

As a collective community, we will mourn

This newspaper is a hometown paper. Among our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers and to nourish the communities we serve.

As we go to press, our nation has been shocked and horrified by a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Many — perhaps many thousands — have been killed and maimed.

As a community newspaper, it is neither our place nor within our competency to analyze the national or international impact of what has happened or why.

But we simply cannot let these ghastly events pass by without expressing to our readers and to our communities our collective sense of

dismay, shock, sorrow and grief. Our prayers go out to the victims, whether through our churches, our synagogues, our mosques or in the privacy of our own homes and hearts.

There is not a single person who reads this newspaper who will come through this experience without being harmed. Some of the harm will be direct, in the sense that a family member, a friend, a colleague or an acquaintance will have been injured or killed.

Some of the hurt will be indirect, rooted in the shattering loss of a sense of comfortable security that we have all shared, safe in our own neighborhoods and communities.

Up to now, mainland America has

been protected from direct attack by two mighty oceans. But in an age when planes can fly, evil viruses can be spread from an aerosol bottle and nuclear weapons smuggled in suitcases, oceans alone are no longer a guarantee of security.

I remember riding in my parents' car on Dec. 7, 1941, when news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor came over the radio. I recall my mother, never overtly very emotional,

breaking into tears. She knew in that instant that nothing would ever be the same.

And I, in turn, know that our nation has unexpectedly crossed a threshold and that nothing will ever be quite the same.

Our purpose is to understand this and to formulate a proper response: thoughtful, resolute, never — never, ever — forgetting.

And our immediate task is to grieve for our dead and injured and for our lost sense of comfort and security. We are all in this together, wherever we live, whatever we do.

The English poet John Donne expressed this thought perfectly when he wrote:

No man is an island, entire of itself; Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main... Any man's death diminishes me, Because I am involved in mankind; And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee.

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Novi takes extra safety measures

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Sept. 11 was not an ordinary Tuesday for Novi residents.

It was a day where citizens had their car radios and TVs (tuned to the same news station, discussed the same topic and felt either the pain or panic as terrorists attacked the United States by hijacking American airplanes and crashing them into U.S. buildings.

Chief operating officer for the city of Novi, Craig Klaver, first heard the narrative of the crumbling World Trade Center on the radio while driving to a meeting.

"I was waiting for Orson Wells to come on the radio," Klaver said. "It was surreal."

As both a precautionary and reactionary measure to the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the Novi Police and Fire Departments focused their attention towards any local effects the tragic event brought home.

Novi Police chief Douglas Shaeffer immediately contacted all major employers, school officials, representatives of the Novi Expo Center, mall personnel and hotel workers asking them to be at a heightened state of sensitivity to their surrounding environments.

Shaeffer cautioned all to be aware of suspicious or unfamiliar people visiting their establishments.

"I also advised appropriate personnel to perform periodic sweeps for anything unusual like suitcases or back packs," Shaeffer said. "We've had an excellent response."

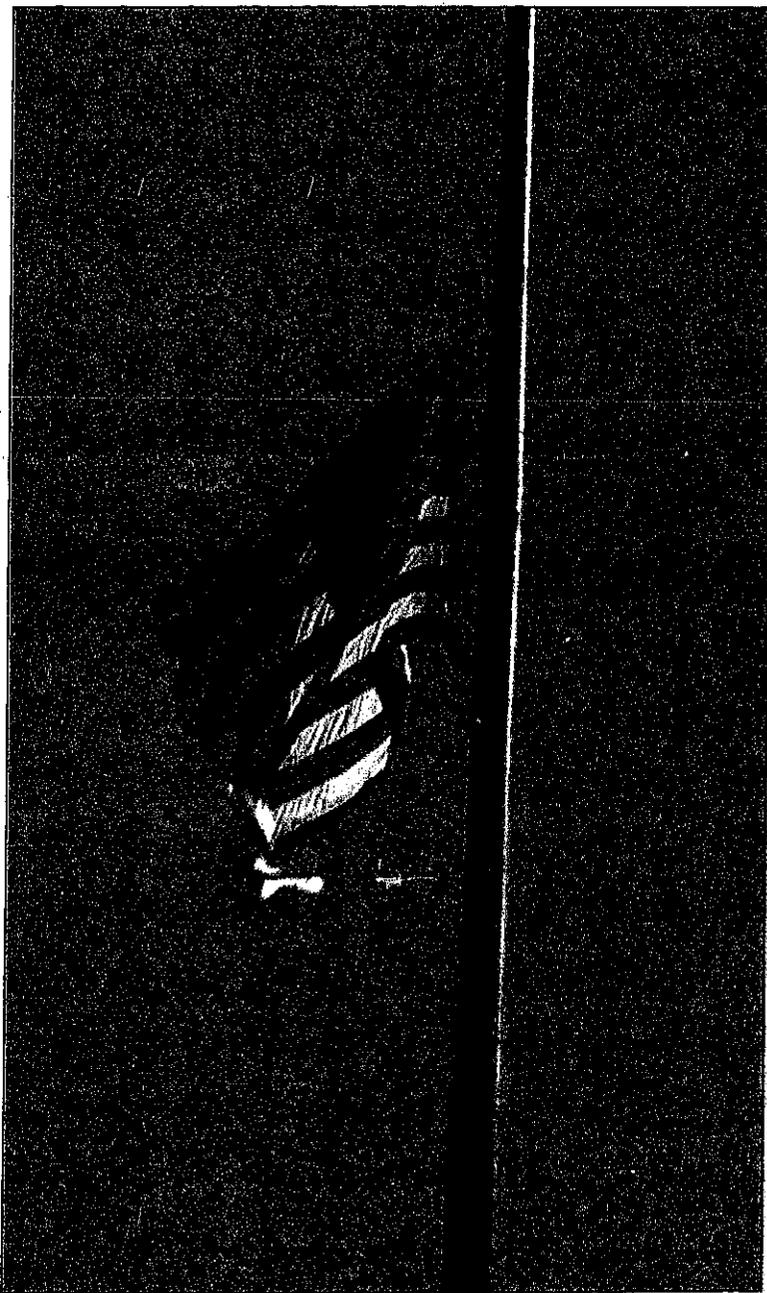
As an added security measure, Twelve Oaks Mall was closed and Providence Hospital was put on standby status.

The city of Novi Department of Public Works was also instructed to use a heightened sense of awareness as the day unfolded.

Although several officers were added to the force, Shaeffer stressed that he was not aware of any threats in the south-east Michigan region.

An issue of concern for both the fire and police departments was of either copycat incidents or sympathizers or saboteurs, Shaeffer said.

City officials canceled several meetings that were scheduled for Tuesday night, including the



The American flag flies at half mast in front of the Novi Civic Center on Tuesday.

Photo by VICTORIA SADLOCHA

Schools stay calm in light of tragedy

By STEVE GUIREY
Staff Writer

The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon caused the lock down of several area school districts Tuesday. While some districts chose to take extreme precautionary measures in light of the attacks, at Novi High School, a general sense of calm prevailed.

"There's no need to panic," said principal Jennifer Cheal. "We are sharing this tragedy with all Americans, but we are not personally under siege."

There were extra police officers patrolling the high school's parking lot and school security guards were kept on duty later than usual, but inside the school, it was business as usual.

"If we're to tell kids that we're in lock down, then that says to them that they're in some type of danger," said the school's dean of students, Matt Outlaw. "Every school handles certain situations in different ways. We're just trying to keep things as calm as possible."

A light-hearted assembly that had been scheduled for the morning was cancelled because school officials felt, in light of the day's events, it was inappropriate.

Instead, students spent the last hour of the day in seminar where they were able to discuss the tragic events with teachers. The school's foreign exchange students were also allowed to spend part of their day on the phone reassuring their families that they were indeed safe.

League athletic directors cancelled all Kensington Valley Conference athletic contests Tuesday.

"It's important to let the kids absorb the magnitude of today's events," said Novi athletic director, Curt Ellis.

The determination of when games might resume was to be determined as events unfolded. The attacks forced the evacuation of the White House, the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol building. Federal Aviation Administration also closed all airports across the country.

Tuesday's tragedies illustrate that a terrorist attack can happen anywhere, and at any time. Novi students, however, do not seem to be in a state of panic.

"I think it is really sad what has happened," said student Melanie Koch. "But am I concerned for my safety? Not really."

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NOVI REACTION

"I'm scared. Hopefully this is not the beginning of something horrible."
Laura Dupell
Novi

"I don't know how they (United States) didn't know about it. I think definitely something could happen here."
Jeff Taylor
Novi

"Anything is possible. You never know they could hit a school right now. We don't want a World War III."
Lurale Bader
Novi

"What ever it is seems like someone had a grudge against the government."
John
Novi

"I hope assumptions are put on the side."
Fozetta Bader
Novi

"It was scary. My mom started crying."
Genevieve Mirabitor
Novi

Residents rush to pump

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

Novi residents rushed to the pump Tuesday after terrorist attacks on the United States created speculation of an increase in gas prices.

"There is usually an after work rush, but nothing like this," said Speedway cashier Rob Robinson. Robinson, who works at the Ten Mile and Novi Roads gas station said he has never seen anything like this.

"Not even back in the 70s on odd-even days did I see something like this," Robinson said. Cars were lined up on Ten Mile Road waiting to enter the station.

"It has been this way since about 3 p.m.," Robinson said. The majority of customers entering the station feared gas prices would skyrocket after two hijacked planes downed both towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and another crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

One impatient customer left the Marathon station adjacent to Speedway after waiting too long for the pump.

Adel Allami who works at the Shell station on Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue said his business increased dramatically.

"I had customers call and ask if gas prices were going to go up."

Allami said. Chris Lilly from Novi, was not only filling up one of his cars, but two of them.

"I'm reacting on a tip that prices are going to go up," Lilly said. "So we're filling up."

Lilly received a tip passed on from a gas station owner that prices will increase nationally.

The message that was sent to Lilly was the increase could take the price of gas to \$3.50 a gallon.

Lilly's son Kevin was behind in line, waiting patiently to take his father's place at the pump. Also filling up as a reactionary result to the days events, was

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Delivery driver gets more than money for pizza

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A female delivery driver from a Willow Lake Cottage Inn saw more than she wanted when delivering a pizza to an apartment complex located at W. Pontiac Trail and 15th St. The driver filed an "injury" exposure report on Sept. 6 at the Novi Police Department stating a male customer wearing only a towel answered the door when she delivered a pizza at about 8 p.m. According to the report, the man twisted his towel in a revealing position while talking to the driver. He then went to retrieve money for the pizza and came back to the door wearing nothing at all and appeared aroused. The delivery driver stated in her report that the man asked her to come in and wait, but she refused. The driver didn't give the naked man his change and went to the police department. Police then went to the apartment to question the owner. They noted he appeared to be intoxicated. After making up his mind, the man admitted he ordered a pizza and answered the door in a towel. He denied exposing himself either intentionally or accidentally. The case remains open.

WALLET STOLEN AT HIGH SCHOOL
During the afternoon of Sept. 4, a student at Novi High School reported his wallet was stolen from the school's lower level locker room. The male student told officer Jerrard Hart he thought he locked his locker after changing for football practice, but when he returned to the locker at about 6 p.m., the lock was unlocked. The student then noticed it he did lock it in the first place. In the student's wallet was \$38, a school ID, driver's license and parking sticker. Officer Hart was notified of the stolen parking permit number and was asked to perform a daily check of all cars in the school's lot. The case is still open.

DRINK DRIVING
A 21-year-old Howell man was stopped on Sept. 6 at about 1:40 a.m. for driving 55 mph in a 40 mph zone. When the officer approached the vehicle on Next Road south of Ten Mile Road, he

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smelled an odor of intoxicants from the vehicle. The officer noted that the driver's eyes were glassy and bloodshot and the driver spoke with slurred speech. He said he had three beers, but was unable to perform all field sobriety tasks with accuracy. He blew a .17 and was taken into police custody.

ONLY THREE OFFICER
After almost hitting a patrol car two times, a not-so-smart drunk driver tried giving a Novi police officer a credit card in place of his driver's license. On Sept. 11 at about 11 p.m., an officer noticed a swerving vehicle. The officer pulled next to the driver at a red light and as the light turned green, the driver drifted into the officer's lane almost hitting his car. The duo then stopped again at the next red light. The drunk driver, a 31-year-old Traverse City resident, drifted and almost hit the patrol car again. The swerving driver then pulled into the parking lot of Denay's on Novi Road. When the officer approached the car, he noticed a half-full opened bottle of beer. The officer then asked the man for his driver's license and was handed a credit card instead. The officer noted in his report that only after he pointed this out to the driver and returned the credit card did he produce his license. The man said he consumed about three cocktails. He blew a .195.

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VICTIM OF MAGAZINE SCAM
A father of a college student came into the Novi Police Department on Sept. 4 and reported his daughter was the victim of a magazine subscription solicitation scam. On Aug. 10, his daughter was shopping at Twelve Oaks Mall when an unknown subject approached her and said he was selling magazine subscriptions. The student purchased a subscription to Mademoiselle magazine and gave the supposed seller a check for \$30. She later learned on Aug. 28 that the check had been altered and cashed for \$230 at a bank in Indiana. She was notified of the situation when she received a NSF voucher from her bank. The bank suggested she make a police report. The case is still open.

PARTYING IN THE PARKING LOT
On Sept. 4 at 10:13 p.m., officers approached a vehicle parked in the parking lot of Village Oaks Elementary on Willowbrook. When approaching the vehicle, police noticed an open pint of Southern Comfort on the dashboard and an open pint of Mohawk vodka between the driver's seat and console. Officers then noticed 17 unopened Budweiser cans throughout the vehicle and another unopened pint of Mohawk vodka. An 18-year-old Novi man was in the driver's seat and a 27-year-old Walled Lake woman was in the passenger's seat. Both were asked to perform a breathalyzer test. The Novi resident blew a .106 and the Walled Lake resident blew a .134. Both were arrested for having open intoxicants. The male was also arrested for being a minor in possession and the female for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

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Novi man, 46, wins Michigan Millions jackpot

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

A new car? A mansion? A trip around the world? - What would you do if you won the Michigan Millions jackpot prize? "I'd give it to my parents. My dad is going through cancer," said Samantha Bingham from the Vintage Wine Shoppe of Novi located at 41455 W. Ten Mile Road, west of Meadowbrook Road. "I'd travel the world."
Bingham sells lottery tickets minutes from the Novi 7-Eleven Food Store where a 46-year-old resident purchased a winning Michigan Millions lottery ticket. The winner, who requested anonymity, was the sole person to match all six numbers in the Sept. 1 \$16 million jackpot drawing.

The winning numbers chosen were 5, 16, 24, 40, 49 and 50, and the winning ticket was sold at 6:36 p.m. Aug. 31.
In a statement made to the Michigan Lottery, the winner told officials "the always knew he would win a lottery jackpot prize."
The lucky man chose to receive his cash in one lump-sum payment sending his way \$7,781,718; the present cash value of the jackpot before taxes. His other collection option was to receive annuity payments of \$633,333 per year, before taxes, for the next 30 years. The winner said in the statement, "When I stopped to buy my Michigan Millions tickets, I saw a neighbor of mine at the store. When he saw me buying lottery tickets he asked me why I bother to buy tickets because I will never win."
The winner told his neighbor, "someone has to win and it might as well be me."
"I haven't told him yet that I actually won the jackpot, but I am really looking forward to having that conversation," the winner said.
Debbie Jamieson, manager of the 7-Eleven located at 24111 Meadowbrook Road - just south of W. Ten Mile Road, was on vacation when the winning numbers were drawn.
"I talked to my son on the phone and he told me about it," Jamieson said.
The Novi winner is the 75th Oakland County resident in Michigan lottery history to win an in-state lotto game jackpot prize. According to data collected by Michigan Lottery officials, the largest jackpot awarded to date was \$36.5 million which was won by an anonymous Rochester resident on Aug. 28, 1993.
"This was our second winner," Jamieson said.
"My business is going up because of that," said Peter Farance, manager of the Willowbrook Party Store located at 41360 W. Ten Mile Road, east of Meadowbrook Road.
Farance said customers have told him they are buying at his store now because they do not think 7-Eleven will sell two consecutive winning tickets.
Another reason customers may now go to Willowbrook is because there is a history of the two stores following one another in winning ticket sales.

Thirteen years ago, Willowbrook sold a \$5.7 million dollar winning lotto ticket. "Six months after they (7-Eleven) sold a ticket with a \$9 million jackpot," Farance said.
Jamieson said her business hasn't increased at all.
"The busiest time is when the jackpot is big," Jamieson said. "When the jackpot gets high, people buy more and more."
It usually takes a jackpot of \$10 million or more to increase Jamieson's sales.
Bingham agreed.
"If anything, people won't play because the jackpot is at \$2 million."
The recent multi-millionaire said he kept his ticket "in a safe place" before taking it to lottery headquarters in Lansing.
"I am sure Labor Day weekend will be cause for celebration for this lucky individual in the years to come," said James Kipp, acting commissioner for the Michigan Lottery.
Kipp felt quite certain that the Novi resident will think back fondly on the weekend he became a multi-millionaire.
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"We just felt people would not want to be out on any nonessential events," Mover said.

The city continued regular office hours, while keeping in communications with police and fire departments.

"Everybody is in a state of shock," said Arthur Loughlin, Novi city fire chief. "The reality is instability exists all over the world. It could happen here just as much as anywhere else."

Jeff Taylor of Grand Blaine died at Muscogee Creek after being sent home as Lear Corporation closed its Dearborn plant.

"I think definitely something could happen here," Taylor said. "We are a major international port - the auto capital of the world and three of the world's largest corporations are here."

Grewiewice Mirabitor from Salome Nivola and Day Spa pointed out that Dearborn has the highest Middle East population in the United States.

"I hope people do not use this as an excuse to start fighting," Mirabitor said.

"I hope people put their assumptions on the side," said Roseette Bader, also from Salome Nivola and Day Spa.

"I'm 25 years old and I can honestly say I want to be with my mommy," Mirabitor said.

Gas prices slightly rise

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The worst was looking towards the New York skyline and seeing nothing but smoke," said salon employee, Kendra Hubberth.

Hubberth said on her way to work "everybody on the expressway was crying."

Precautionary members surrounding the city also occurred such as the closing of Metropolitan Airport, federal buildings, IRS locations, Detroit and Westland District Courts and Selfridge Air Base.

Despite the closings, Michigan State Police put out a message to all citizens not to panic.

"We have received a lot of calls from concerned citizens," Shaefter said.

Shaefter said the Novi Police Department communication center was fully staffed and instructed to note anything out of the ordinary.

For example, two callers in the same area calling to report breathing attacks would be something to pay attention to, Shaefter said.

Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook in Novi also lended a hand for concerned citizens by offering a Mass that night for all touched by the "tremendous tragedy and abundant, senseless loss of life."

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Don Johnson holds his daughter Danielle in his arms as he, his wife Tammy, left, and others sign a hymn during Tuesday night's Faith Community Presbyterian Church Prayer Vigil. About forty people attended the 8 p.m. service to reflect on America's difficult day.



Kevin Lilly of Novi fills one of the two family cars the Lilly's brought to Speedway gas station in Novi.

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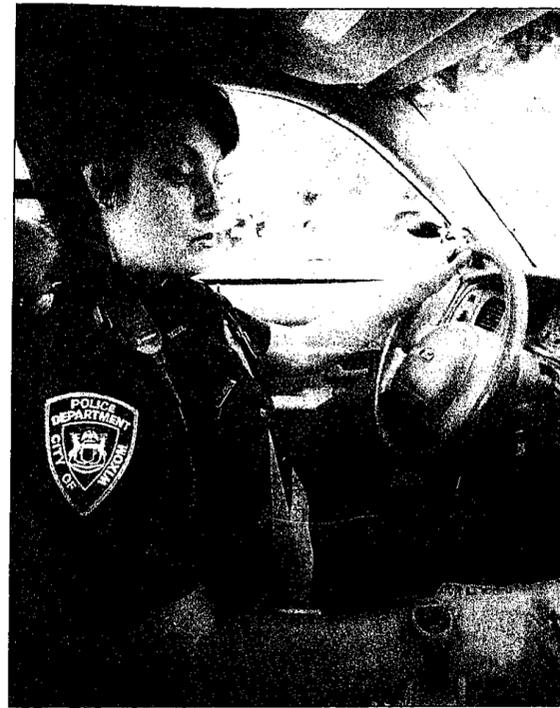
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This is the second in a series devoted to interesting occupations throughout the lakes community.

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Shannon Luther, a Wixom police officer, is on the streets of Wixom living out her dream.

"I wanted to be a police officer since I was a little girl," Luther said as she turned east on Pontiac Trail out of the Wixom Police Department. "My parents were ill a lot and the first person that would respond was a police officer."

However, she also wanted to be a teacher and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"It just wasn't what I wanted to do," Luther said.

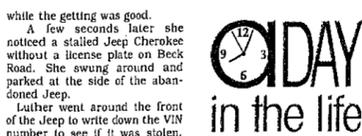
She circled around the local parks in the area, stopping for a second to greet regular park visitors.

Luther was a dispatcher for Walcott Lake, then decided to attend the police academy. However, she had to work full time while she attended the academy in order to pay bills.

"It was the longest four months of my life," Luther said.

On Beck Road, just north of 12 mile, drivers in a hurry scurried into the left hand lane before the entrance. One car after another entered the left hand lane before they were supposed to.

She stopped a green car and had the driver roll down his window. She scolded him and told him to get moving. He took off



"The biggest misconception is people tend to think that we are cold, heartless and don't have any compassion," Luther said. "I think that's wrong. In order to do the job, you have to have compassion."

She is a juvenile officer and takes any juvenile complaint as well as patrols the streets to keep the city safe.

"It makes me feel good when I can actually help a child," Luther said. "When someone hurts a child and is held responsible for their actions; it's a good feeling."

After she checked every door of a warehouse after the alarm went off, she was sent to the police station.

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Footnotes

Dr. Michael P. Burk

TREATING FUNGAL INFECTION

Fungal infection of the toenails can be difficult to treat, and recurrences are common. During the summer, toenail infections occur more frequently, as people spend more time walking barefoot in places where bacteria and fungi can lurk - around pools, at the beach, etc. Feet also tend to sweat more in warm weather, which can contribute to an infection. Three relatively new drugs have shown promise in treating fungal infections: itraconazole (sold as Sporanox), fluconazole (Diflucan), and terbinafine (Lamisil) work by helping a new, infection-free toenail grow, replacing the old one. While infections can recur, they are more common with oral medications used in the past, like griseofulvin and ketoconazole. Side effects may include skin reactions and liver damage.

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Both the Marathon Gas Station and Sizzl-In Subs and Salads benefit from the location of the food counter. Customers can take advantage of obtaining gas and food all in one place. The owners also cater to parties and events with party subs by the foot, and salads.

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NHS honored by second most Merit Scholar finalists

BY STEVE GUREY
Staff Writer

Seven of Novi High School's brightest and best students have received national recognition for their academic accomplishments. Scott Kortlandt, Eric Liao, Jameel Naqvi, Sven Nyberg, Ranjan Radharaman, Sowkya Rangarajan and Prandithi Varshney are among 16,000 students nationwide to have been named semi-finalists in this year's National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students, whose high PSAT test scores qualified them as semi-finalists, now must meet academic and other standards to advance to finalist level and be considered for scholarships.

The semi-finalists are in elite academic company. Of the estimated 20 million high school students nationwide who took the PSAT, only the 50,000 with the highest test scores qualify for Merit Program recognition. Only a third of those are chosen as semi-finalists.

The seven semi-finalists, the school's highest total since the 1997-98 school year, represent the top 1 percent of students.

"This is something you have been working towards since kindergarten," said school guidance counselor William Ayott. "You are not only great students, but well rounded people."

In order to become finalists in the program, the students have until October 9 to complete a scholarship application, submit SAT scores reflecting their academic commitment and complete a personal essay detailing their leader-

ship skills and other community activities.

The seven exemplary students should have no difficulty in completing the personal essay portion of the application as each has participated in a myriad of after-school activities and have received numerous academic awards and honors.

For example, Sowkya Rangarajan is a member of the school's cross-country team, National Honor Society, the French Club, and is also a Distributive Education Club of America volunteer. She plans on attending the University of Michigan where she will major in either science or business.

Prandithi Varshney is on the Varsity swimming team, is active in both choir and the forensics club, and is also a member of the National Honor Society. Her college choices include Northwestern, UC Berkeley, and Cornell.

Eric Liao is a member of the debate, tennis, and golf/bovol team and still finds time to volunteer at the University of Michigan Hospital. He is an AP Scholar and also received honorable mention at the Michigan Math Prize competition.

Ranjan Radharaman, whose most memorable high school experience was performing Orff's "Carmina Burana" with the Novi wind ensemble and choir this past spring, wants to head an aerospace engineering startup. He is the Novi High School band's drum major, a National Honor Society member, and vice-president of the school's robotic team.

Jameel Naqvi, a published poet

and nominee of the New York Literary Committee, plays trumpet in the marching band and is a member of the National Honor Society and American Mensa. He hopes to attend either Harvard, Stanford or Columbia where he will study literature.

Sven Nyberg volunteers at a convalescent home, is a member of the track and cross-country teams, and was an honorable mention in the Michigan Math Prize competition and the 2001 US Chemistry Olympiad. His college choices include MIT, Cal Tech, Stanford and the University of Michigan.

Last but not least, Scott Kortlandt is an AP Scholar, a National Honor Society member, and a member of the football, track and wrestling teams. His most memorable experience at Novi High School was taking second place at the state finals in wrestling as a sophomore. He would like to attend Western Michigan University, Hope College, or Albion where he hopes to pursue a career in mathematics.

With school, homework, volunteering, and extracurricular activities, one might wonder if there is time in the day for anything else.

"At the end of the day," Kortlandt said, "I always get to sleep."

The winners of the National Merit scholarships are chosen based on abilities, skills, and accomplishments and will be notified in March.

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Wixom Police Officer Shannon Luther stops this SUV along Maple Road Friday afternoon for going 51 mph in a 35 zone.

Police officer enjoys job



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Wixom Police Officer Shannon Luther stops this SUV along Maple Road Friday afternoon for going 51 mph in a 35 zone.

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station to take a possible sexual child abuse complaint. "This is not good," Luther said. "This is not good at all."

She got back in the car to patrol, however, she started thinking about the procedures she had to do with the report she just wrote.

"I'm off this weekend," Luther said and added that she was going to have to come in anyway to get things done.

It makes her feel good to work with children. It also makes her feel good to put drunk drivers behind bars.

Luther, who has been a police officer for the past four years, received the MADD award last year for the most drunk driving arrests in the department.

"In the short time I've been a police officer, there have been a lot of things that have happened," Luther said. "I've been in three police chases. I don't like them but if you don't chase people, then they will just run. I'm out here trying to protect people. I'm doing my job."

The best thing that happened to Luther was when she arrived at an apartment and delivered a baby. At first the baby, who was breathless, wasn't breathing. Breath of blown into her lungs and the baby started turning pink as a baby should be.

Her worst night was when a man fell off a ledge as he was diving into a lake. He was later found lifeless by divers and his family and friends were hysterical. She attended the funeral.

Luther enjoys the challenges of the job such as handling a robbery or other disturbances.

However, it's difficult making plans since the job isn't always Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"I like people contact," Luther said. "The best thing is that it's different everyday. Sometimes it's slow and other times it's busy."

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Business brief

Robert S. France and Zachary G. Urban have joined the growing investment banking practice of Donnelly, Penman, French, Haggarty & Co. (DPFH), one of the largest independently owned investment banking firms headquartered in the Midwest, as associates. France and Urban

will actively participate in advisory services, including private placements, mergers and acquisitions, fairness opinions, and general financial advisory services.

Previously, France worked with Deloitte & Touche in Detroit where he provided strategic con-

sulting services for regional companies. France and Urban are Chartered Financial Analyst level II candidates and both graduated with high honors from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance. France resides in Novi.

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Novi Schools take precautions against Meningitis

By STEVE GUIREY
Staff Writer

Meningitis hits closer to home as Novi Community Schools continue to take precautions on all communicable diseases.

A Howell High School student died this past weekend after contracting meningitis, Andrew Baker, a freshman and football player at the school was pronounced dead Saturday morning at the University of Michigan

Health System in Ann Arbor. It had not been determined whether the meningitis was viral or bacterial.

The appearance of the virus is cause for concern as Howell and surrounding districts scramble to find ways to safeguard students against the disease.

"Obviously, we can't safeguard everybody," said Bob Schram, executive director of Human Resources for Novi Schools. "However, having a common base

of knowledge is the best defense against the problem."

Last year, the Novi school district formed a committee on communicable diseases and how parents and educators can properly respond to a health crisis. Prior to the start of this school year, the district, in conjunction with the Oakland County Health Department, mailed out pamphlets informing parents and students on all types communicable diseases.

Viral and bacterial meningitis are most commonly caused by bacterial infections that start in other parts of the body and spread to the brain or spinal cord via the bloodstream according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Although both forms of meningitis are serious, viral meningitis is the milder of the two and is generally not life threatening. Bacterial meningitis is less common, only 17,500 cases reported

in the U.S. each year, but is the form most associated with fatal cases, according to the CDC.

Anyone can get meningitis and only rarely is the disease non-infectious. Which is why Curt Ellis, Novi schools' director of physical education and athletics, makes certain that coaches and the players don't take any chances.

"Some sports are inherently more likely to expose kids to disease transmission," Ellis said.

That's why coaches and students use cups for water instead of water bottles whenever possible. In sports where the athletes are in frequent contact with one another, such as wrestling, mats are washed and sterilized on a daily basis.

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All aboard

Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train offers drama, elegant dining in one location

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

When Larry and Judy Coe purchased a freight railroad in Walled Lake in 1984, they soon turned it into fine dining and entertainment on wheels.

The Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, 840 North Pontiac Trail, has been rolling along the rail for the past 17 years. The train has become a knowl hat spot where people celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, Bar Mitzvahs and other special occasions.

On Friday evenings, music is centered around the 50s era and Saturday nights patrons sing along to show tunes.

"People love to come because it takes them back to the way America was built," Coe said. "America was built around the railroad and fine dining on the railroad."

Patrons will get a kick out of the Wedding Comedy train on Sundays.

"It's like when you got married and things went wrong," Coe said. "In this wedding, we quadruple it and everything goes wrong. We have an absolute ball with it. You become part of the action with the bride and she lets you have

the train also offers a one hour excursion train ride on Sunday afternoons, which takes patrons on a trip through the West Bloomfield bird sanctuary and wetlands. Any day can be a special occasion when diners eat a special lunch on board.

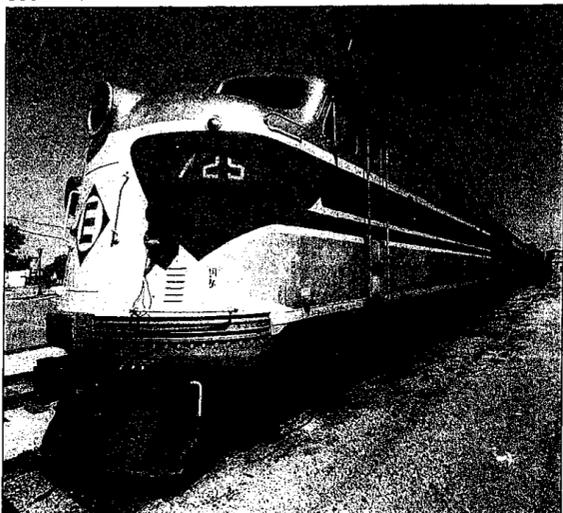
Sometimes patrons want to spend even more time on board. When that happens, the reservation staff is ready to book future guests with a bed and breakfast room. They eat while being entertained and then head off to a French style room, which features silkmoire wall coverings and gold gilded paintings.

That's not the only style of a room guests can sleep in. They can also retire for the night in a 50s style room complete with a half bath.

Chef Rob Ellis tries to tantalize guests appetites with blackened red fish with jambalaya or prime rib. They can also choose his choice, chicken rayon, which is seared with southwest seasoning and cumin and topped off with mango, mint, and cilantro salsa.

"If I have to stop the train because you want a special occasion, I'll do it," Ellis said. "The night is illuminated by the train's halogen lights so guests can appreciate the scenery."

Ellis, who has been with the company since May, is looking forward to viewing the "live Hallmark card" this winter while he works.



The Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train sits on the tracks in Walled Lake. Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train owner Larry Coe, right, stands with headchef Robb Ellis who holds a typical fare from the train - a prime rib meal - inside one of the cars.

Fuerst Farm family picnic this weekend

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

"It's the history of the farming community," Match said. "Most people in Novi have not lived on a farm."

Roy Prentice from the Tollgate Education Center will be on the farm providing wagon rides, and Margaret Schmidt, better known as "The Farm Lady," will have her animals for all to pet and feed.

Last year, children had the opportunity to feed one of Schmidt's lambs with a baby bottle.

For musical entertainment, Shades of Blue from Flint will be performing.

The band has an expansive repertoire," Match said. "A lot of songs, kids would recognize."

Match described Shades of Blue as down home, rural music.

"Like the type you would find at a grange square dance," Match said.

Members of the Novi Historical Commission request that all picnickers park in the Toll Road, Novi High School parking lot.

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During the picnic, tours of the outside property and Township Hall will be provided for all attendees. Don't forget, games with prizes will be part of the festivities too.

Match said the event was organized to educate people about Novi's past and to have an event that will bring people from all over the community together.

"Every kind of party - we've done it," said owner Larry Coe. "People enjoy a five course gourmet meal while being entertained on the dinner train. Patrons become sleuths when they travel the Murder Mystery

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Location Map

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 19, 2001.

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Taste of the Lakes benefits youth assistance

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

The Taste of the Lakes, sponsored by the Lakes Area Youth Assistance, will give local residents the opportunity to nibble on cuisine from local eateries and help fund youth programs for the organization.

The event will be held Sept. 27 at the Links of Pinewood Country Club in Commerce Township from 5-8 p.m.

Twenty-four restaurants will be on hand with their specialty fare so that people who attend can sample the best of what each restaurant has to offer.

This is the first major fundraiser Youth Assistance is sponsoring," Pam Stoddard said.

All of the proceeds will help fund programs that will help children in the area, she said. Young residents will be sent to camp or they will be able to learn skills they need to be successful in life.

If they need a little extra help in their subjects, the funds will help provide tutorial services.

Lakes Area Youth Assistance, a non-profit organization, was established in 1969 to provide professional counseling and other programs for local young people and their families. Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, Walled

Lake, Wolverine Lake, Wixom, and Commerce Township sponsor the group. It's also sponsored by the Oakland County Circuit Court.

The organization also gets funding from grants, however, this fund raising project is important for additional funding, she said.

The service benefits the community because not only are the caseworkers professional but the service is free to families who need it. Police, concerned residents, teachers and family members can refer a young person to the program.

Stoddard said she is looking forward to the event.

"I think it's going to be a won-

derful evening with entertainment," Stoddard said. "There will be different reflections of local talent from the Walled Lake area."

Susan Gross, chairperson for the organization's board of directors, said people will have a good time.

"We're having a lot of fun with it," Gross said.

Residents will also have the time of their life while they sample food, get entertained and have the possibility of winning a nifty prize.

"I don't call it a fundraiser," Stoddard said. "I call it a fun raiser."

It's also beneficial to the restaurants because people will sample their food and come back to the restaurants at a later date for

more, she said.

"It's wonderful to all be working together for the good of the community," Stoddard said.

Gross said she encourages everyone to get their tickets now. There are only 250 tickets that will be sold for \$15 a piece. Tickets may be purchased at LAYA office, Walled Lake Community Schools Credit Union, Commerce Township Office and Walled Lake City Hall.

"We're going to sell all 250," Gross said.

She is thankful to all of the support that businesses have contributed to make the event a reality.

The Novi Band Invitational - Fanfare will take place this weekend at Novi High School. The school will be host to 25 of the finest marching bands from all over the state. The event begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The NHS marching band will present their 2001 program "English Dances" under the direction of James Sheekler, Joanna Haselhuber and Matt Owmby.

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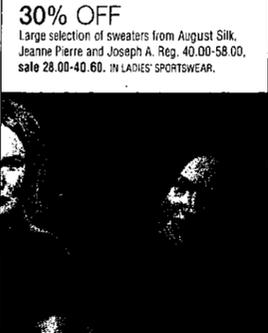
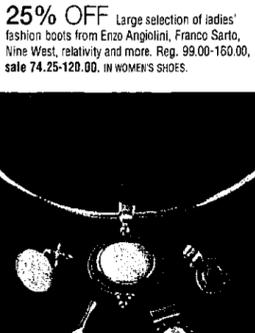
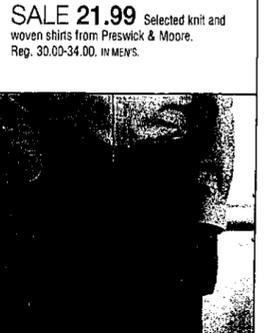
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- Tuesday/Thursday, 6-7 p.m. - aerobics/kickbox.
- Ten-week class starts Sept. 10 or 11.
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- Kids Tap Dance and More. ages 2-4 Monday, Sept. 17-Oct. 22 Monday, Oct. 23-Dec. 3 Both classes meet from 2-2:30 p.m.; six-week class, \$40. Wixom Community Center.
- Rock Karate Aerobics Wednesday, Sept. 19-Oct. 24 (six weeks), 6-7 p.m., fee, \$60. Friday, Sept. 21-Nov. 9 (eight weeks), 9:30-10:30 a.m., fee, \$80. Child care available for this class.
- Wednesday, Nov. 7-Dec. 19 (omit Nov. 28), 6-7 p.m. fee, \$60. Wixom Community Center.
- Junior Karate, ages 5-16 Wednesday, Sept. 19-Oct. 24 Wednesday, Nov. 7-Dec. 19 (omit Nov. 28) Both classes meet from 6-7 p.m., fee, \$25 (six weeks). Wixom Community Center.
- Karate for Women Wednesday, Sept. 19-Oct. 24 Wednesday, Nov. 7-Dec. 19 (omit Nov. 28). Both classes meet from 7-8 p.m., \$25. Wixom Community Center.
- Open/Family Karate Wednesday, Sept. 19-Oct. 24 Wednesday, Nov. 7-Dec. 19 (omit Nov. 28). Held from 8-9 p.m.; fee, \$60 family, \$30 individual (six weeks). Wixom Community Center.
- Hip Hop Jazz dance, ages 4-5 Monday, Sept. 17-Oct. 22 Monday, Oct. 29-Dec. 3. Both sessions, 2:30-3:15 p.m.; fee, \$45 (six weeks). Wixom Community Center.
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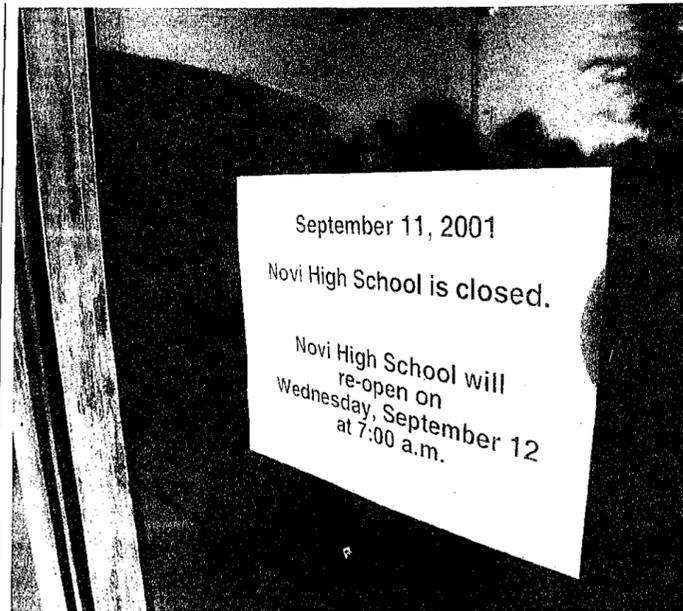
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troops that have been already deployed and the ones that may be in the future.

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I hope you take this letter into consideration when you think about the future choices of the Novi Ice Arena.



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LETTERS

High school student wishes ice arena to keep name

My name is Drew Bulbuk. I am a ninth grader at Novi High School. I was reading your latest article regarding possible naming rights for the Novi Ice Arena. I have played hockey for eight years, four of those in Novi. In my opinion, we should leave the ice arena name the way it is. I would rather skate at the Novi Ice Arena than an arena with a brand name on it. I am proud to skate out of Novi. Also, I was very pleased to hear of the possible leasing of the pro shop. My brother and I would prefer to shop locally for our equipment and skate sharpening.

Drew Bulbuk
Novi

Council should side with public

This is in response to the letter submitted by Ed Kramer in the Aug. 23 issue and I quote: "There is no compelling reason to make change in planning...we are just emerging from a period of change and adjustment." What the mayor was trying to do was to complete the change. It appears you are against the "clean sweep" approach.

You talk of supporting stability and forward of progress...What makes you think any newly appointed commissioner would not be stable? You said, "We need a chance to get and get their [planning department/commission] act together." The old Planning Commission which was established by the former Madine Mayor never got their act together. The purpose of removing the old administration's reworded friends is so we can finally get it together.

The "...valuable expertise and experience..." you claim that we need is really a bit of a joke. In my opinion, you had no problem putting Victor Cassis on board with no experience and no expertise in planning matters. Just how much expertise and experience in the planning realm did you, personally, have when you gained your seat on Planning? And can you tell us why your friend at that time, Mayor Quinn, chose not to reappoint you when your term was up?

Do you remember the turmoil when Bob Taub was not reappointed? Can you tell us why Ernie Aruffo wasn't reappointed? Many fine people have not been reappointed for what we will call interesting reasons. It is the mayor's choice and it should be your duty to at least look like you are fol-

lowing his direction. It's time to finish the housecleaning that started over two years ago. It's time we replace the people who refuse to accept the direction in which Novi is now headed. The professional approach must continue. The behind-the-scenes wheeling and dealing of the "Old Boy" attempt at control must stop.

Thank you Dolores Vedro for a thought-provoking letter. It appears that you are much more politically astute than many of the Old Boys would like to give credit.

James E. Korte
Novi

Thank you Great Lakes Jewelry

I am writing this letter to say thank you to Great Lakes Jewelry in Novi. I am hoping to let people know what a wonderful business and what great personal attention really means.

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After a delicious meal of soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken with red potatoes, and zucchini and cannoli for dessert, the group proceeded to Genitt's Theater for the program. Everyone enjoyed seeing the video which had been taken by Richard Brunner at their 50th reunion. Letters were read from those who were unable to attend and each person presented shared things that had happened in their lives since their 50th reunion. There was a moment of silence as they remembered the 13 classmates that were no longer with them at the 50th reunion and the 12 that had completed their life's journey since then: Allen Barnard, Betty (Barry) Brenner, Barbara Curtis, Stanley Davis, Harold Fritz, John Hochkins, Sidney Junod, Donald Kimmel, Lawrence McArthur, Diana (Matthews) Lyke, Walter Nafranowicz, and Eugene Reeves.

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Betty J. Erwin
Northville

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Reunion a happy occasion

On Aug. 22, Northville High's Class of 1941 celebrated their 60th reunion. The committee who made the arrangements were: Jane (Ely) Clinton, Louis Eaton, Edward Erin, and William Widmaier.

Fourteen classmates and six spouses gathered together in 11:30 a.m. at Genitt's Hole-In-The-Wall to become acquainted. Those in attendance were: John

Early years has impact on child

Doctors and scientists have by now conclusively proven what experienced parents know all along: Much of a baby's brain has already developed by kindergarten.

Economists and sociologists have now demonstrated what good cops and judges knew all along: Kids who get lots of preschool enrichment are likely to end up as adults more literate, better employed, less drug-dependent and less likely to engage in crime than kids who don't. A 30-year study by the High-Scope Foundation in Ypsilanti found that a \$1 investment in high-quality early childhood programs eventually saves \$7 in social costs.

Yet as a society, we still don't pay much attention to enriching the early childhood of our kids. It's an enormous and sorry disconnect between what we know and what we do.

For the past three years, groups of Michigan leaders have been working to change that disconnect. The Michigan Ready to Succeed Partnership brings together leaders from business, charitable foundations, politics and the media, while the bipartisan Children's Caucus in the Legislature has steadily gained influence and credibility. Both groups will be going into high gear this fall.

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Those tempted to balance the budget on the backs of babies might be interested to know there's a media campaign coming that could change their minds. The Ready to Succeed Partnership has raised more than \$700,000 for a statewide radio and TV advertising campaign designed to emphasize the importance of early childhood parenting.

I've looked at the scripts, prepared by the Zimmerfish ad agency in East Lansing; they're dynamite. The theme line — "Be a hero from age zero" — is set out in shots showing parents bonding with their babies. Key words — read, teach, play, hold, love, care, laugh — scroll across the TV screen, making the point that what parents do with their babies is crucial to their development. The campaign kicks off around Oct. 1, probably just about when the negotiations about the state budget reach the full boil.

To top it off, the Ready to Succeed Partnership is holding a summit conference in Grand Rapids Oct. 4-5. Designed to "gauge Michigan's progress toward the vision of making every child ready to succeed in school and in life," the gathering will bring together some 300 Michigan leaders "to mount a more concerted effort on behalf of our youngest children."

Maybe they should invite Gov. John Engler and leaders from the Michigan House and Senate to the conference. I suspect they'd learn something.

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At the end of the day, two things strike me as significant about the whole matter of early childhood enrichment.

First, it's awfully hard to be against it, especially given the overwhelming scientific and economic evidence that what happens in earliest childhood has such an enormous impact on both the child and on the society.

Second, what's really going on here is an attempt to change long-held cultural assumptions about families, babies, schools and our society. Time was — when moms stayed at home and families stayed together — that we could tolerate a system that assumed the lives of all babies were adequately enriched until they went off to kindergarten. Just a glance at the composition of today's workforce and at the reality of uninformed parents and broken families is more than enough to persuade me the habits of the past need to be changed.

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Restrictions for CCW stay, for now

The move to ease restrictions on the carrying of concealed weapons is off for the time being...the key words there are "for the time being."

Despite the fact Michigan's new CCW law went into effect as recently as July 1, gun rights advocates have already called for restrictions contained in that new law to be lifted.

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It is those zones Dykman and other gun rights advocates want to eliminate. It should be noted that the other side of the argument wants to add more gun-free zones. The airport is just one example.

Dykman explained it is typical for states to adopt more restrictive rules on the carrying when they first move from a "may issue" permit process to "shall issue." Eventually, those tighter restrictions are lifted, as has been the case in both Florida and Texas, he said.

Another of the restrictions in Michigan's new law that many gun rights advocates want removed is the higher age limit. It was raised in July from 18 to 21, Dykman said he'd like to see it eventually moved back.

The first hurdle for gun rights advocates is to make sure the CCW law survives the expected initiative legislation drive next November, so the restrictions will stay in till then.

One can only wonder how confident voters can be in a new law in which the restrictions appear to be in temporary...until after they have had a chance to vote.

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Americans pack a mean punch

The tragedies on Tuesday morning probably equaled and surpassed Pearl Harbor and the assassination of President John Kennedy. I know those were major events, but this time a great number of civilians died for no apparent reason. Terrorism is a strange and atrocious thing.

It usually involves faceless men who don't owe allegiance to a country, but rather to a god, belief or ideal. That's why something like this will be hard to swallow for some time because it may take time to find the true criminals behind these events. Another obstacle in the United States' way is that those individuals truly responsible went down in the planes as well and obviously, you can't put someone on trial that isn't alive anymore.

Not just a very horrible act, but it is also useless. I'm sure the people who supported these terrorists feel as if they bruted and hurt America. They did in a way, but one thing is certain — the past has shown that our country does not take lightly attacks on its citizens. They may have gotten to us physically, but the mental anguish will be short-lived and in its place, the want for retribution will be immense.

I've lived during many events I think of as tragedies, including the Challenger space shuttle explosion as well as the unnecessary deaths of the Branch Davidians in Waco. When those events occurred I was at home on my couch, but on Tuesday morning I had to do my job. This included a Downtown Development Authority meeting and collecting information for the police briefs at the city and township departments.

The DDA meeting was going very smooth and at the end of the meeting many members were interested in getting an update on the city and county road projects, particularly the Griswold Road construction. DPW Director James Gallego had left the room for a time during the meeting and as he arrived back about the tragedies that occurred during the meeting. At that point, no one was seemed interested in hearing the updates, but there was a sense of disbelief that came over all of us.

In my travels to both police departments, it seemed as if work had stopped for a time and everyone was either glued to a television or had their radio on while the news updates came in. I don't think the terrorists understand the can of worms they opened. They might, and they might be smiling too, but the last time I checked, an event like Pearl Harbor doesn't tear us down. Rather, it unites us and that can be bad thing for those who did this.



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Letter gives hints in lightning accident liability

By LON HUHMAN
Staff Writer

Determining liability in a May 11, 2000 lightning strike accident on an 11-year-old Northville boy will left to the courts, but an agreement between the Northville Soccer Association and other authorities may shed some light on the matter.

According to the Association's letter of understanding with the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission, the liability insurance for the entire program is supposed to be covered by

Northville and Northville Township's provider, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

The parks and recreation commission is a service shared between the city and township. The letter of understanding was signed in August of 1998 by the Soccer Association and one month later by the parks and recreation commission.

The understanding agreement was supposed to last for two years, which would have provided coverage by MMRMA. In addition, the agreement stated the agreement would be

renewed annually until one or more parties gave the other a minimum of 90 days notice that changes or termination was desired.

However, according to the letter of understanding, the NSA is a separate, independent organization. The same letter of understanding also stated the NSA and parks and rec commission agreed to "defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its officers, directors and employees from any claims, demands or legal proceedings which may be made or brought against the other party."

The NSA is composed of volunteers not hired by Northville or Northville Township — a fact that troubled defense attorney Mark Greenman.

"My question for our elected officials is why is the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission is not standing up to the letter of understanding agreement it had with the soccer association?" said Greenman, who represents four of the six defendants. "They seem to be on the fence and not taking a position on this."

Northville city manager Gary Word said the city has not been

served with the suit, but would be willing — within reason — to support the NSA to the extent that they can. However, the city does not know at this time what help they can give until they receive a written response from MMRMA. Word said the response may come by the end of this week.

According to Northville Township manager Chip Snider, the township has taken a position similar to that of the city.

Word said the accident and suit should not, and were not, being taken lightly. In addition, he said the city is looking into

having the NSA become an extension of the city and feels that they are making positive steps in that direction.

"Besides the obvious near tragedy of the lightning striking the young boy, the other tragedy is the chilling effect this may have on community volunteerism in the future," Snider said.

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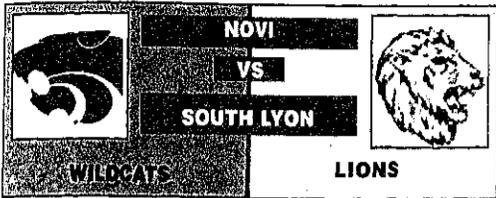
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Game of the Week



Football contest could be tough

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

This might prove interesting. The Novi Wildcats football team will have the pleasure of hosting the South Lyon Lions tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and let's just say there is some history between these two teams that more than one player is thinking about.

"The last two games between us came down to fourth and one," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "I don't know how many times you want to attempt that one. We were fortunate both times, one year they came out and we stopped them and then we had to go a yard and get it. I anticipate that we will have to be ready to go like that again."

The South Lyon gridders will be looking for redemption from the past two season losses while the Wildcats are coming off of a tough loss against Brighton — something the Novi players won't let happen again if they have something to say about it.

With quarterback Matt Gorman's ability to fake the hand-off and run the option, expect to see a lot of yardage on the ground — but at the same time Kellepourey and his crew are not going to hesitate to call in passing plays if they think that is the best way to go. The fear-some depth of the Cats backfield should keep the defense honest and not cheating Gorman while the speed and catching ability of nearly every eligible receiver on the field makes the passing game as much

of a threat as the ground game. Expect to see good use of the option as well as a few plays with back up quarterback Drew Doll lining up in the backfield to keep the South Lyon defenders guessing.

"We are going to have to make plays," Kellepourey said. "We are going to have to execute and make plays for ourselves."

Another thing Kellepourey said would be key is to take advantage of anything South Lyon is going to let them take advantage of.

"If we have a chance to make a tackle in the open field we are going to have to," he said. "If we have the chance to block a punt, then we have to. We have to make it happen and be consistent with it."

The Wildcat defense, led by Scott Kortlandt and Gorman along with Chase Chandler and Josh Buck, should prove to be the brick wall they were in the first two games as long as everyone keys on their assignments and the defensive line can keep South Lyon's backfield scrambling for safety.

Kellepourey noted that you can't take any teams for granted in the Kennington Valley Conference, especially the Lions.

"They are coming off of two wins and South Lyon is a program that gets better and better each week," Kellepourey said. "They are a very good team with a very good coaching staff. We are going to have to improve tremendously to have suc-

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Girls tennis easily crushes Plymouth Chiefs

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats girls tennis team has the taste of victory — and the beginnings of an undefeated regular season.

The Wildcats used their sheer talent and athletic abilities to blank Plymouth Canton 8-0 Thursday.

"I thought we played a very aggressive match," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "I thought we were very aggressive in both singles and doubles and I am very pleased with how the kids played."

The Wildcats used key wins straight down the board to dominate the Canton Chiefs with none of the matches going more than two sets.

"Sometimes a match would come down to the third and fourth doubles," Hanson said. "As I have said before, the kids who play in those matches have to realize they are a big part of the success of this team. Our success is based on us getting and maintaining contributions from all of our flights."

The first singles found sophomore Ashley Glover winning her first match of the season in dominate fashion against senior Katie Maloni (6-1, 6-0) while senior Melissa Roemer crushed sophomore Beth Treadwell (6-0, 6-0) in second singles. Third singles found senior Carolyn Vermeulen beating out senior Susan Franck (6-1, 6-3) while sophomore Anna Switzer beat sophomore Lauren Kazmierczak (6-0, 6-2) in the fourth doubles. "Ashley is definitely improved

since last year when she was also playing one singles," Hanson said. "She is coming along. She is a competitor and always gives it her all out there. That is all a coach can ask."

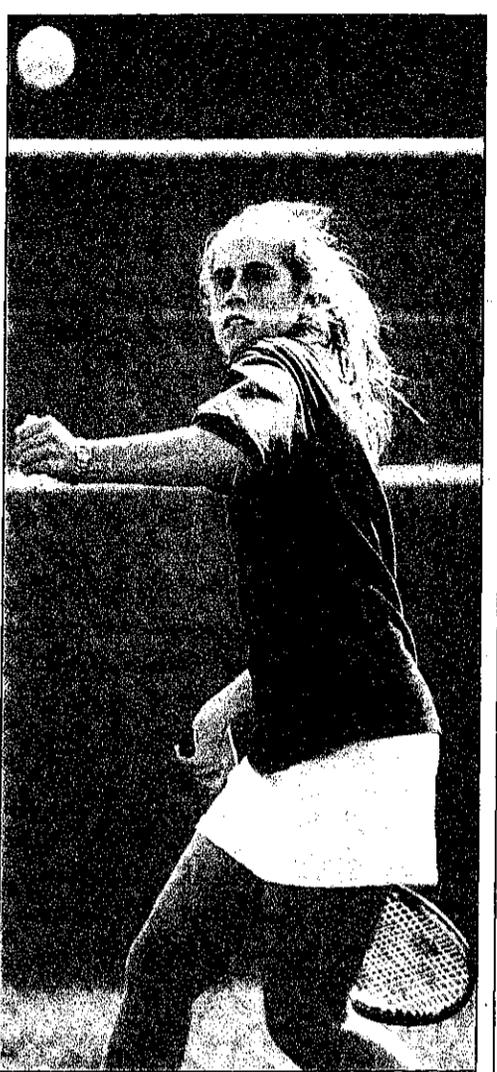
The Wildcats dominated the doubles as well with sophomores Colene Brockman and Lauren Carosio defeating seniors Laura Ulmer and Pam Tokanski (6-1, 6-3) and freshman Emily Holt and sophomore Laura Vaughn beating seniors Jenna Delaney and Jessica Leadford (6-2, 6-1). Third doubles found junior Gabi Frask and senior Justina Chiang edging seniors Pam Hudson and Megan Coullas (6-1, 7-6) while juniors Judy Lai and Megha Vadula dominated sophomore Julia Fabiszewski and junior Jenny Bedard (6-0, 6-0).

"I like to think our doubles are starting to come around a little bit," Hanson said. "It takes time for a doubles team to gel but I think our doubles teams are coming together well."

The Wildcats will have played both South Lyon (Monday) and Lakeland (Wednesday) before taking on the Farmington Mercy squad today at Novi.

"I think the big test will come this week against Mercy," Hanson said. "They are ranked in the top five of the state, division one. This is obviously going to be a good test of our abilities."

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Ashley Glover returns a volley during regular play. Novi girls tennis remains undefeated.

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Gridiron falls to Brighton dogs

BY FRANK DIMICH
HomeTown Newspapers

The game finished more than 25 hours after it started, which meant all-purpose quarterback Matt Gorman of Novi had almost an entire day to rest between the first and second halves.

It didn't matter to the Brighton defense, who kept the speedy and elusive Gorman from making big plays in the second half en route to a 21-7 victory.

The game was postponed on Friday night due to extended lightning. Play resumed Saturday night with 3:37 left in the second quarter.

Novi (2-1, 1-1 Kensington Valley Conference) scored on its first offensive play — a 73-yard touchdown pass from Gorman to Tyson Frantz less than two minutes into the game.

After that, Novi never advanced past the Brighton 30-yard line and moved past midfield on just two of 11 possessions.

"We gave up a few big plays," Brighton defensive lineman Paul Aschmetat said. "All we did was break down on a few assignments.

Besides that, we did a great job." Aschmetat led a defensive line that was able to figure out what Gorman was doing most of the game, no matter how many times he countered, faked handoffs, or tried to option.

"It was a disappointing loss for our program," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "I don't feel that I had the kids ready for a game like that. That is what we are going to work on this week, getting the kids ready so we don't have break downs at key moments in the game."

Once Brighton (2-1, 2-0 KVC) scored in the fourth quarter on one-yard touchdown run by running back Mike O'Brien, Gorman was forced to throw more often, something he didn't look totally comfortable doing.

Brighton's running game was also contained in the second half. O'Brien had 12 carries for 85 yards in the first half — including a 30-yard touchdown run on the first drive of the game — and four for 20 in the second.

"I knew I was getting a good jump off the ball," O'Brien said. "Coming from Friday to Saturday,

Brighton 21, Novi 7

I guarantee they watched films (Saturday) morning and we did too. Their adjustments slowed us down. I think with our momentum (on Friday) we would've had a good night."

The game was postponed just after Brighton had stopped a new spread formation that had Gorman checking in as a receiver and back-up Drew Doll in at quarterback. Doll's fly-pattern pass was batted down on fourth and 10 from the Brighton 37. Gorman tried to complete a similar pattern on the previous two plays.

With the running game contained, the Bulldogs were forced to pass. But that didn't work either as quarterback Brendan Finnerty was 1-of-7 for 18 yards in the second half and 8 for 23 for 93 yards and two interceptions for the game. He

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Novi Wildcat players dive to bring down a Brighton Bulldog during the Friday and Saturday contest.

Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

Wildcat tankers earn win

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats girls swim and dive team have started their season on a high note — which doesn't happen if you stop to test the waters with your toe first — you have to jump right in.

The Wildcats have notched wins over Walled Lake Western, Fenton and Walled Lake Central on their way to winning their first three meets of the season.

"Walled Lake Western is a team in the process of building," Novi coach Larry Teahan said. "There are building and are more competitive this year than last year. Fenton and Central are both good teams and were good challenges for us."

The Wildcats followed the lead of their 500 free style swimmers to set the pace against Central as Britney Broaduehrer won the race for the Wildcats in a time of 5 minutes, 36.76 seconds.

"She had to come back strong to win that race," Teahan said. "The girl from Central was ahead of her by three body lengths at one time."

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Novi cagers fall to Northville Wildcat girls can't stop the Mustang force

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team felt the sting of the season's first loss as they fell to cross-town rival Northville on Sept. 6 at the Salem tournament.

The Wildcats only had one player score into double digits as they fell 55-42 to the Mustangs.

"I think it came down to controlling the ball and possession," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said after the Novi game. "In our last seven possessions, we had two shot attempts and five turnovers. You can't win a game when you are behind if you can't shoot the ball."

The Wildcats followed the scoring lead of sophomore Alison Greulich, who had 15 points on the night, while Kate Rose added 6, Angie Schmitt chipped in 4, Melissa Stephen notched four, Laura Longo recorded 4, Becky Gasiorok collected three, Julie Longo pitched in 3 and Carrie Copp added three in the losing effort.

The Mustangs followed the scoring lead of stellar shooter Anderson as she poured in 26 points in the Novi contest, nine of which came from beyond the three-point arch.

"(My teammates) set me up perfectly," Anderson said. "They set screens for me so I could take the ball to the basket and got me the ball when I was open for a shot."

The Mustangs had six players, including Anderson, score throughout the night with junior guard Nicole Cauzillo ringing up 14 points, Emily Oit adding eight, Maggie Ossola chipping in four points and Lauren Temple notched two while Laura LeMasters rounded out the scoring with one.

"We were right in there but we couldn't take care of business," Cichonski said. "We had the opportunities to force this game to the wire but we couldn't hold on when we needed to."

The Wildcats were only down 25-24 at halftime and stayed within a couple of baskets through the third quarter and even exchanged the

lead with the Mustangs before the Northville team eventually pulled away, outscoring Novi 17-6 in the fourth quarter.

Novi felt the sting of fouls as Rose and Schmitt fouled out in the fourth quarter.

"It always hurts when you lose players to fouls in a game like this," Cichonski said. "Angie and Kate are very competitive players and having them on the court to finish the game would have been nice."

When all is said and done and the loss aside, Cichonski said that he was happy with the way the Wildcats performed against the Mustangs.

"I was very pleased with the way we played today," Cichonski said. "Even though we lost, I am happy with what we did out there. We won't be making any major changes to the team, no reconstructive surgery. We just need to work on the fundamentals a little, that is what hurt us."

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Novi's Becky Gasiorok and Laura Longo fight for the ball with Northville's Lauren Temple during the fourth quarter.

Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

Scores

Football

- Brighton 21, Novi 7
- Canton 49, Northville 0
- Walled Lake Central 37, Farmington 0
- Harrison 44, Walled Lake Western 0

Basketball

- Northville 55, Novi 42 (Salem Tournament opening game)
- Brighton 54, North Farmington 25
- South Lyon 49, Swartz Creek 29
- Walled Lake Central 60, Lakeland 34
- Walled Lake Western 67, Kimball 28

Girls Tennis

- Novi 8, Canton 0

Boys Golf

- Novi 148, Lakeland 165

Community Events

Northville-based **New Hope Center for Grief Support** will be offering free support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month at St. Kenneth's Parish in Plymouth from 7 to 8:30 p.m. New Hope for KIDZ meets at the same time, and is designed to assist children ages 4 to 11. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

Arbor Hospice is seeking the help of a high-school-age volunteer to mow the Northville facility's lawn and do some light trimming on the property on a weekly basis. The work will count towards National Honor Society

volunteer hours. For more information, call (248) 348-4980.

The **three-mile Victorian Fitness Walk and Run** is scheduled for Sept. 16 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-entry fees are \$10 or \$12 on the day of the event. Entry fees are tax deductible donations benefiting Northville park improvement projects. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

The **Northville Victorian Festival** is slated for Sept. 14, 15 and 16 in downtown Northville. The festival begins with a kickoff parade at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14. A variety of Victorian-era entertainment, art and festivities will be

made a part of the day. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Schoolcraft College will be hosting "Food In The Spotlight" on Sept. 23 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Waterman Campus Center. Northville restaurants Emily's, Bonfire Bistro, Steve and Rocky's, and Little Italy will be participating in the event. Tickets are \$40 per person or two for \$75. Several prizes will also be raffled off at the event. Tickets for which can be purchased for \$5 each. For more information, call (734) 462-4670.

The **New Hope Center for Grief Support** will host the **second annual Good Grief Golf** Outing

on Sept. 8 beginning at 10 a.m. The \$100 per-person fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Dinner-and-auction-only tickets are \$50. Proceeds from the outing will benefit the Northville-based bereavement counseling center. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

Pet-A-Pet is seeking volunteers from the Novi area. The organization allows volunteers the chance to share their pets with others unable to have or access pets of their own. Pets must be vaccinated, good with people and able to be handled by people. For more information, call (734) 449-8339.

Friends of the Northville District Library will be holding a **used book sale** Sept. 20-23. Members of the Friends' group will have members-only shopping privileges on Sept. 20, with the balance of the sale time being open to the public. Books of all kinds, including Entertainment coupon books will be available for purchase. For more information, call (248) 349-6432.

The **Sarah Ann Cochran** chapter of the **Daughters of the American Revolution** will be hosting a Sept. 17 luncheon at the Northville District Library beginning at noon. All Daughters

members are welcome to attend the luncheon, which will focus on museum quilts. Members and guests are asked to bring sandwiches, while beverages will be provided.

A **reunion of D-Day veterans** will take place in England and France on May 17, 2002. Veterans of the historic invasion of Nazi Europe will have the chance to tour Omaha and Utah Beach cemeteries, as well as the D-Day villages of Cherbourg, Caen, and Ste. Mere Eglise.

For more information, call (561) 865-8495.

Engagements

Matthew and Joyce Quinn of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Mitch Montgomery, the son of George and Linda Montgomery of Clinton Township.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 1995, and is currently employed at Commodore.

The groom-elect graduated from Chippewa Valley High School in 1998, and from Michigan State University in 2002. He is employed at Tek Insight.com.

A March 16, 2002 wedding is planned.



Quinn-Montgomery



Nix-Korth

Robert and Sue Nix of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Michelle, to Scot Richard Korth, the son of John and Cheryl Korth of Troy.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School. She was awarded a degree in biosystems engineering from Michigan State University in 1999, and is currently employed at the Yeoman Group in Lansing as an environmental engineer.

The groom-elect graduated in 1994 from Miramonte High School in Orinda, Calif. He is a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University and is currently teaching English at Sexton High School in Lansing. A Nov. 10 wedding is planned.

HomeTown Authors

FROG-PIG-COW

Once upon a time there was a Frog-Pig-Cow. He had a body like a frog, a tail and nose like a pig, and spots like a cow. His mom was a pig, his dad was a cow, and his brother was a frog. His brother was very smart just like his dad, his mom was very artistic, but he was great at just about everything.

They lived on a farm near a pond in Michigan. When he was growing up, Frog-Pig-Cow played sports, drew pictures, and wrote stories. His mom and dad thought he was the greatest.

But on the first day of school, all the kids laughed at him because he was different from them. Frog-Pig-Cow got mad but he knew he had his advantages.

Frog-Pig-Cow went to the track meet after school. His event was the hurdles. He won by

two whole seconds. He told them it was because he could jump like a frog.

The next day while Frog-Pig-Cow was at school, there was a problem. One of his classmates dropped the soap for the science experiment that was later that day. Everyone looked for it and Frog-Pig-Cow was the one to find it because of his great nose. His teacher was very glad and gave Frog-Pig-Cow an award.

After school that day, Frog-Pig-Cow and his friends played hide-and-go-seek. Frog-Pig-Cow was the last one to be found because he was small and had camouflage spots.

Nobody ever laughed at Frog-Pig-Cow again because they realized he was special, just like them.

Brittany Birdsall, 11, is a student at Hillside Middle School. She is the daughter of Richard and Diana Birdsall of Northville.



Brittany Birdsall

On Campus

The following Novi High School students recently participated in this year's Summer Institute for the Arts, Sciences and Technology at Madonna University: **Gregory Dokshin, Alden Wesley Kennedy, Kaitlyn M. Knight, Irina Rostanets, and Olga Rostanets.**

The students were involved in lab and field experiences, research, technology and techniques, with some of the state's top artists, teachers, researchers, and business and industry professionals.

Kristine Tripp is the recipient of a Transfer Merit scholarship to William Tyndale College.

Requirements are for an incoming transfer student from a Michigan community college with

a minimum 3.0 grade point average for 45 semester hours.

Tripp is a transfer student from Washtenaw Community College at Madonna University.

This is the first time the show has been juried. Student works were chosen by an artist and a University of Michigan art professor. Of 230 entries, 80 works were selected.

Blakey Anne Barry, junior, special education/learning disabilities; **Rohit Kumar Jha**, senior, supply chain management; **Erick William Marold**, junior, accounting; and **Andrew William Prain**, junior, finance.

Shawn S. Rohlig, junior, accounting.

Jack Sprauer of Northville will participate in the annual student art exhibition at Adrian College, scheduled for Sept. 25-Oct. 27 at Stubbins Gallery on campus.

Sprauer has submitted two acrylic paintings. He is an art major in his third year and a 1998 graduate of Northville High School. Sprauer is the son of Bomar and Rusty Sprauer.

Melody Bryan left Sept. 4 to continue her studies through Harding University's overseas program in Athens, Greece. Bryan is a

majoring in nursing.

While in Greece, she will take part in tours of Turkey, the major Greek islands and Egypt. In addition to language studies, the students will also study the backgrounds of Christianity. The group will return to the United States in December.

Bryan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lannie Bryan of Novi.

Local area students at Ferris State University received academic honors in recognition of achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average for winter semester.

Named on the Dean's List were **Sally E. Hoey** of Northville, **Andrew J. Curtin** and **Bernadette J. Uy** of Novi, and **Laura Kovatch** of Walled Lake.

Accessories aren't an afterthought in dressing

A few months ago I wrote a column on suits (and another on shirts) for you to use as a guideline in selecting a wardrobe. Today's article will help you in choosing accessories and in your shopping.

It is no secret that shopping for clothes is not your favorite thing to do. In fact, psychotherapists say one reason why you men find shopping for clothes so daunting is that all your lives you have been mainly dressed by others, usually women. As infants and youngsters, mothers chose your booties and clothes (they may still be choosing your shoes, ties and socks) until this chore is passed into the hands of girlfriends, lovers or wives. This never gave you an opportunity to learn about fabrics, colors, textures and combinations. As a result, many men get sweaty palms when entering a men's clothing store.

One author says a lot of men hesitate admitting (even to themselves) that they want to look better. And why? Because you have been taught that any concern about your appearance is misdirected vanity. You



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hit the nail on the head: "The cliché is true. Men like shopping for cars and women like shopping for clothes. I only like cars because they take me to clothes. I look at a car as something that gets me from place to place, and clothes as glamorous. Men look at clothes as something to take them from place to place and cars as glamorous."

So here are some guidelines for you:

- **On Pocket Handkerchiefs** These were first worn by men to cover the head or wipe perspiration from the face. However, by the Renaissance period, they were considered an essential accessory for use, causing Erasmus to write "To wipe your nose on your sleeve is boorish."

Today, pocket squares really have no practical purpose, however, they do add a touch of elegance and marks you as a confident and knowledgeable dresser. They can be of any color, although plain white is generally preferred, and should coordinate rather than exactly match a patterned tie.

The fold can be multi-pointed, square-ended, puffed or triangular - all are acceptable and should be of linen or silk with hand-rolled edges. One more point: If your handkerchief is initialed, the monogram should never show.

• On Belt/Suspenders

Even though according to tradition, the bottom button on a vest must always be worn undone, belts should not be worn with vests as they cause the waistline to look lumpy. The color of the belt should blend with the color of the suit or wear usually in the same general color as the shoes, that is black with black or brown with brown. Buckles should be simple and unadorned in either gold or brass and should be very plain if you tend to have a "front porch." And unless you are dressing very casually, belts must be worn with pants that have belt holders.

Suspenders, however, permit trousers to hang and look better especially if they are pleated. They should be attached to the pants with buttons preferably inside the

waistband. Suspenders that attach to the waistband with metal clips-on are, more or less, novelty wear and worn accordingly. Let me add two "never, never, ever's": Never wear a white patent leather belt and never wear a belt and suspenders at the same time.

Next time we'll tackle shoes, socks, ties, jewelry, and fragrances.

• **What Do I Do When...** *having been served food, especially soup, that is too hot to eat:*

You wait - simply wait - until it has cooled a bit. You can help it along by gently pulling your spoon through it - away from you and back several times. Do not stir it in a circular motion and, above all, do not blow on it. If you happen to take a sip without realizing its temperature, do not spit it out - just grab for your ice water and take a long sip. A burnt tongue will heal faster than your embarrassment if you try to spit it out in your napkin or elsewhere.

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Weddings

Amy Suzanne Bales and Robert Bruce Lathrop were wed May 12 at St. James Catholic Church in Novi. The Rev. James F. Crank officiated the ceremony, with the bride given in marriage by her father.

The bride is the daughter of Alwynne and Jack Bales of Northville and a 1998 graduate of Schoolcraft College. Amy is employed at Meijer in Wixom.

Attending as matron of honor was Shawn Doyle, Nancy Hanson served as bridesmaid, with Kathleen Doyle and Ashley Hanson as flower girls.

The bridal gown was of an A-line design with a tank top style bodice in lace and a small train edged in elegant sepi pearl lace. The gown was crafted by Susan Beaton and hand beaded with seed pearls and cup sequins by the bride's mother, Alwynne Bales, with help from the



Bales-Lathrop

Michigan University and is self-employed. Robert is also employed at Meijer.

Paul Salow was best man with John Anthony Bales as groomsmen. Serving as ringbearer was Andrew Hanson.

The couple went to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., for their honeymoon.

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Central pounds Farmington

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Walled Lake Central football team took another step closer to reaching their goals Friday as they crushed the Farmington Falcons in a Lakes Division contest.

The Vikings did what they needed to do in the air, on the ground, with special teams and on the defensive side of the ball as they walked their way over the Falcons in a 37-0 shelling.

"All three facets of our game are coming together," Central coach Chuck Apap said. "This is the best we have looked on offense, special team and defense. We get better and better each week, that is what you want."

The Vikings and the Falcons were tied up 0-0 at the end of the first quarter but the Central gridgers were too eager to score to leave it that way very long.

The first Central touchdown came of a 16-yard jaunt by Mike Schultz with Mike Hildebrandt tacking on the extra point to put the Vikings up 7-0. Minutes later the Viking offense struck again as quarterback Ryan Trailer found receiver Maxx Morris on a 15-yard scoring strike with the PAT splitting the uprights to notch the Vikings lead up to 14-0.

Schultz added another score to his growing point totals as he scampered over the goal line from 16 yards out with time expiring in the first half.

"Mike is a hard runner," Apap said. "He puts everything he has into each game and it shows when he carries the football."

The Vikings continued their scoring domination as Trailer connected with Scott Long on a five-yard pass into the endzone with Hildebrandt, who went 4-for-5 with PATs, tacking on the extra point. Paul Campbell notched Central's last touchdown of the night as he sprinted into the endzone on a 10-yard carry to put the Vikings up 34-0.

"Our defense held Farmington



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Walled Lake Central's Maxx Morris scores a second touchdown during the second quarter of the WLC/Farmington football game on Sept. 7.

to something like 80 yards rushing and 35 yards passing," Apap said. "We had some players give us an outstanding game on both sides of the ball."

The Vikings capped their scoring with a school-record breaking field goal by Hildebrandt, who snapped the old record of 41 yards.

"That was a big moment," Apap said. "It was a nice way to end our scoring and a big plus for Mike."

The Vikings followed the lead of Schultz in the ground attack as he pounded out 128 yards with 13 carries while Long added 65 yards on six hauls. Trailer recorded eight tackles (five solo, three assists) and L. J. Cotter added eight tackles (four solo, four assists).

"I can't say enough about our defense," Apap said. "Everyone including the special teams played exceptionally well. It was a great all around team effort."

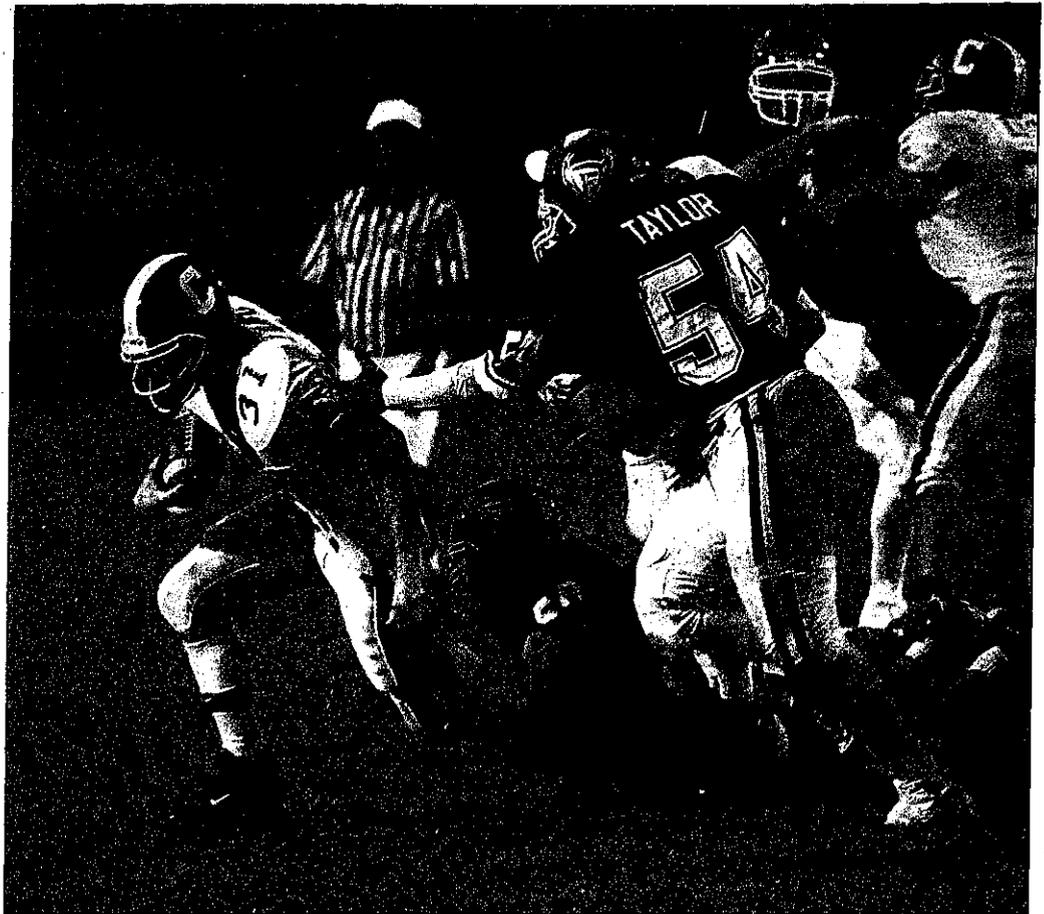


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Walled Lake Central's Scott Long (31) slips past Farmington's Sherman Taylor (54) and Jason Albrecht (50).

Farmington's quarterback 11 times with Ducot and Mike Crowe collecting two sacks each. Crowe collected 11 tackles (six solo, five assists) while Dan Miller recorded eight tackles (five solo, three assists) and L. J. Cotter added eight tackles (four solo, four assists).

"I can't say enough about our defense," Apap said. "Everyone including the special teams played exceptionally well. It was a great all around team effort."

The Vikings (2-1, 1-0 Lakes Division) will host the North Farmington Raiders (1-2, 1-0 Lakes Division) tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. The Raiders are a team, Apap said, cannot be judged by their record.

"They are coming off a huge 45-12 win over Plymouth Salem," he said. "They changed their quarterback from the first two games and that made all of the difference."

With both teams currently sit-

ting atop the Lakes Division, Apap said it won't take long to see who will be left on top after tomorrow.

"Right now we are tied for first place in the Lakes Division," Apap said. "We are going to know real quick who is going to stay there and who isn't."

The Vikings are just taking the steps to their goal one at a time. "If we beat North Farmington, it will be our seventh Lakes Division win straight," Apap

said. "We want to make it seven in a row. It is our goal to dominate the Lakes Division and with John Glenn, North Farmington and Stevenson in there, we have our work cut out for us."

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Walled Lake Western's cagers dominate against Kimball

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Kimball Knights girls basketball team found out what happens when trying to run with the Walled Lake Western Warriors — they tire you out and then beat you.

The Warriors followed the scoring lead of senior Dawn Dawood as they routed the Knights 67-28 on Sept. 8.

"We committed ourselves to playing 32 minutes of basketball," said coach Darrin Jennings. "We had a rough start to the season with our first two losses and then we had a big overtime win against

South Lyon. We told ourselves at a team meeting that we had to play a full 32 minutes, no matter what it took to do it."

The Warriors followed the scoring lead of Dawood, who put in 17 points for Western, as they dominated Kimball from the opening tip.

"We really wanted it," Dawood said. "My teammates did a great job getting me the ball when I was open. Overall, we had a great team effort and everyone got points tonight."

Western relied on their speed and aggressiveness to keep the Knights off balance throughout the contest as seniors Katie

"We really wanted it. My teammates did a great job getting me the ball when I was open."

Dawn Dawood
Western senior

Rousseau and Kristen Burgess forced the Kimball offense to pass more often than they would have liked.

The Warriors used scoring from Rousseau, who scored 12, while teammate Michelle Martin added 11, Bridget Hannosh added 6,

Meghan Marhugh chipped in 6, Dianna Houghton notched 5, Burgess collected 4, Lauren Talbot earned 3 and Tracey Winkler rounded the scoring with 2.

The Knights, who only had one player score in double digits against the smothering Warriors defense, followed the lead of Danielle Tanner in the losing effort.

The Warriors turned a 36-11 halftime lead into a blow out victory even after switching to a 2-3 defense and the assistance of the mercy rule which kept the clock running through nearly the entire fourth quarter.

"We nearly never run a 2-3,"

Jennings said. "We did that out of sportsmanship and to ease the pressure on Kimball."

The Warriors (2-2), will be traveling to Livonia Stevenson Thursday to see if they can continue their winning ways.

"As long as we stay committed to playing 32 minutes of basketball each and every game, I think we will be able to compete with most teams," Jennings said. "We will need to share the ball and maintain a team effort. When we try to win a game as individuals, it goes awful for us."

The Stevenson girls basketball team should beware of the Warriors if Dawood has anything

Warriors basketball
2-2, at Stevenson today

to say about it. "If we play with our hearts and play the game we are able to play, then we will be all right," Dawood said. "Stevenson be ready."

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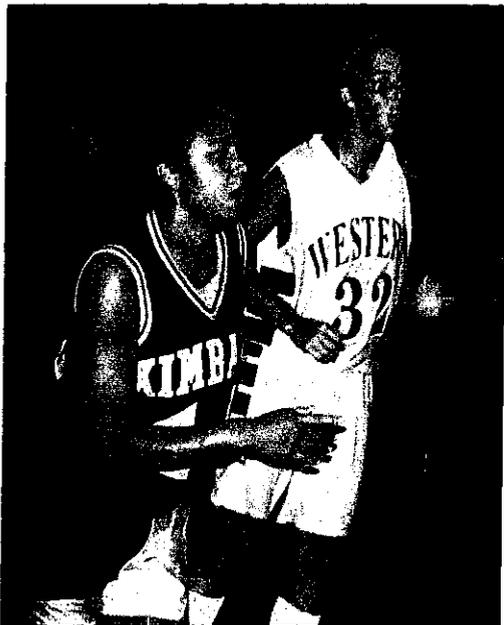


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Walled Lake Western's Kristen Burgess watches as a shot goes up during a recent game against Kimball. Burgess is a senior and loves basketball, Florida State and soap operas.

Basketball senior loves soaps

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

It is not everyday that the record holder of three school basketball records would come out and confess her love for the day-time soap opera *All My Children* or her ownership of the *Sound of Music* soundtrack.

Walled Lake Western senior Kristen Burgess will.

"I tape (*All My Children*) so I can watch it later," Burgess said. "You wouldn't believe how mad I get (about what happens each day) sometimes. It makes or breaks my day."

The senior basketball guard and softball catcher has spent four years at the varsity level for each sport and holds the basketball records for three-point field goals in a game (7), a season (49) and in a career (97) with plenty more games left in the season to add to her already impressive numbers.

Burgess said although she hasn't thought much about the future, she would be thrilled if a college offered her the chance to play sports at the next level.

"I am hoping to get some kind of scholarship or offers to play basketball or softball," Burgess said. "I absolutely love Florida State but realistically I haven't really thought about it or looked into it."

Burgess, who is a member of Western's student council, National Honor Society, peer mentoring and yearbook staff, said she is eager to graduate and to see what the world has to offer.

"I can't wait to graduate," she said. "It is going to be hard to leave all of my friends but it is going to be nice to get away and to try new things and to have new adventures."

Though the time between now and Walled Lake Western's graduation will be short, Burgess has things to keep her occupied besides sports.

"I love watching movies," Burgess said. "I love music. I listen to everything. I like country music, rap and when I am with my dad, I listen to all kinds of oldies."

The CDs in the Burgess collection include the new album by Jennifer Lopez, CDs by Tim McGraw and even the *Sound of Music* soundtrack.

"I love their songs," Burgess said of the *Sound of Music*. "They are so fun. I love that movie too. When I was younger, I used to watch it all of the time."

Burgess, whose favorite actress is Julia Roberts, said she didn't have a favorite actor — but when asked who she would choose if she was forced to marry an actor, she had one all picked out.

"Dean Cain," she said without

missing a beat and admitted to watching a show just because Cain's involvement in it and not the content. "He is good looking and he is a sports guy too."

Another of the hobbies Burgess uses to pass the time is shopping. "I love shopping," she said. "I like Forever 21 in the Briarwood Mall and in Great Lakes Crossing."

The 17-year-old Burgess has an older sister, Betsy (23) and an older brother, Jeff (20) to support her in everything she does along with her mother, Debbie, and her father, Gary. She said that she is eager to try new things — like bungee jumping in Cancun, Mexico.

"I am going to try it on Spring Break," Burgess said. "I am going to Cancun. My brother and my sister went there and I want to go there. (Getting a tan) is one of my goals and hanging out with my friends and having fun doing different kinds of things."

Burgess admitted that she hasn't thought about what she would like to do for a living, but said she has to love it in order to do it.

"I haven't really thought about my future at all," she said. "Whatever I decide I want to do, I have to love it. If I don't love it, I won't do it because I have to be able to put 100 percent into it."

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Kristen Burgess
School: WL Western
Sports: Basketball, softball
Hobbies: Hanging out with friends and watching movies
GPA: 3.3
Favorite athletes: Kobe Bryant and Dot Richardson
Plans for the future: Hoping to get offer to play sports in college.