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Robbery suspect caught

By LON HUHMANN Staff Writer

The manhunt for the Standard Federal Bank robber has ended and he has confessed to several other area bank robberies.

According to Northville city police det. Sgt. Dave Fendelet, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents from the Detroit office along with Fendelet arrested Novi resident Keith David Thomas, 29, in an

Ypsilanti apartment for the Aug. 14 Northville robbery that netted him \$11,666.

The arrest was made with the assistance of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. Law enforcement officials were led to the Ypsilanti apartment by a friend of Thomas'.

Novi police det. Todd Inger said, in his confession Thomas informed them that he had tried to contact his friend in Ypsilanti, but he was

on vacation. However, the friend finally arrived home and heard about the robberies. Inger said this led the friend to contact the authorities to inform them that he would set up a meeting with Thomas so they could arrest him.

Fendelet said the arrest went well and Thomas did not resist. In his confession, Thomas admitted to robbing the Novi banks of Michigan National of \$6,000 and National City of \$10,000. Thomas also con-

fessed to robbing a bank in Rochester Hills. He told police that his robbery spree was due to the fact that he was in debt.

Thomas said after fleeing the police he hid under some bushes and leaves for nearly six hours as the police searched the woods between Interstate 96 and Twelve Oaks Mall, according to Fendelet. He then walked to the Village Green apartment complex in Farmington Hills where he was

previously employed. In an empty apartment, he showered and then stole a credit card.

Inger said Thomas then took a taxi cab to Detroit Metro Airport on Aug. 16. Fendelet said Thomas had purchased a ticket for a flight to New York City earlier this month and he then attempted to change flights, but he became fearful of his potential arrest so he left the air-

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Arena starts to melt

Still in the red, but officials find "bright spots"

By KELLI COOLEY Editor

Although still in the hole financially, city officials and Novi Ice Arena managers found a few positives to help ease the pain.

Budget year for the ice arena ended on June 30 and a loss of \$244,000 was recorded in the books. However, the net loss for 1999-2000 was \$401,855, a difference in debt of \$157,855, according to Kathy Smith-Roy, finance director/treasurer for the city.

City and arena officials still have a goal to get the ice arena on its feet and the process is beginning to slowly move upwards.

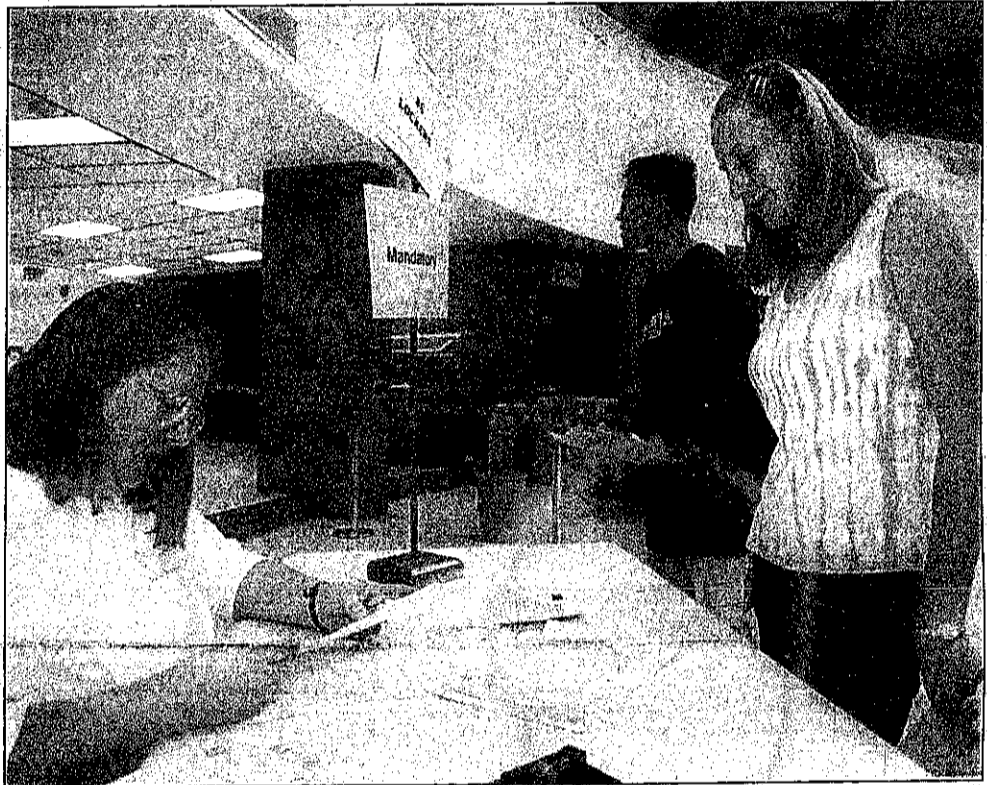
"There were representations about the ice arena when it was built that it would pay for itself in operational costs and in debt. Those expectations were not accurate so people's disappointment was more than normal," said Novi city manager Richard Helwig. "This spring, the competition became more fierce with supply greater than demand. However, we found a bright spot financially when city council authorized the Sprint Communications Tower (raised near the arena). That gave \$50,000 to the ice arena fund."

Another factor in the ice arena's slow but sure progress is Suburban Arena Management, and specifically Tom Anastos, who took over the falling arena two years ago.

"I'm optimistic things are progressing forward. When we took over we informed council that it would require tough love to go through the transition. There is no quick and easy solution. I think we're pretty well on target, I'm realistic, but came on board pretty open-minded," Anastos said.

The arena also sprung some unexpected problems upon Anastos and his crew. Over the last

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Donna Robbins, left, helps incoming Novi High School sophomore Martina Lombardi get her locker assignment last Friday. Novi Schools' first day begins on Aug. 27.

Heading back

Freshmen get a glimpse of what's to come at bbq picnic

By KELLI COOLEY Editor

Getting a little taste of what's to come, the class of 2005 entered the hallways of Novi High for the first time on Monday to participate in a picnic and gathering session.

Incoming freshmen devoured food made by parents and faculty at the barbecue picnic on Aug. 20 then moseyed into the cafeteria where they found out about the multitude of organizations they could belong to.

Newcomer Sarah Celeski said her parents wanted to come to the picnic to volunteer their time while she hung out with friends Audrey Oh, Ashleigh Rainko, Janna Ramsey and first time Novi student Michelle McHugh. McHugh moved to Novi from Garden City.

Also with Celeski was Alyssa Roland who said she came to hang out with her friends and donate food for the picnic.

"(The picnic) provides students with a chance to foster friendships and get enthusiastic about the new school year. Families can meet with other parents their children's age and brand new stu-



Donna Pollard with son Erik and friend Justin McGinnis, both freshmen.

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Official visit



Members of the educational committee delegation from Tianjin China, including Li Wen Xi (leaning over) and Wang Dong Jun, stop and chat with Andrew Shih during their visit to various Novi facilities last Wednesday. The long-awaited delegation was able to obtain their visas last month.

Novi passenger survives plane crash at Downs

By LON HUHMANN Staff Writer

A 65-year-old Salem Township resident and his Novi passenger were forced to make an emergency landing at Northville Downs Saturday because of mechanical problems with his plane.

Pete Waters, 65, suffered lacerations and possible broken bones in the incident, which sent the plane he built smashing into a brick wall on the Downs' campus.

According to eyewitness Howard Payne, the crash landing occurred around 11:15 a.m. as he and his family stood outside his garage on St. Lawrence Boulevard near Seven Mile and Sheldon roads. Payne said he heard a swooshing sound

as the plane glided over his condo toward the race track.

"The pilot came from the southwest barely missing the treetops and we could see there was a problem because the propeller was stationary," Payne said. "The flaps were down as well."

Payne said he and his family were surprised at what they had seen, but when they heard the chilling sound of the plane impacting at the track they immediately called 911. He said he proceeded toward the track with his son just as Northville city police officer Glenn Stewart was arriving.

"We were the first to the crash scene and as we ran to the sur-

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### Plane lands in Downs

Continued from 1...Vvovs we observed that they had managed to crawl about 10 or so feet from the plane...The Northville city police report said Waters had experienced engine problems...A police report said Waters evaded the light poles that encircle parts of the track as well as the soccer goals and scoring building at mid-field.



Photo by KELLY COOLEY

NHS Incoming freshmen Ashleigh Rainko, Alyssa Roland, Audrey Oh, Sarah Cateski, Jenna Ramsey and Michelle McHugh gather at the picnic to discuss their summer.

### Freshmen get acquainted

Continued from 1...Current upperclassmen members of extracurricular activities and volunteers set up booths in the cafeteria to allow the new students to familiarize themselves with the different clubs and ask questions or find a contact to join a club...Elsa Balon, 2001 NHS graduate, said extracurricular activities helps makes friends as the Japanese Club did for her.

### Novi resident stole for gambling debts

Continued from 1...part. Inger said they had learned he checked in at the airport with his Eastern Michigan University student identification...He seems like an intelligent guy," Inger said. "He just made a wrong turn."

### Ice Arena still in the red financially

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# Planning director has years of experience under her belt

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL Staff Writer

Leslie Meyers has seen a legion of changes in the area and she looks forward to being part of new changes as director of planning and development for Walled Lake. City council members granted approval for Meyers to lead the city in planning and development at their Aug. 14 special meeting. She will be replacing Mike Howell who left the position last month to work in a private company. Meyers, who grew up in the lakes area, was selected out of 20 people who applied. She will be starting the position Sept. 4 with a salary of \$53,000 per year. After all applicants were reviewed, four finalists for the position were selected. City officials formed a committee to interview

the finalists. They decided that Meyers was the leading candidate. "She has great dedication and enthusiasm and she will serve her job well," city manager Phil Vawter said. Meyers will also benefit the community because she knows the area well, he said. It's also beneficial that she knows so many people in the community. She has experience in both planning and building, which is important because in Walled Lake she will be in charge of both facets, he said. One of the other factors for her selection was that she is easy to talk to and she has passion for her work. "She's very down to earth," Vawter said. "One of the things she asked at the interview was 'I won't have to sit behind a desk all day,

will I?'" Meyers currently serves as director of planning and zoning for Huron Township and previously served as zoning administrator in Hamburg Township. "I am extremely impressed by Leslie's enthusiasm for the local planning process and her extensive experience in the field," Vawter said. "She will be a valuable member of our management team." Meyers is looking forward to working with future development in Walled Lake. Walled Lake offers a lot of challenges as far as redevelopment and there are still development opportunities," Meyers said and added that there are 140 acres of land left for new development. Her drive will be dramatically less, Meyers, of Highland, noted that she has a two to three hour a

day commute to work at her current job and it has been wearing on her. "It's going to be about 12 minutes from my home," Meyers said. "So that's exciting as well." She said Howell was an excellent director and she will follow his footsteps. "I look forward to finishing his goals and his objectives for the city as well as establish my own," Meyers said. She began her planning career as planning commissioner for Wolverine Lake in the early 1980s while she attended Oakland

University in the public administration program. Meyers' devotion to planning kept growing stronger and she decided to attend Michigan State University where she studied urban planning. She graduated in 1992. She took her first position in planning in Hamburg. However, her experience has piled up over the years. She has been married to Rick for the last 23 years and she has an adult son and daughter. The Meyers own a tool and die shop, DG Ornding, in Commerce Township.

Although she has moved several times within the lakes area, her roots are firmly in Walled Lake. "My mother graduated from Walled Lake High School," Meyers said. "I grew up in Union Lake. We moved to Highland and then moved to Wolverine Lake and back to Highland." Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or ddeel@ht.hometown.com.

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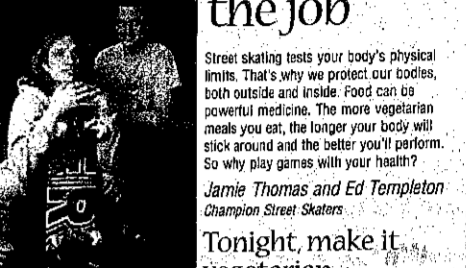
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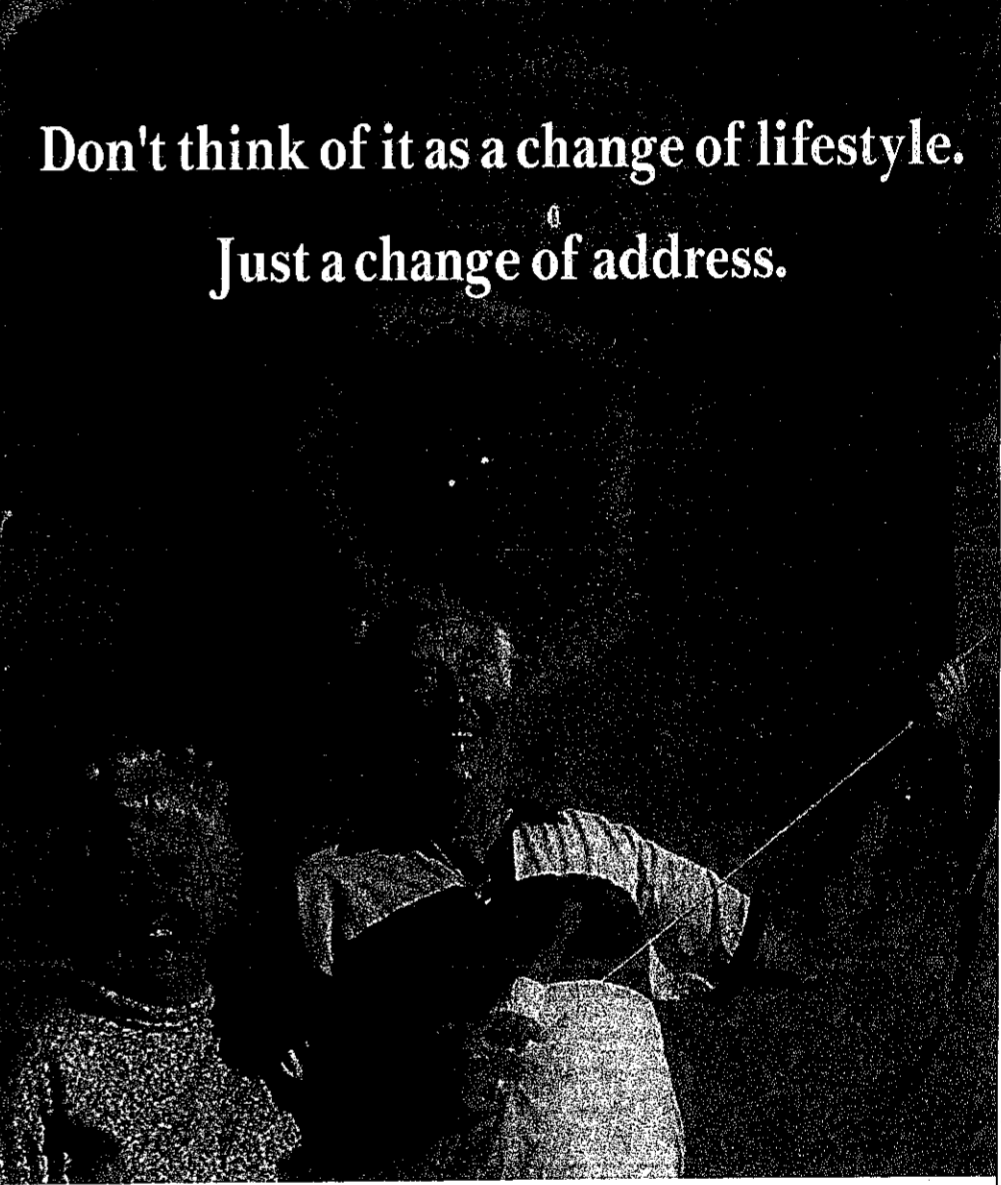


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### On Campus

Carlle Buciere recently participated in a computer graphics summer camp at Purdue University.

The program offered hands-on computer sessions in such areas as graphics, and multi-media design, computer animation, and WWW development. Participants attended the computer animation film festival and participated in numerous tours that highlighted computer graphics applications.

Buciere is the daughter of Vicki and Frank Buciere of Northville. She will return to Northville High School this fall as a senior.

Eric Tkaczyk has recently been inducted into Phi Beta

Kappa Society at Purdue University. Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most respected undergraduate honors organization in the country.

Tkaczyk is a junior majoring in electrical engineering and mathematics. He is the son of Richard and Anne Tkaczyk of Northville.

Alissa V. Burton made the Dean's List for spring quarter at Davenport University-Dearborn campus. She was recognized for achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Burton is a part-time student from Northville.

Graduating this spring from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor were the following local

area students:

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Kristen A. Castleman, master of arts; James Cotton III, bachelor's, nuclear engineering; Jared J. Cromas, bachelor's degree, computer engineering; Bethany S. Gengler, master of urban planning; Beth A. Handley, bachelor's in engineering; Lyndsay N. Huot, bachelor's, general science; Nicholas V. Katcherian, bachelor's, chemical engineering; Min Ling, master of science degree; Patrick M. McNeal, bachelor in chemical engineering; Paul R. Stachura, bachelor's, naval architecture and urban design; and Michael C. Vartanian, doctor of musical arts; and Adam R. Weber, bachelor's degree, chemical engineering.

Shannon M. Andrews, bachelor's, general science; Nicholas J. Angelocci, bachelor's, chemical engineering; Linda J. Bacella-Bush, master of arts degree; Steven E. Blaharski, bachelor's, naval architecture and urban design; Yizhou Cao, Rackham school certificate of graduate studies; Steven Chang, master of public policy degree; Lynn M. DiGirolamo, bachelor's, general science; John M. Dodson II, master's, public administration; Alan A. Dombkowski, master of science degree; Robert D. Hopkins, doctor of education; Angela Huber, doctor of musical art; James J. Karlavage, bachelor's, chemical engineering; Richard A. Kowal, bachelor's, musical art; Monica A. Nayakwadi, master's, health services; Janette M. Nunn, bachelor's, chemical engineering; Kristi E. Oikarinen, master's, urban planning; Tomas V. Sigedas, bachelor of science, civil and environment; Arjan Srinivasan, bachelor's, general science; and Cynthia A. Wampler, bachelor's, general science; and Sarah M. Wright, bachelor's, general science.

John S. Sannar of Northville has been selected a recipient of the University of Rochester Humanities Award. Recognition as a Humanities Award winner is an outstanding secondary school honor.

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### Cub Scouts creates new pack due to growth in area

By KELLI COOLEY Editor

They're signing up by the droves; so much so Cub Scouts have created a new pack in Novi to let even more boys in grades one through five join in the excitement.

Pack 50 of Novi had 120 members last year when most packs have 70-80 boys in them. With the influx of population in those grades and a new elementary in Novi, a new pack is definitely in need.

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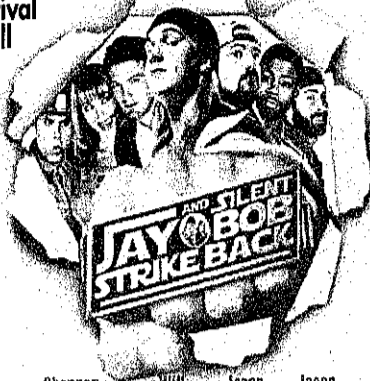
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## Novi, Walled Lake athletics ready to roll

### Wildcat football looking to run, throw, dominate against its opponents

By SAM EGGLESTON  
Sports Reporter

With a solid core of returning gridgers from last season, the Novi Wildcats football team is looking to follow the lead of experience to possibly another playoff berth.

The Wildcats, led by senior quarterback and free safety Matt Gorman, will be looking to the seniors and returning juniors to lead the way.

"We have a decent core of returning players," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Matt Gorman is one of the finest players I have seen. With him the senior class needs to step up and play well. There is a lot of leadership in that class and their play-off experience should help us to a good start to the season."

The Wildcats, who ended their season at the hands of Northville in the playoffs last season, are returning three offensive linemen, a running back, two receivers, a defensive lineman, one linebacker and three defensive backs.

"We need to get to know each other as a team," Kellepourey

said. "The kids with experience and the upcoming juniors need to click and things will start to pan out."

According to Kellepourey, some of the top players the Wildcats will have to offer when they take on their opponents in the Kensington Valley Conference include senior captain Drew Doll (6-foot-0, 190 pounds), senior fullback and captain Jake Ray (5-10, 183), last season's KVC leading scorer Gorman (6-0, 192) who is also a team captain, and senior center and captain Brian Doyle (6-1, 216).

"Our captains are a talented group of players," Kellepourey said. "I think their abilities combined with their leadership skills will play an important role this season."

Other notable players donning the green and white for the gridiron include wide receivers Tyson Frantz (6-2, 193), Jeff Dunwell (6-1, 190), and Chase Chandler (6-1, 165), running back Fred Napier (5-10, 180), linebacker Scott Kortlandt (6-0, 185), defensive back/running back Trey

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

The Novi offensive line will be responsible for keeping Matt Gorman nice and clean while opening up the holes for the Wildcats to pounce through.

## Novi cross country eager for conference challenges

### Boys team know taste of victory, want more

By SAM EGGLESTON  
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats boys cross country team will be looking to repeat their performance from last season — even with the loss of three All-American runners.

The Wildcats, who will be led by senior Tim Moore, are coached by Bob Smith in his 21st season at the helm of this cross country program.

"This team has had the taste of success," Smith said. "In 98 and 99 we won the state championship. It was the first state title in the history of Novi and we are proud to carry that moniker and hope to keep it going."

And keep it going they might. The Novi program will be carried by the swift pace of Moore, Todd Foren, Junior Tim Kava, Mitch Erickson and sophomore Eric Joseph.

"Those five guys are running really well," Smith said. "Every team in this sport will be going for the state title and though we lost a few good runners we have a good, solid program again."

Smith said that some of the tougher teams that Novi will be facing in the Kensington Valley Conference are Milford, who was

fifth in the state last season, and 2000's seventh place team in Lakeland. Smith also noted that South Lyon's running program is up and coming and will be one of the teams to watch out for.

"I am pretty confident and I know we are not going to concede anything to anybody," Smith said. "I don't like to make predictions about the season because when you do the best you can hope to do is obtain them and if you set them to high you might not be able to even do that."

Smith said one of the goals the team has set for itself is to be prepared.

"Our first goal is to be prepared fully," he said. "If we are totally prepared and if that is our goal then we will be ready for anybody. As a team we have set the goals to be undefeated in the season and to be county champs again, that is a real honor down here. Oakland county is a real hotbed for great cross country teams."

But even if the Wildcats can't reach all of the goals, they have set for themselves not all will be lost.

"Even if we trip and fall in those three goals it doesn't really matter," Smith said. "What really

matters is what happens in the first week of November. If you don't do anything else but do good then, everything will probably work out."

Smith said that almost every team in the KVC is a competitor when it comes to cross country.

"When it comes to cross country the KVC is far superior to other leagues," he said. "Over the last three years it was pretty much a given that we were going to the states. It's not a given this year. As good as we are it is not a given."

According to Smith, from what he has seen so far this season's team is on pace with the best teams he has coached.

"From what I saw this weekend and in practice today, they are running as good as any team I have coached during this time of the year," Smith said. "Including the last three teams."

The one thing that will always keep Smith's team working hard is the motto they practice by each and every day.

"The harder we work, the luckier we get," Smith said. "These kids pride themselves in working hard and it shows when they compete."

### Girls team looking to run with the best of them

By SAM EGGLESTON  
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats girls cross country team will be looking to not only have a good year, but to have fun while they are doing it.

Thirty-year coach Norm Norgren is a relaxed individual with a caring tone and a quick comment to lighten the mood — he is also a true student of the sport he coaches.

"Cross country is the world's greatest team sport participated by individuals," he said as he watched his team run a warm-up mile. "I never let them stretch cold muscles. They run a mile before practice and after practice they run a cool-down mile."

The Novi team consists of a slew of kids, with the top runners being seniors Bethany Kittle and Emily Cross, juniors Nina Schmitt, Tae Kono, Jenny Thomson, Margo Wolowicz and Angela Burchard as well as sophomore Latne Williams.

"For boys and girls cross country the (Kensington Valley Conference) is the toughest conference to run in," Norgren said. "This year Milford girls are going to be tough. They were second in the state last year and have everybody back this season. Brighton was fifth in the state and have everybody back as well."

Novi's chances in the KVC could be anywhere from the top of the pack to

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

The girls cross country team of Novi will be looking to be the best they can be when they take on the tough competition of the Kensington Valley Conference.

## Western looking to improve over last season

By SAM EGGLESTON  
Sports Reporter

The Walled Lake Western Warriors girls basketball team will be looking to improve on last season's record and with all of the tournaments the Warriors participated in this summer it looks like that just might happen.

"These girls have been working hard all summer long," head coach Darrin Jennings said.

"We have made some adjustments from last year and we think there will be a few mismatches made with our decisions."

The Warriors will be a well-balanced team with pretty much the entire unit of ten girls getting playing time through out the season.

"There really aren't any weaknesses on this team," Jennings said.

"Put someone out on the floor and they are going to be able to perform for you in one way or another."

The Warriors consist of Stacey Pisha (5-foot-8), Dianna Houghton (5-7), Meghan Maribough (5-7), Tracey Winkler (5-6), Lauren Talbot (5-7), Dawn Dawood (5-6), Michelle Martin (5-8), Katie Rousseau (5-11), Kristen Burgess (5-8) and Bridget Hannosh (5-0).

"These kids really love to play this sport," Jennings said.

"They are a dedicated group and will do anything to play this game to their fullest potential."

Jennings said that the hours upon hours of time the team

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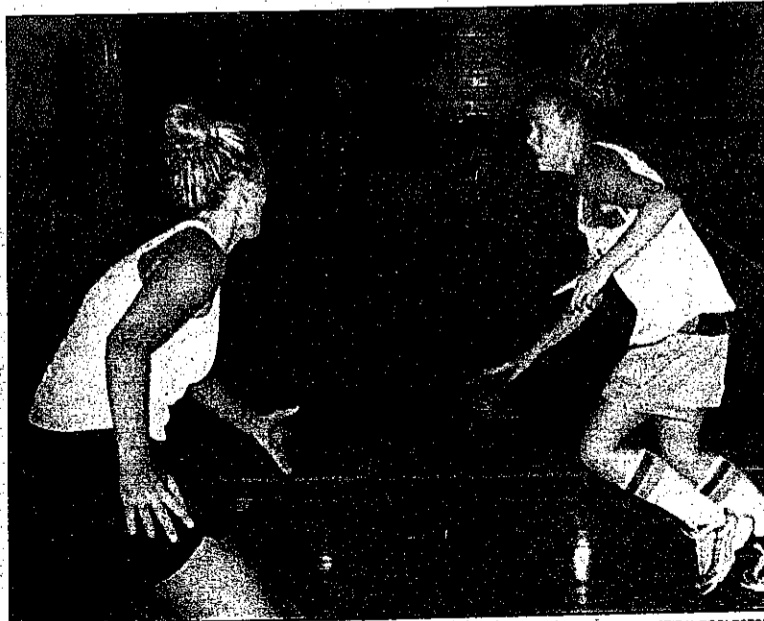


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The Walled Lake Western girls basketball team made some changes by switching their guard to the post and their forward out to guard. Coach Jennings has some tricks up his sleeve for 2001.

## Play sports for the fun of it

Isn't this exciting? The fall high school sports season is about to fire up and begin racing into towards the playoffs at full speed. It is this time of year that makes writing sports a very, very full-time yet rewarding job.

I can wait to hear the smacking of pads as football players stake their territories on the gridiron and I am eager to see what each girls basketball team has to offer as they face down their opponents on the hardwood. And what of the tireless ability of the soccer program and the tennis teams? I am eager to see their skills and determination put to use. With the hope of a wind at

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The Walled Lake Western Warriors will be looking to follow their offensive line and utilize the speed and strength of their backfield.

### Warriors looking to be tough on the ground, air, defense

Western will use backfield to its fullest potential, be solid on ground game

Warriors will use backfield to its fullest potential, be solid on ground game

## Winning is nice, but fun is better



Sam Eggleston

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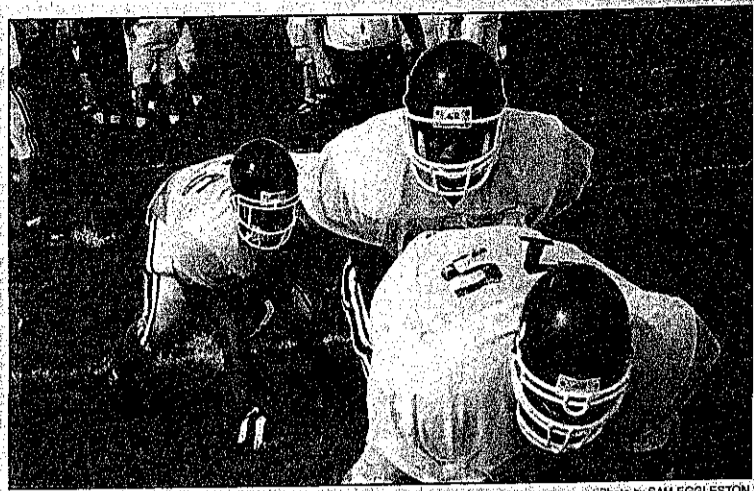
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## Walled Lake Central ready for another successful season

By SAM EGGLESTON Sports Reporter

For Chuck Apat and the Walled Lake Central Vikings football team, every team is a tough team and there is no tomorrow until the game before them is finished.

According to Apat, one of the biggest positives to come out of last season is the way the Vikings see themselves in a new light this year.



Matt Gorman will be taking the snaps again after becoming the KV's leading scorer last season.

## Novi gridders eager to play physical football against everyone

Wildcats ready to rumble with Gorman leading the way with dual positions at QB and free safety

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## Wildcats golf in the hunt to be tops in Oakland County

By SAM EGGLESTON Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats golf team is not only looking to be one of the best teams in the Kensington Valley Conference, but perhaps the best team in Oakland County.

Jack Tyler and sophomore Eric Ayles, newcomers who will be swinging with the top Wildcats are sophomore Brandon Cigna and freshman Brett Jousi.

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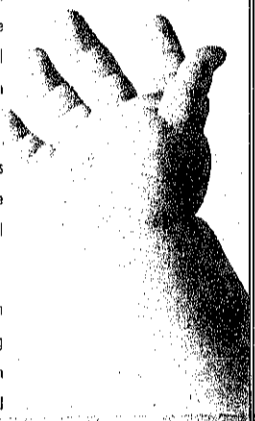
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