are \$8 each, but larger-size steaks may be purchased for an additional fee. For more information, call (248) 348-1490.

The Educational Merit Foundation is looking for volunteer families to host high school students from Europe, Japan and Korea this year. Students will arrive in August to attend local public schools and are looking to experience life in America. Students speak English but are expected to share in daily household responsibilities. For more information, call (972) 485-8898.

The Bugs Beddoe Band will be performing Aug. 3 at the Northville Bandshell from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The group won the 2000 Detroit Music Award for best rhythm and blues band. For more information, call (248) 546-2847.

Births



Nicholas Grant Korte

Leciana and Andrew Korte of Walled Lake announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Grant, born June 30 at 9:31 a.m. in Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, Commerce Township. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches in length.

Nicholas has a brother, Andrew Jr. His grandparents are Milyn and Nancy Byers of South Rockwood and Don and Marge Korte of Dearborn Heights.

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Coloring Contest

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This inaugural showcase will feature special guests, including Blue from "Blues Clues," dancers, clowns, jugglers, magicians and face painters. Local celebrities will also be flipping pancakes at a morning breakfast, with all proceeds benefiting the Children's Charities Coalition.

Plus, the morning's focus on safety will include expert demonstrations and interactive displays from Ford's "Boost America!" educating parents on the proper use of booster seats for children ages 4-8. "Kids Care" fingerprinting stations will also be on-site as back-to-school time reminds us of the importance of child identification.

For more information, log onto www.revvinwithford.com or call 1-800-4-REVVIN

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1. Contest is open to all children of any age
2. There will be 70 winners selected
3. Winners will be contacted on Tuesday, August 14, 2001
4. Winners must be at the event in Shain Park and in line for photo with Blue at 9:45 a.m. August 18
5. The winner will be photographed with BLUE
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Richardson-Kenney

David and Elizabeth Kamish of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Michael, to Kris Dawson, the daughter of Cherry Dawson of Battle Creek and Michael Dawson of Jupiter, Fla.

The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Lakeside High School, Battle Creek and a 1988 graduate of Michigan State University. She is a senior account executive at Keane Inc.

The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Novi High School and a 1986 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a senior account executive at Lexis-Nexis.

Their October wedding will be held in Battle Creek.

Kamish-Dawson

Rick and Nancy Pantaleo of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Andrew Axe, the son of Jackie Axe of Kalamazoo and Fred Axe of San Mateo, Calif.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School. She received her bachelor's degree in 2000 from Western Michigan University and her master's degree this year from the University of Michigan. She is currently employed as a school social worker.

The groom-elect graduated from Paw Paw High School in 1997. He is a current graduate of Western Michigan University and is now employed at Tektronix Inc. in Portland, Ore.

A September wedding is planned.

Pantaleo-Axe

Religion

Single Place, an extension of First Presbyterian Church of Northville will be hosting a divorce recovery workshop from Aug. 16 through Sept. 27. Various speakers will be present at the workshops, held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. A \$30 fee will cover the cost of materials. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

Also at Single Place — a grandparent/grandchild vacation in Cedar Lake, Ind. will be held Aug. 16-19 at Cedar Lake Bible Camp. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

St. William Parish / Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a rummage sale Aug. 1-3, beginning at 9 a.m. Household items, baby equipment, sports items, books and clothing will be available for sale. Proceeds benefit the church. For more information, call (248) 685-2025.

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FUN IN THE SUN



Anagramania

You may think Scrabble gave its dying breath when Chuck Woolery hosted the television version of the board game 10 years ago. But you'd be wrong — the smartest Scrabble-types (or the folks who just have waaaaay to much time on their hands...we don't know which) figured out some of the most amazing anagrams you're ever going to see. You know...anagrams? Those phrases that can have the letters rearranged to become something else?

And being the thieves that we are, we're going to steal a few of these nuggets for your XTRA-reading pleasure.

ASTRONOMERS:
Moon starters

DESPERATION:
A rope ends it

A DECIMAL POINT:
I'm a dot in place

THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL:
Claim "Heck, I sent it (heh!)"

VALENTINE POEMS:
Pen mates in love

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE:
Can ruin a selected victim

LATE NIGHT CHINESE FOOD PARTY:
Heating the crispy noodle fat

...and according to Uncle John's All-Purpose Extra Strength Bathroom Reader, here's the undisputed all-time anagram champion of them all.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE: THAT IS THE QUESTION, WHETHER 'TIS NOBLER IN THE MIND TO SUFFER THE SLINGS AND ARROWS OF OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE:
In one of the bard's best thought-of tragedies, our insistent hero, Hamlet, queries on two fronts about how life turns rotten.

Useless trivia that will get you dumb looks at parties:

- You'd weigh nothing at the exact center of the Earth.

- Former president Gerald Ford's favorite food was cottage cheese with A-1 sauce.

- Winchester, Va. was captured 84 times during the Civil War.

- Before he became an actor, Sean Connery polished coffins for a living.

Weekly World News headline 'o the week

Alien blob ate my truck!

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Not even the rain could stop the fun had at the Novi CARE program's County Fair last week.

Even though the party had to be moved inside, the ITC Center nevertheless made for a perfect place for many youngsters to kick off their shoes and have a hee-haw of a good time.

With an abundance of tasty treats, goody games, and extraordinary entertainment, the children of the Community Education program could not have enjoyed a better afternoon.

"Despite the rain, it seems like everyone is still having a great time," said CARE coordinator Paul Hendricks.

With a number of children buzzing past him, Hendricks had a hard time talking over the cheers and laughter of more than 100 kids that filled the cafeteria.

"We've got more (children) in the gymnasium as well," he said.

Hendricks, now serving his third year as a CARE coordinator, said the program began planning the event back in April.

"Our goal is to have a new theme each year," he said.

Last year's theme was the Chinese New Year, decorated with paper dragons and lanterns.

But this year the event welcomed activity arenas like Cousin Bob's Bobbing For Apples, Peggy Sue's Pie Eating Contest, and other funny farm events that made the County Fair a success.

While there wasn't a pig calling contest, there were some interesting sounds made with the mini-festival's Karaoke machine in the gym.

Here students like 11-year-old Laura Reyes, Kathleen MacDonald, and Claudia Miculici could be found belting out tunes by Jessica Simpson, N'Sync, and the Backstreet Boys.

"It's a lot of fun," Miculici said, referring to the fair. "It's great to be able to hang out with my friends and be entertained."

Back over in the cafeteria, Vickie Wang, Adam Dreisbach, Kevin Slawinski and Michael

Renkiewicz were busy playing games like Slinkin' The Lincoln, Crazy Clothespin, and Lucky Ducks.

The students explained that as they play each game, their performance earns them tickets to purchase things like snow cones and cotton candy.

Other activities enjoyed at the fair included face painting, making balloon animals, and playing video arcade games like pinball.

Nine-year-old Madeline Price said aside from the fair, the CARE program offers a number of kinds of fun activities all summer long.

"We get to go on lots of field trips...watch movies, and make stuff. It's so much fun," she said.

Field trips have included visits to the Howell Ropes Course and the wave pool.

Eleven-year-old Evanne Greenko also agreed that the program has proven to be a great way to spend the summer.

"It's a lot better than sitting around the house being bored," she said.

CARE, which stands for Children's Activities in a Responsible Environment, runs through the summer until Aug. 15, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays.

Hendricks said the program has seen its highest level of members with nearly 180 youths enrolled this summer.

"Each year we've added a grade. Last year we added seventh and this year eighth," he said.

To learn more about CARE, please call (248) 449-1712 or (248) 449-1713. Cost to enroll is \$25 per day and \$20 for each additional child. CARE also runs throughout the school year, before and after school. CARE is offered at all five elementary schools as well as Novi Meadows for 5th and 6th grade students.

More information on CARE can be obtained at the CARE website at:

www.novi.k12.mi.us/ce/care.html

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Nikko Laudicina enjoys a cotton candy cone during last Wednesday's CARE summer carnival.

JUST KID-DING

If destinations outside of the Novi-Northville area are beckoning your younger ones in the waning days of summer, here are some places you may want to check out:

■ Cedar Point
Sandusky, Ohio
(419) 627-2108
Adults: \$39
Children (age 4, under 48): \$15
Children (under 3): FREE

■ Michigan's Adventure
Whitehall, Mich.
(231) 766-3377
Adults: \$20
Children (under 2): FREE

■ Six Flags Worlds of Adventure
Aurora, Ohio
(330) 562-8303
Adults: \$40
Children (under 48): \$20
Children (under 2): FREE



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

CARE camper Adam Dreisbach goes deep for some fruit while diving for apples during the summer carnival for the Novi day-care program.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

CARE campers Chrissy Looney, left, and Michelle Culbert, both 9, compete in a balloon race during last week's summer carnival.

Some old kids' classics to fill a summer afternoon

OCTOPUS TAG

One person stands in the middle of the boundary area. The rest of the kids line up at an end of the bounds and when the tagger gives the word, they all run to the other side of the bounds. Whoever the tagger tags then has to stay and help the tagger, except that the additional people that are tagged have to sit down, and can only help "it" by using their arms. This goes back and forth until you're down to the last person who then starts the next round. The

game is best when played with a lot of kids.

KICK THE CAN

This is an exciting combination of hide and seek and tag. One person closes his eyes and counts to some high number, while everyone else hides. Then, the person who counted (who has incidentally been guarding "the can") has to run around the neighborhood and find everybody. The tricky part is that once a person is found, they have a race, where the person who

has just been found has to try to kick the can over before the counter tags him.

RED DEVIL

This game works best when played around a house or building. Players all begin in front of the house. Red Devil is the player who is "it." The Red Devil faces the other players and declares, "I'm thinking of a type of (shoe, car, candy bar,

etc.)" The other players then try to guess what the Red Devil is thinking of (for example, Nike, Adidas, or Keds). The Red Devil calls out the name of the player who eventually guesses the correct item. Then, the Red Devil and the player who guessed correctly take off running around the house in opposite directions. The first person to make it back to the starting line becomes the Red Devil. (After players get tired, the rules can change to: the first person to get back to the starting line is not the Red Devil.)