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SAFE TO FLY?

Novi News asked citizens on the street if they were more apprehensive about flying after the terrorist attacks in NYC and Washington D.C. last week



"No. I have faith. I have a higher faith than the FAA." Nancy Ryder, Novi



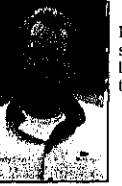
"Absolutely. My husband and I had a trip planned for our 25th wedding anniversary. We postponed it." Diane Allen, Northville



"No I don't. I don't think this area has a high enough profile for that kind of attack." Mike Sleeman, Plymouth



"I have no confidence in the FAA. But, if it's my time to go, it's my time." Denise, Novi



"Not really. I think the security will be even better." Paul, Farmington Hills

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PATRIOTISM ON A NEW LEVEL



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Checked by nurse Sharon Merrill, Rita Blischof gives blood Sept. 12 at the Novi Red Cross Blood donation center on 10 Mile Road. The facility saw dozens of donors that day in response to last Tuesday's tragic events.

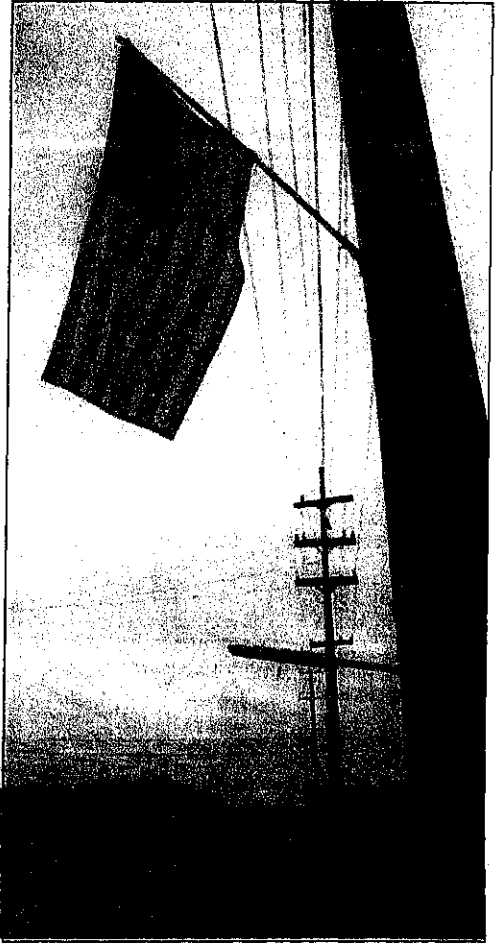


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By Wednesday morning, flags lined many of Novi's roads including Novi Road north of Ten Mile.

The week after NYC, Pentagon tragedies give way to community, national support

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

In a letter addressed to the citizens of Novi, Richard J. Clark, mayor of the city of Novi, expressed his sentiments regarding the Sept. 11 tragedy.

In a portion of the letter, Clark writes, "America's citizens have become united again to a degree not seen since the days of Pearl Harbor. Just as Pearl Harbor awoke a sleeping giant and filled it with a terrible resolve, that same sense of resolve is once again sweeping across our country."

The resolve our community has shown to help those in need is a perfect example of the mayor's words.

Two days after the attacks, citizens filled the Novi chapter of the Red Cross located in W. Ten Mile Road, east of Meadowbrook Avenue.

Craig Dashner, who works in Novi, sat waiting for his turn to give blood for the first time.

"It is about the only thing people can do," Dashner said.

Former New York resident, Mark Jacoby, was also waiting.

"I've been in that building (World Trade Center) for 10 years."

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Theft device banned

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

A new ordinance suggested by Twelve Oaks security officials and put into action by the police chief, minimizes shoplifting activity in Novi.

Recently, Novi city council approved the passing of a theft shielding device ordinance prohibiting the use and possession of devices used to take merchandise out of stores alluding standard store techniques.

"We're excited about the law," said Terry McCauley, security director at Twelve Oaks Mall.

"There was no state law or city ordinance prohibiting the use of these devices," said Carl Shaeffer, the city of Novi police chief.

"I contacted the police and asked if it made sense," McCauley said.

At the heart of the attack are "booster bags," a homemade device used to take store merchandise through detectors used at most retail establishments.

The device resembles a standard shopping bags with the exception that it is lined with preventative household materials.

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Twelve Oaks Mall director of security Terry McCauley shows a "booster bag" that some visitors to the Novi shopping area have used to cheat stores' security measures. They're lined with aluminum foil.

Special meeting will address new expo ordinance

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

Residents will get a chance to speak to city council on the special zoning ordinance for the new Novi Expo Center next week.

A special council meeting for study and consideration of the first reading of the zoning text amendment for the proposed site of the new Novi Exposition Center will be held 7 p.m. on Sept. 27, in the city council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

At this meeting, members of the council, experts on the subject and residents of Novi will have the opportunity to examine what this ordinance means to the city.

"Everyone wants this to be as public of a process as possible," said council member Craig DeRoche. "It is a time to answer questions."

The proposed additional zoning ordinance would allow for the location of an exposition center and related land uses while maintaining the provisions of the underlying office service technology (OST) zoning district designation.

The overlay would specifically accommodate the development of a planned exposition, convention and conference facility including exhibit halls, display floor areas,

meeting rooms, conference rooms, eating and lodging facilities, banquet, concession, catering uses, museums, theaters, recreational facilities, space for civic and school affairs, warehousing accessory to principal uses, off-street parking and loading and unloading space.

The property in question is located west of Taft Road on the north side of Grand River Avenue, south of I-96.

Two of the issues surrounding the consideration are: do we want a new exposition center? And do we want the approval of an ordinance overlay?

NEW EXPOSITION CENTER City manager, Richard Helwig, feels there are benefits to relocating the center.

He feels it would have a positive impact on our economy by bringing many people into the Novi area. Also, Helwig explained unlike other communities, the Novi Exposition Center is privately subsidized. It is not supported by the city.

DeRoche stresses that the ordinance should be reviewed thoroughly, but also expressed the benefits a privately subsidized exposition center would provide.

"There is a lot of good that comes

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Novi Police Department celebrates new facility

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

The city of Novi Police Department employees all pitched in, putting down their handguns and picking up their dusters, as they prepared for the department's new digs.

The police department held a community open house to showcase the new training center and offices on Sept. 9. Despite the rain,

the event scheduled to dedicate the newly remodeled station and brand new training center to the citizens of Novi was a hit.

Novi police chief, Douglas F. Shaeffer, estimated that about 700 people attended the festivities.

Tours of the new facility were given every 15 minutes and attendees had the opportunity to visit with and watch demonstrations from representatives of the Novi services and departments along

and supporting the Novi police.

Some of the groups in attendance were Communities that Care, Neighborhood Services, Senior Housing, Handicapped Parking Volunteers, Crossing Guards, Novi Youth Assistance, the School Resource Officer and Police Chaplain.

"I'm showcasing the high school," said Jerrod Hart, Novi high school resource officer. Hart is positioned in the school

on a full-time basis.

In addition to representing the high school, Hart was also handing out home fingerprinting kits.

"It was one of the first things people were asking for," Hart said. His position next to the entrance of the brand new training center made him the prime candidate for the task.

Novi High School's assistant principal, Randy Gawel, attended the event with his family.

Gawel's 17-month-old daughter stayed close to her dad during a police dog demonstration led by officer Jeff Brown and his partner, Yukon.

The 2-year-old police dog who has been with Brown since February, showed the crowd some of his attack and tracking skills.

Refreshments of hot dogs, potato chips, soft drinks and ice cream

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Gas station customers get more than bargained for

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Customers at the Speedway on Novi and W. Ten Mile Roads, received an earful while pumping gas Sept. 15 at about 1:30 a.m. Police arrived at the gas station after receiving a call from a cab driver filing a complaint that his customer was verbally abusive. The driver picked-up the 41-year-old Novi resident at a bar in Westland and was asked to drive him home. When the man, who appeared drunk to the driver, became verbally abusive he decided to pull over at the station and call police. Upon arrival, the officer noted that the subject appeared to be intoxicated. As the officer approached the man he shouted obscenities and refused to leave. The officer noted he spoke with slurred speech and was having problems standing. Police told the man to move away from the cab and when he wouldn't comply, the officer attempted to escort him, but the subject pushed his hand away. The subject was then notified he was being placed under arrest and the subject started to resist. Officers restrained him and cuffed him while he continued to yell profanities in front of many customers in the lot. The subject went limp while police were taking him to the car so they had to carry him placing him in the back seat. While in the seat, the subject was kicking the rear driver's side window. He refused to take a breathalyzer test.

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WANDA SEE PICTURES?
Sometime between the afternoon of Sept. 13 and the early morning of Sept. 14, an unknown male made photocopies of his genitalia in the lower level copy room of Novi High School.
A teacher, new to the school, reported the incident to onsite officer Jerrad Hart. The teacher found the photocopy when she went to copy school materials earlier that morning. When Hart went to investigate, he found both students and teachers in the photocopy room. In his report, Hart stated, "I looked at the glass on which you would place an item you wish to copy and noted that the person had on their torso and machine with his upper torso pointing southwest." A detective was called to the scene to check for prints, but was unable to analyze due to heavy smearing. The case remains open.
NO TALKING AT HIGH SCHOOL
Two South Lyon men learned drinking and public places do not mix. While on Sept. 14 bike patrol, Novi police observed the 38-year-old and 40-year-old standing near the rear of a van drinking from red plastic cups during a football game in the Traf Road parking lot of Novi High. The officer asked if they were drinking alcohol and they said no. The officer smelled intoxicants so he asked them if he could see inside their cups, and they complied. The officer saw beer in the cups so he and the detective he was patrolling with poured the drinks out and gave both men an open intoxicants in a public place citation.
HOW DO YOU TELL TIME?
While patrolling Novi and Twelve Mile Roads on Sept. 15, a Novi officer observed a pickup truck squeal its tires when turning onto Twelve Mile Road from northbound Novi Road.
At about 3:15 a.m., the truck then traveled into the turn lane for southbound M-5 and abruptly turned to the left continuing east on Freeway Mile Road. The driver turned into the turn lane for northbound M-5 when the officer pulled him over. After approaching the car, the officer noted the 22-year-old driver had glassy eyes and smelled of intoxicants. The officer asked the driver if he had been drinking and he said he had about three beers. The officer then asked if he knew what time it was and the male said 2:30 a.m. The time was actually 3:20 a.m. After failing field sobriety tests, the driver blew a .122 and was taken into police custody.

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IS THAT A PORK LOIN IN YOUR PANTS?
Police were dispatched to Farmer Jack in Walled Lake Sept. 16 when a man stuck a half pork loin down his pants and allegedly attempted to steal it.
The man, a 25-year-old Novi resident, was arrested for retail fraud for the act. However, before police arrived he was confronted by a store manager.
The man told the manager "I haven't left the building yet." The manager told him it didn't matter and told him to go to the office where police were contacted.
He had several outstanding warrants and he was taken into custody pending arraignment.
INTOXICATED
Officers went on patrol in the parking lot at LaBroom Sept. 14 and were flagged down by the club's security guard.
The guard said a 19-year-old Pontiac boy was intoxicated and kept giving them problems at the front door. Officers approached the boy and observed that he was highly intoxicated. He didn't have identification but he was given a breathalyzer test, which came back .164.
He was arrested, patted down, handcuffed and transported to city lock-up.
FREE FUN
Officers responded to the front of Jets Pizza on N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake Sept. 15 when they were notified of a fight in progress.
Upon arrival, officers located two subjects on the outside of LaBroom. Both had tried to force their way in through the rear door without paying admission.
The two teenage boys, who were both from Detroit, had been drinking. The 17-year-old's breathalyzer test came back 0.65 and the 19-year-old's breathalyzer test came back 0.59.
They were both arrested, patted down, handcuffed and transported to city lock-up.
NO MORE STOPPING
An officer was called to St. Mathew's in Walled Lake when they noticed their portable stop sign missing.
The sign was stolen from the parking lot between 7:40 a.m. and Sept. 12. The sign weighed about 20 pounds and was used to control traffic in the lot.
The principal had no idea who took the sign.
The case is turned over to investigations.
INTERNET SURFER FINDS MORE THAN BARGAINED FOR
A Novi resident called police at about 10:45 p.m. Sept. 10, to report what he believed was child pornography on the Internet. After viewing the web site, the officer stated in a report that he also thought the girls looked younger than 18 years old. The officer informed the Attorney General's Office High Technology Crime Task Force with the Internet site information. He then advised the Novi resident not to return to that Web site.
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Applebees dishes tasty meals

Applebees has a tasty new neighbor in town that is anxious to share not only its food, but its interest in the community as well.
When you walk in the doors at the recently opened Applebees restaurant, you will be greeted by a friendly staff and familiar faces.
The entrance of the eatery is decorated with photos of historic Novi and Walled Lake points of interest including the Novi Inn and former Walled Lake amusement park.
Once inside the foyer, photographs of the current police and fire departments adorn the walls. The restaurant also boasts a Novi High wall and a local hometown hero wall.
"We're glad to be a part of this fine community," said Bob McDonald, Applebees' general manager.
One of Applebees' missions is to "let your neighborhood be our neighborhood."
The atmosphere is not the only reason to visit the Grand River Avenue and Beck Road location.
"We offer generous portions, reasonable pricing, upbeat ambiance and a very guest focused staff," McDonald said.
After opening its doors on Sept. 10, McDonald has seen a steady stream of people coming in to begin the neighborhood grill and bar offers meal and drink choices for just about anytime of the day and for those in a lunch-line rush, you are guaranteed to be out in an hour.
"We've had very busy weekends and weeknights and a steady lunch crowd," McDonald said.
"We've also already had many repeat guests."
Some of the more popular menu items include Applebees' fajitas, southwest steak skillet and its famous tequila lime chicken topped with jack-cheddar cheese which promises to "make your taste buds dance."
Appetizers include mozzarella sticks, baja potato boats, onion peels, supreme nachos, buffalo chicken wings, soups and salads.
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All burger meals are reasonably priced and include fries.
For the wet stuff, the bar offers 20 different varieties of bottled beer and six beers on tap.
The beers currently on tap are Budweiser, Budweiser Light, Miller Lite, Labatt, Fosters and Killians.
Other specialty bar selections include Bahama Mamas, Mud Slides or you can order up a Perfect Margarita.
Don't forget to save room for dessert.
Choices such as a fudge brownie sundae, cinnamon apple crisp ala mode or a chocolate glacier promise to leave your mouth watering for more.
Applebees is also a great place to bring the kids.
With an activities mat and crayons, children won't even notice they are waiting for their choice of chicken fingers basket with fries, hamburger, cheeseburger, grilled cheese sandwich or macaroni and cheese. All drinks are served in a special cup for the young diner to take home.
Applebees also offers lowfat meals and desserts.
Hours for the eatery are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Reservations are not available, but guests will have plenty to keep them busy while waiting for their dining experience to begin.
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Community organizes relief efforts for NYC

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Trade Center) many times," Jacoby said.

Volunteers at the chapter office said the amount of people calling and coming into the office was overwhelming.

The wait for those without an appointment was close to two-and-a-half hours.

The city of Novi, with the help of the Novi Rotary Club, also organized donation raising efforts.

The city's first event will be 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 22 at the Civic Center on W. Ten Mile Road.

The whole community is invited to the memorial service and community meeting titled, "A Memorial Service for Victims of New York and Washington D.C. Terrorism."

"This is the people's meeting," said Dr. Mav Sanghvi, president of the Novi Rotary Club.

Sanghvi arranged for clergy from all different faiths to attend the event, said Maureen Malone, community relations manager for the city of Novi.

Sanghvi anticipates a local band or choir will be present for musical entertainment.

"We will have a drop-off for canned goods and medical supplies

as well," Malone said.

For anyone still interested in giving blood, an appointment list will be at the center Saturday morning for an upcoming Red Cross sponsored blood drive to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at United Methodist Church of Novi.

Saturday will also commence a two-week collection drive organized by the Novi Community School District, PTO support organizations, city of Novi, Novi Rotary Club and other civic organizations.

The cash donations collected will benefit the families of the fire fighters, police officers and other emergency personnel who sacrificed their lives to save others.

Collection containers will be placed in the lobbies of all school buildings, the ITC and ESB buildings, the Novi Civic Center and the Novi Community Credit Union.

"This is what this country is all about," Sanghvi said.

Donations are tax deductible and checks should be made out to the "Novi Rotary Foundation."

Novi Rotarians will also be standing on street corners collecting funds, Sanghvi said.

Members of the rotary will not be the only ones collecting donations at

Novi intersections.

On Friday, Sept. 21, personnel of the Novi Fire Department, in conjunction with several other metropolitan Detroit Fire Departments, will collect cash donations during its one-day "Fill the Boot Campaign."

During daylight hours, representatives of the department and supporting volunteers will stand with their boots at the intersections of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road, Twelve Mile and Novi Roads and W. Ten Mile Road and Meadowbrook Avenue.

All donations collected will benefit the families of the fallen New York fire fighters through a fund established by the International Association of Fire Fighters.

In his closing the mayor wrote, "Let us all join together and remember in our thoughts and prayers our fellow citizens, and those of other nations, as well as military personnel of the United States, who were casualties of this act of war against America. With a deep and abiding faith in the Divine Providence, which has always seen America through its darkest days, we will both persevere and triumph over these forces of evil darkness and mindless violence."

Flags sell out in stores across the area, nation

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

An overwhelming presence of red, white and blue flowed through the city of Novi displaying patriotism and solidarity days after our country's freedom was put to a horrifying test.

Along with the tremendous showing of businesses flying flags at half-staff, individuals covered their homes, vehicles and clothing with the American flag.

"It (the flag) means freedom, and it has been violated," said Kmart shopper, Steve Napora. "This should be taken very seriously."

Napora, who works in Novi, was shopping at the West Oaks store with the intention of purchasing a flag.

"I felt like I can't be there, so this is my way of showing my heart goes out to the people in New York," Napora said.

To Kmart shopper Jim McQuillen, the flag means a lot of sentiment.

"I wanted a bigger flag,"

McQuillen said.

Kmart assistant manager, Jackie Fagan, said customers have been requesting the bigger, banner-size flags.

"We definitely have shown a huge increase in flag sales," said Dan Bartholomew, Kmart store manager. "I think they are almost all gone."

Bartholomew said sales, since hijacked American planes explosively crashed into the World Trade Center, Pentagon and a suburb outside of Pittsburgh, have been higher than the Fourth of July.

Kmart was not the only Novi store to experience the strong demand.

Timberlane Lumber True Value located at 42780 W. Ten Mile Road was completely out of flags.

"People still purchased (flag pole) brackets," said sales clerk Kerri Kitson.

Kitson called the store's supply warehouse to order more, but it was also out of flags.

Damman Hardware, located

at 22104 Novi Road, sold out its stock as well.

Novi resident Joe Strusinski went to the Northville Meijer store to purchase his.

"I'm going to fly this flag half mast outside at my home," Strusinski said.

Matrice Carmack, Meijer service team leader, confirmed the store's sales had tremendously increased.

The city of Novi also showed its patriotic support by pulling out its supply of flags normally used for Memorial Day.

"It was the suggestion of a resident," said Maureen Malone, city of Novi community relations manager.

The flags were hung Sept. 12 from utility poles along the city's parade route, stretching from the Civic Center to the Novi Town Center.

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New center opens

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were provided and in between bites, guests could sit in a patrol car, have their fingerprints taken and take an up close look at the department's motorcycle unit and patrol bicycles.

All members of the department spoke highly of the new training center that will benefit the city in many ways.

The largest benefit is having the ability and resources to train its officers.

In addition to saving money paid in the past for sending its officers out for training, the department will now have the capabilities to host training classes for other departments to attend.

Shaeffer pointed out another one of the benefits is ridding the city of the financial liability associated with untrained officers.

"One of the greatest liabilities a city can take on is the failure to train its officers," Shaeffer said. "The center gives us the means to

professionalize our department at a reduced cost." When not in use, the center will be available for Novi community groups to utilize.

Along with necessary maintenance, renovations to the existing station include a female locker room and a glass encased on-duty supervisor central office which will provide supervisors a full panoramic view of station happenings and expansions in the jail area.

The newly expanded jail cell area gives the department an improved ability when dealing with arrests of people that are different genders, have infectious diseases or exhibit difficult behavior.

"We had difficulty isolating combative people," Shaeffer said. "We now have a great deal of flexibility,"

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Novi Police officers Steve Balos, left, and Mark Kohls check out the department's new training facility. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Public can talk about overlay

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from this," DeRoche said. "What an expo center does that is unique is it draws hundreds of thousands of people into the city who also then shop in our retail stores."

The only financial hand the city has in the proposed project is a tax abatement on the center's property.

DeRoche explained the abatement would reduce future tax increases.

On the flip side, DeRoche feels a close eye needs to be kept on developmental regulations set by the city of Novi.

"It is an unique project and we need to treat this as such," DeRoche said.

AN OVERLAY ORDINANCE

As explained by planning commission member, Andrew Mutch, an overlay district is when you enact a new zoning ordinance where an already existing ordinance exists.

"It is kind of an add-on," Mutch said.

In this case, the property is already zoned as OST.

A new ordinance would be needed so the requirements of the new center's developers would be met.

"What is unique is it preserves the OST which the community feels is important to the tax base," Helwig said.

Helwig also feels an overlay is important because, "if for some reason the overlay goes away, it reverts back to an OST."

In his prior experience with overlays, Helwig has found they usually are attached to unique situations.

It took the planning commission three to four months to draft the ordinance proposed to city council.

Issues that were looked at when creating the ordinance were topics such as how high can buildings be, what type of landscaping should be required and loading and unloading zones.

"We had to determine how much we (the planning commission) wanted to accommodate," Mutch said.

On some of the proposed requests by the developer, Mutch said some issues were reasonable and others were not.

As an example Mutch said, "they wanted to go up to 100 feet for its hotel and we told them you can take that issue to city council."

The commission did not want to go more than 65 feet or five stories in height, whichever is less.

Despite some disagreement, Mutch said the commission sent its recommendation to city council.

"We probably didn't have everything we wanted, but the exposition center didn't get everything they wanted either," Mutch said.

Moms pray for kids, state of affairs in United States

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Area mothers and other mothers around the world are praying as one for peace and hope.

Moms In Touch, which has many small groups locally, has a multitude of members who meet once a week to pray for their children and their schools. The women are also praying for victims' families and for the nation as a whole.

The group will be meeting Sept. 20 from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Northville.

Tamatha Egner, a Novi resident and the contact person for her group, said the group started by a mother, Fern Nichols of California, in 1985.

She wanted to pray for the California school system and asked God to send her another mother to pray with, she said.

"He sent her four mothers," Egner said. "The four of them met each week for one hour."

Nichols was later given a vision to start a prayer ministry across the United States. She wrote a book telling people how to pray.

"Sixteen years later, Moms In Touch is in every city, state and across the world," Egner said.

The book has been translated into 20 different languages, including Arabic and Braille, she said.

"We are absolutely non-political. We don't picket or get involved in a political way."

Tamatha Egner
Novi resident and mom

"What's most amazing is that it started from just one mom and it grew to this momentous ministry that could only come from God," Egner said. "There are women in third world countries who can't own Bibles but they were able to get their hands on this booklet. The book specifically teaches them how to pray in one accord and one God through Jesus Christ."

The group prays for the schools and encourages students to pray, however, they honor separation of church and state, she said. They also respect diversity of other religions.

"We are absolutely non-political," Egner said. "We don't picket or get involved in a political way."

The group met last Friday on the National Day of Prayer after the tragic events that took place earlier in the week.

"We prayed consistently for an hour and a half," Egner said. "We

prayed for the future of our children and the safety of our schools. And we prayed for God's wisdom among our national leaders."

Moms everywhere were praying for our American children as well as their own, she said.

However, the group normally meets for one hour one day a week. There is also a Teachers In Touch and a Grandmothers In Touch.

"Even though we don't speak the same language with our mouths, we speak the same language with our hearts," Egner said.

Many of the women around the world who are in the group, communicate through a website, she said.

"We're going to continue to pray that Satan does not play on people's minds and turn one another against each other - nation against nation and race against race," Egner said.

They will also pray for another important thing.

"We pray that God keeps us united and that our children have hope and security in this world," Egner said.

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'Booster Bags' get banned from shopping areas

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"The new ordinance gives us the ability to arrest someone who is in possession of these devices," Shaeffer said.

The bags have gained popularity in recent years attracting the attention of local store managers and security guards.

Shoplifters take these specialty bags into stores, fill them up with merchandise and walk out without paying.

McCauley alerted mall tenants of the trend and showed examples of what a standard booster bag looks like noting the bags are more rigid than standard shopping bags and are often bags from stores other than tenants of Twelve Oaks Mall.

"Not too many shoppers bring their own bag to the mall," McCauley said.

McCauley also stated that the more professional shoplifters use briefcases instead of bags.

If caught, the possessor will face a misdemeanor charge punishable by 90 days in jail or a set fine.

"We feel this is a valuable tool in the attempt to lessen criminal

activity," McCauley said.

He added that this is very important for Novi because it has one of the largest retail spaces in one square mile in the state.

"Every time an item is stolen, the cash eventually comes from you and me," Shaeffer said.

McCauley feels the ordinance "will nip this problem in the bud."

The recent passing has also caught the attention of state representatives.

Rep. Nancy Cassis of Novi is one of the co-sponsors of a Michigan bill that would make this applicable statewide.

"This issue was brought to my attention by Chief Shaeffer," Cassis said.

In addition to carrying these devices, the city ordinance also prohibits the possession of a theft detection device remover and prohibits the removal of a theft detector from any retail establishment.

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Assembly teaches kids the importance of wildlife

BY STEVE GUIREY
Staff Writer

After an exciting and hectic start to the new school year, fifth graders at Novi Meadows took a walk on the wild side. Feathers were flying as students learned about different Michigan birds of prey from Wildlife Education Specialist, Lisa Gallinari, during a presentation by the Michigan United Conservation Club on Sept. 11. Michigan Birds of Prey is a presentation that uses live predatory birds to teach people the importance of preserving and

maintaining Michigan wildlife's natural habitat.

Most of the threatened and endangered birds used in the presentation were found by residents and turned into the Michigan State College of Medicine Wildlife Clinic where they were healed by veterinarians and eventually turned over to the MUCC.

They are then used as part of MUCC's Wildlife Encounters program which involves the use of live wild animals to help educate Michigan residents about the state's wildlife, its biology, and how to protect its environment.

"The program is meant to give people an appreciation of Michigan wildlife. They also learn that hunting isn't always the main reason a species is put on the endangered species list."

Lisa Gallinari
Wildlife education specialist

"The program is meant to give people an appreciation of Michigan wildlife," Gallinari said. "They also learn that hunting isn't always the main reason a species is put on the endangered species list."

The destruction of wildlife's natural habitat is the number one reason a species is declared either endangered or threatened.

Gallinari's fine feathered friends: a kestrel, a red-tailed hawk, a great horned owl, and

an American bald eagle, each drew collective oohs and aahs from the students as they were introduced and placed upon her protective glove.

During the hour long presentation, students learned about what each bird eats, where it nests, and what to do if they find an injured or abandoned bird.

"I never knew there were so many birds in Michigan," said fifth grader Megan Barber. "My favorite bird is the owl because its face is so cool."

Wildlife Encounters was developed in 1988 by the MUCC in cooperation with the Michigan

State University Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. It is presented to schools, camps, clubs, and senior centers and runs about 250 programs each year. Anyone interested in the Wildlife Encounters can write to the MUCC at P.O. Box 30236, Lansing, Mich. 48909 or call 517-371-1041 for further information.

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Novi High band hosts 2001 Fanfare invitational

Novi High School's Fanfare 2001 was held as scheduled with hundreds of students, parents and staff coming out in a show of support for each other and the country as well, proving that they can and will move forward.

All of the 21 registered bands decided to come, which was a pleasant surprise for organizers debating whether or not to hold the 10th annual marching band competition.

According to band director James Shrekler, normally the event is a major fund-raiser for the band program and many students questioned if it would be proper to go ahead in light of the tragedies only a few days before.

After much discussion and even a few tears, the decision to have Fanfare as a positive event after such a horrible week was accepted. He also pointed out that "if the students weren't going to be doing this, what would they be doing?"

So after weeks of practicing and preparation, each group overcame opening day jitters to kick off the competitive season in Michigan.

The contest began featuring groups from the smaller high schools in the association. Among these creative groups, slow themes varied from Donaudero High School's classical Stravinsky, a day in the life of a

working woman by Farmington Harrison, and the Durand Marching Railroaders' portrayal of neon green aliens taking over a small town.

Purely by coincidence, several bands in the next flight chose themes revolving around America. Livonia Creswell High School presented a tribute to music from the south and Ferndale focused on the music American invented lifting their show "Jazz for the Common Man." The Livonia Franklin Marching Patriots fit right into the current feeling of community as they presented American Impressions portraying "a hard-working people."

The final eight groups also presented a little of everything including "West Side Story" by Lake Orion High School and a band out to join their hosts. The entire group, over 200 strong, played the National Anthem and then the sounds of Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American" filled the air as presenters read the awards in front of a crowd that was on its

feet filled with pride.

When the awards were handed out, Durand, Farmington Harrison, Lakeland and Plymouth-Canton took first place in their respective flights.

Cheryl Krogsrud is a freelance writer. This is her first article with the Novi News.

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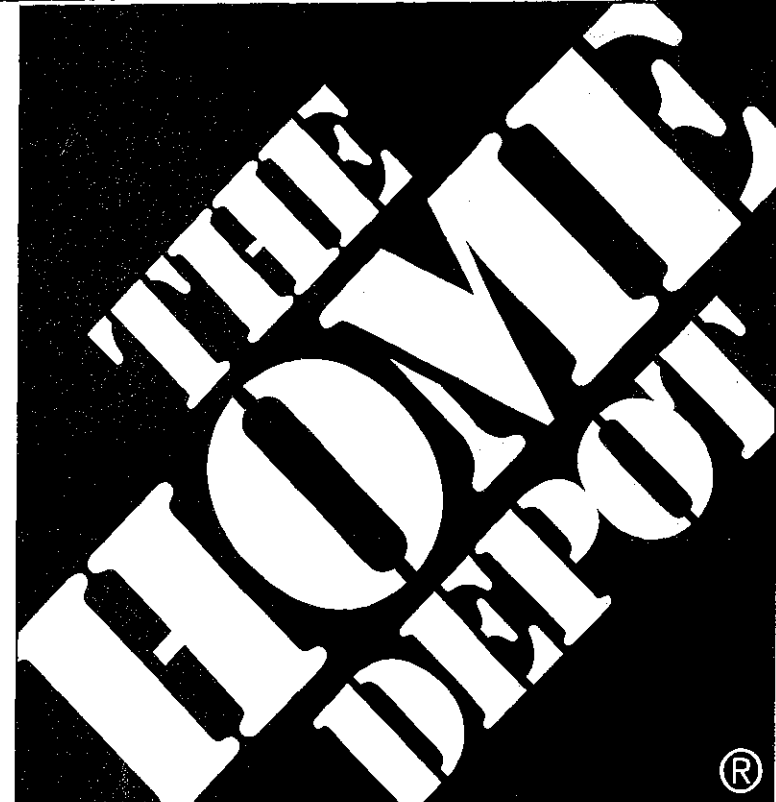
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Name: Matt Outlaw
Hometown: Brighton
Alma Mater: Brighton High School; University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Prior school: Novi High School
New position: Dean of Student Attendance and Operations
What skills do you bring with you: Enthusiasm, motivation, creativity

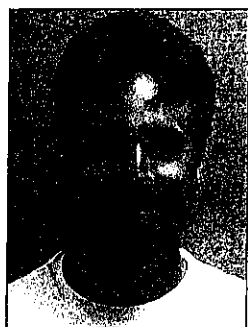


Name: Jamil Wilkins
Alma Mater: Novi High School; University of Detroit Mercy
Prior school: Novi High School
New position: Dean of Student Services
What challenges will you face: Remembering to celebrate the small things

Novi High School



Name: Elizabeth Bertolini
Hometown: Suburban Detroit area
Alma Mater: Michigan State University
Prior school: Interned at Haslett High School
New position: Language Arts
Why did you choose teaching: I feel teachers play a unique role in other people's lives. They can teach others how to be effective lifelong learners



Name: Lee Bonnes
Hometown: Canton
Alma Mater: Grand Valley State University
Prior school: St. Peter and Paul School
New position: Marketing and school site operations
What challenges will you face: Being young and somewhat overwhelmed



Name: Jodi Brothers
Hometown: Farmington
Alma Mater: Adrian College; Eastern Michigan University
Prior school: West Bloomfield High School
New position: Marketing and school site operations
Why did you choose teaching: Through my past business experience, I bring a taste of the real world and examples into my classroom.



Name: Lya Dusan
Hometown: Colorado, South America
Alma Mater: Eastern Michigan University
Prior school: Detroit
New position: Spanish I and II
Additional comments: My student teaching at Novi High opened a big door. I know Novi offers great opportunities to expand myself



Name: Michelle Evans
Hometown: West Bloomfield
Alma Mater: Eastern Michigan University
Prior school: Redford Union High School
New position: Science foundations I (ninth grade) and biology
Why did you choose teaching: To fulfill a lifelong dream of making a difference in an individual's life



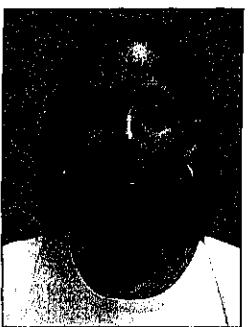
Name: Kasey Truett Nuckolls
Hometown: West Bloomfield
Alma Mater: Western Michigan University
Prior school: Saginaw Public Schools
New position: U.S. history (ninth grade); civics/economics (tenth and sociology (eleventh and twelfth grades)
Additional comments: "Hold fast to dreams for if dreams die, life is like a winged bird that cannot fly." - Langston Hughes



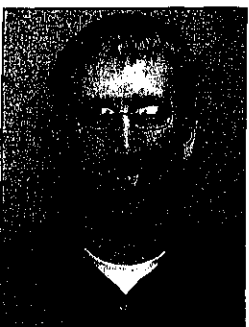
Name: Emily Parker
Hometown: Novi
Alma Mater: Novi High School; Michigan State University
Prior school: Interned at Mason High School
New position: Biology and ninth grade science
What skills do you bring with you: I have experience in delegating multiple kinds of tasks so that students with diverse learning styles can learn effectively



Name: Elizabeth Talbot
Hometown: Clarkston
Alma Mater: Eastern Michigan University; Oakland University; University of Michigan
Prior schools: Notre Dame Prep; Clarkston and Rochester School Districts
New position: Counselor
Why did you choose education: When I was a child, my favorite game was playing school. I was always the teacher



Name: Rachel H. Wight
Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Alma Mater: Langston University; Oakland University
Prior school: Pothine Central High School
New position: Algebra I and II
What are you looking forward to: Continuous growth and working with a district committed to excellence in education



Name: Michael Ziegler
Hometown: Farmington
Alma Mater: University of Michigan
New position: Ninth grade language arts and creative writing
What are you looking forward to: I'm excited to be working with freshman classes. I think I'll be in a unique position to help them adjust as I do.

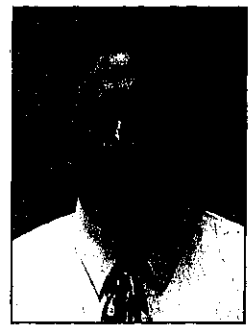
Novi Middle School



Name: Brad A. Miller
Hometown: Fowler
Alma Mater: Grand Valley State University
Prior school: Adrian Public Schools
New position: Seventh and eighth grade computer technology
What skills do you bring with you: Enthusiasm, openmindedness, discipline and positive expectations



Name: Patrice Pedersen
Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri
Alma Mater: Central Missouri State University; University of Iowa
Prior school: Plymouth-Canton
New position: Seventh and eighth grade vocal music
What challenges will you be facing: Starting something new at my stage of life - my oldest child of three begins college this fall.



Name: James P. Schaefer
Hometown: St. Clair
Alma Mater: Northern Michigan University
Prior school: Croswell-Lexington Middle School
New position: Seventh grade language arts and social studies
What are you looking forward to: Being a part of a school district that truly cares about its students succeeding

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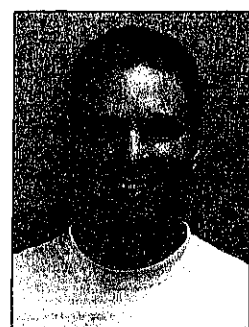
Name: Katharine Ellis
Hometown: Farmington Hills
Alma Mater: Eastern Michigan University and U of M
Prior school: Lincoln Consolidated Schools
New position: Fifth and sixth grade talent development team teacher
Why did you choose teaching: The love of children was woven into my heart and soul as a small child by my parents; they were fabulous teachers



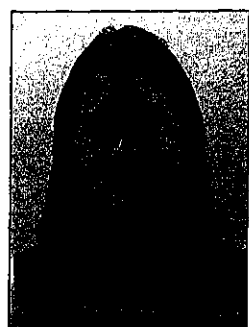
Name: Rebekah Frantz
Hometown: Fenton
Alma Mater: Moody Bible Institute; University of Houston
Prior school: Truett - Houston, Texas
New position: Sixth grade counselor
What skills do you hope to bring with you: Compassion for all kids, help kids with needs, find resources to assist them and their families



Name: Kathy Lester
Hometown: Brighton
Alma Mater: Wayne State University; Eastern Michigan University; MSU
New position: Media specialist
What challenges will you be facing: There are two media centers at Novi Meadows and one media specialist. I look forward to the challenge of running two quality media centers that will meet the needs of all students and staff



Name: Alan J. Olliphant
Hometown: Royal Oak
Alma Mater: University of Michigan
Prior school: Berkeley
New position: Sixth grade band
Why did you choose teaching: My father was my high school band director and let me run class sometimes and I fell in love with teaching



Name: Reese Ruta
Hometown: Birmingham
Alma Mater: Michigan State University
Prior school: Clawson High School
New position: Sixth grade special education
Why did you choose teaching: Teaching chose me. After an unsuccessful try at veterinary medicine I realized what I had to do and went into teaching

Elementaries



ORCHARD HILLS/VILLAGE OAKS
Name: Diane McCurdy
Hometown: Lansing
Alma Mater: Central Michigan University; Indiana University
Prior school: Mid-Michigan Academy
New position: Kindergarten-4th grade Spanish
What challenges will you be facing: We are going to be moving from Lansing to Walled Lake and looking for a preschool for our daughter



DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY
Name: Julie Thompson
Hometown: Fenton
Alma Mater: Michigan State University
Prior school: Interned at Deerfield Elementary
New position: Third/fourth grade
What challenges will you be facing: Organizing and making sure to meet curriculum guidelines (first year teacher things)



PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY
Name: Kiley Made Treadwell Smith
Hometown: Leslie
Alma Mater: Northwood University; Eastern Michigan University
Prior school: student taught at Orchard Hills; Northville pre-K
New position: First grade
Why did you choose teaching: Teaching is a dream come true for me. I believe reaching a student, will open the door to a lifelong learning experience.

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Lakes get new bowling alley

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Walled Lake residents will soon hear the hearty cries of "strike" when Langan's All Star Lanes opens their doors in October. A local family, the Langans, has turned the former L&L Food Center into a bowling center. The bowling alley, located on Ladd Road between Pontiac Trail and Mopac Road, is an 18 lane bowling center with state of the art automatic scoring and 34 inch monitors.

Tom Langan, a co-owner with his brothers Patrick and Michael and sisters Carol Bismantte and Mary Shrader, are happy to be opening the bowling center in the area they live in.

"We're excited," Langan said. "We've looked for a site in Walled Lake for the last 10 years. My entire family lives a stone's throw away from the new center."

The family, headed by Tom Langan Sr., also has bowling centers in Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Farmington Hills, Farmington Hills, and Bay City. However, he is especially proud of

this center because all of his family worked together to make it possible.

Langan Sr. has always had a love for bowling that he was able to incorporate into his children.

"It is the driving force, having built this new center," Langan said. "We are a very close family and we pulled together to get this done. It's nice to have partners that are your family members."

Shrader said she enjoyed working side by side with her brothers and sisters to create the center.

"It's been a challenge but a very exciting challenge," Shrader said. "The center will be open and airy so that parents can watch their children from across the building as they play video games or do other activities."

There will be a large reception area for parties, which will be just one use of the center's 36,000 sq. feet.

After knocking down pins, people can play video games, billiards or play a game of pool. They can also enjoy an alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink while having a good time.

"I think all people will have to do is peek in the window and we'll have them hooked," Shrader said.

Bowlers won't have to worry about bowling hungry. Langan said the center will sell Hungry Howies pizza.

"Customers love it," Langan said. "They know what they are getting. Bowling and pizza is the best combination."

Serious bowlers will feel at home on the lanes.

"While other centers have gone to synthetic lanes, we are catering to league bowlers by putting in wood lanes," Langan said.

Bowlers who are not as serious will like the lanes as well, he said. They will be happy to put bumpers into the lanes to give less experienced bowlers a shot at a strike. Even the very young will have a good time playing "bumper bowl."

Bowlers will get a kick out of bowling with special effects.

"The back drop, pins, lanes, carpet and even the table tops glow in the dark," Shrader said. "It's a different approach to bowling."

She knows people will love the bowling center.

"I think all people will have to do is peek in the window and we'll have them hooked," Shrader said.

Photo by JOHN HEDDER
Pat Langan and friends will soon open Langan's All Star Lanes in Walled Lake. The bowling alley will have 18 lanes.



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Saturday, Sept. 1
Medical, 24193 Haggerty, 11:22 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 632 Fleddermouse, 12:35 p.m., Squad 4.
Wires down, Nine Mile/Roethel, 1:42 p.m., Engine 3.
Difficulty in breathing, 23307 Mystic Forest, 3:12 p.m., Squad 3.
Odor, 40440 Village Wood, 4:28 p.m., Engine 3.
Heart attack, 27550 Novi, Marshall Field's, 4:59 p.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, Nine W. Center, 6:58 p.m., Squad 3.
Wash down, Novi/Main, 6:20 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45539 Addington Lane, 8:14 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 43155 Main, 9:52 p.m., Squad 1.
Sunday, Sept. 2
Fire alarm, 43155 Main, 2:45 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24505 Meadowbrook-Holy Family Church, 11:20 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 27500 Novi, 7:28 p.m., Squad 1.
Monday, Sept. 3
Medical, 24576 Old Orchard, 1:47 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 47301 Scarlet Dr. North, 10:53 a.m., Squad 4.
False alarm, 26299 Taft Road, 1:36 p.m., Engines 4, 1.
Medical, 40570 Ten Mile Road, 2:49 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22741 Chestnut Tree, 5:53 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 7:36 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 21790 Sunflower, 8:01 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Big Boy/Haggerty, 8:28 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 313 Elm Court, 8:47

p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 25057 Meadowbrook, 10:21 p.m., Squad 3.
Tuesday, Sept. 4
Medical, 45182 West Park, 9:46 a.m., Squad 2.
Assist, 26217 Georgia, 11:37 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 23643 N. Rockledge, 1:06 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43055 Crescent, 3:39 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41331 Lorrac Lane, 3:56 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire-object smoldering, Eight Mile/Meadowbrook, 6:14 p.m., Engine 3.
Fire alarm, 21045 Woodland Glen, 7:10 p.m., Engines 3, 1.
Gas odor investigation, Twelve Mile/W. Novi Road, 7:11 p.m., Engine 2.
Personal injury accident, West Oaks II, 7:34 p.m., Squad 1.
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Fire alarm, 21944 Bedford, 10:03 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 45182 West Park, 11:09 a.m., Squad 2.
Injured person, Thornton Creek Elementary School, 12:37 p.m., Squad 3.
Personal injury accident, Twelve Oaks, Newton's furniture, 1:38 p.m., Squad 1.
Unconscious child, Parkview Elementary, Eleven Mile Road, 1:40 p.m., Squad 4.
Personal injury accident, Novi Square, 4:43 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, DMC Trauma Room, 6:06 p.m., Squad 1.
burn, 31185 Wellington, 8:02 p.m., Engine 2.
Assist citizen, 43155 Main St., 10:07 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, Whitehall, 43455 Ten Mile, 11:11 p.m., Squad 5.
Thursday, Sept. 6
Fire alarm, Orchard Hill Place, 39500 Orchard Hill, 12:18 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
Medical, 45182 West Park, 3:39 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Novi Kidney Center, 47260 Ten Mile Road, 2:03 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 41503 Cypress, 5:07 p.m., Squad 2.
Personal injury accident, Ten Mile/Kings Pointe, 9:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 30664 Vine Court, 10:16 p.m., Squad 2.
Trailer fire, next to 30284 Montmorency, 10:47 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Garbage fire, 23779 E. LeBost, 7:10 p.m., Engine 3.
Active labor, 1-96/M-5, 7:52 p.m., Squad 1.
Possible heart attack, T.J. Maxx, 43175 Crescent, 9:33 p.m., Squad 1.
Panes, Pizza Hut, 22128 Novi, 9:51 p.m., Engine 3.
Tuesday, Sept. 8
Chest pain, 24403 Old Orchard, 1:39 a.m., Squad 1.
Medic alarm, 27475 Huron Circle, 10:15 a.m., Squad 1.
Vehicle smoking, Eastbound I-96/Beck, 12:04 p.m., Engine 4.
Car fire, 1-96/Beck, 12:17

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ROAD COMMISSION FOR
OAKLAND COUNTY
FOR THE WIDENING AND
RECONSTRUCTION OF NOVI ROAD
(10 MILE ROAD TO GRAND RIVER
AVENUE) & GRAND RIVER AVENUE
(NOVI ROAD TO CSX RAILROAD)
CITY OF NOVI,
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Your Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County in cooperation with the City of Novi invites your comments on the proposed project to reconstruct and widen Novi Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue and Grand River Avenue between Novi Road and CSX Railroad. The proposed project is to widen the existing roadway to six lanes. We invite interested citizens to attend and express their views on the Environmental Assessment prepared for this project in compliance with the Federal Highway Administration. For this purpose, we have scheduled a PUBLIC HEARING.

DATE: Tuesday, October 16, 2001
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Novi City Hall, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

All the meeting, staff of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) and City of Novi will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. The Environmental Assessment will be available for public review at the following locations: Novi City Offices of the Clerk and Building Department; the Novi Public Library, 45945 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi; and the RCOC's Permits & Environmental Concerns Department at the address listed below.

Your attendance at the public hearing will give the best opportunity for presenting your views and gaining desired information. However, we welcome your written statements and exhibits prior to October 26, 2001. Send your comments to: Road Commission for Oakland County, Permits & Environmental Concerns Department, 2420 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328. If you require accommodation in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please provide our Environmental Concerns Department at (248) 858-4591 with five working days advance notice.

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
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CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 2001-120-07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Special Election for Bond Issue on September 25, 2001 has been scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2001, 6:00 a.m. at Northville Public Schools, Board of Education, 501 West Main St., Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

JUDITH WOLLACK, SECRETARY
NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

(9-20-01 NN 1069613)

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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
COUNCIL CHAMBER &
AV ROOM/CONTROL ROOM UPGRADE

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for according Council Chamber & AV Room/Control Room Upgrade to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, on Tuesday, September 18, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing eastern time. Wednesday, October 3, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
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All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Council Chamber & AV Room/Control Room Upgrade" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

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NOTICE OF TEST OF ELECTRONIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

An accuracy test of the electronic tabulating equipment to be used in examining and counting votes recorded on ballots and tabulating election results at the September 25, 2001 Special Election for the Oakland Intermediate Schools in Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, will be conducted pursuant to MCLA 60.798 and R199.778 of the Michigan Administrative Code, on Friday, September 21, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the Educational Services Building located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

(9-20-01 NN 1069899)

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education, pursuant to a directive from the Intermediate School Board of Oakland Schools Intermediate School District, Michigan, has called a special intermediate school district election to be held in the district on Tuesday, September 25, 2001.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7:00 O'CLOCK, A.M., AND CLOSE AT 8:00 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following propositions will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special intermediate school district election:

I. SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of millage for special education previously approved by the electors.

Shall the limitation on the annual property tax rate previously approved by the electors of Oakland Schools Intermediate School District, Michigan, for the education of persons with disabilities be increased by 1.1704 mills (\$11,704 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation); the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in calendar year 2001 is approximately \$55,545,384 from local property taxes authorized herein?

II. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of millage for area vocational-technical education programs previously approved by the electors.

Shall the limitation on the annual property tax rate previously approved by the electors of Oakland Schools Intermediate School District, Michigan, for area vocational-technical education programs be increased by .2279 mill (\$0.2279 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation); the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in calendar year 2001 is approximately \$10,815,783 from local property taxes authorized herein?

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Instructional Technology Center, 25425 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan.

JOHN STREET, Secretary, Board of Education

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County sheriffs help search through rubble

BY DAVID M. AGUILAR
Staff Writer

They left last week, in search of evidence and hope.

But after seven days of sifting through New York City rubble, 10 Oakland County Sheriff Department officials have headed home, having perhaps discovered equal amounts of both.

The Oakland County group, which included Sheriff Michael Bouchard and law enforcement personnel from Royal Oak, Auburn Hills and Lake Angelus, was part of a 25-member Michigan relief contingent that left for New York Sept. 11.

Their mission: To help officials there dig out from what has been officially described as two calculated terrorist attacks on the multi-building complex formerly known as the World Trade Center.

Today, the site has a new name: Ground Zero.

"Our primary mission was to assist the FBI initially," said Capt. Damon Shields, commander of the Sheriff's Patrol Services Division and a leading member of the 10-member group. "We helped the FBI

gather and identify evidence, and with our mobile command unit, provided badly-needed communications."

The group was part of a five-team Michigan effort that worked 12-hour shifts between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Shields said the Oakland County contingent left by caravan at about midnight Tuesday, 15 hours after two commercial airliners, apparently down by a team of onboard terrorists, first rocked the American psyche by crashing each plane heading into Towers one and two of the World Trade Center.

Subsequent to that attack, two additional commercial airliners were each hijacked and crashed, one into the U.S. Pentagon in Arlington, Va., and the other into a rural Pennsylvania field.

The combined attacks have since spawned international outrage, national remorse and local conviction.

Shields said work crew members have helped on-site FBI officials investigate what is now an international crime scene, and have also provided desperately needed communications access via the county's 40-foot mobile command unit.

That unit is also equipped with a 20,000-watt generator and satellite uplink capability.

Shields said that Sheriff Bouchard also arranged private jet delivery to New York of about 80,000 pounds of donated goods — including water, flashlights and batteries. Many of those items, he said, had been donated by Oakland County residents.

"That made me feel great," Shields said from New York Monday. "Both Oakland County and the people of Michigan proved to be the real heroes here."

Shields said some of his unit's out-of-state mission was spent working on the heralded Bucket Brigade, the deliberate, if not cumbersome, removal effort that early on helped rescue workers search for those who might still be alive amid the wreckage.

As of last week-end, much of an estimated 20,000 tons had been removed by hand, along 50 makeshift assembly lines that passed debris in plastic buckets, one worker to another.

An estimated 1.2 million tons of debris is located at Ground Zero. Currently, a variety of heavy

equipment is removing most of the remaining debris, Shields said, including mini-van-sized girder cutters that sawed apart by a 10-story crane that requires a 60-ton counterweight.

That reality of increased heavy equipment usage reflects the diminishing hope of finding further survivors at the site.

"The mood right now is somber, but resolute," Shields said. "It will take months and months and months to clear all the debris. Plus, there may be other buildings that may also have to come down. But the New York firefighters here simply won't give up. They don't want to leave while they think one of their men is still alive in that debris."

"It's amazing, they will spend hours down below shoveling, then come up for a drink of water and go back down. They sleep standing up, or on a bucket. Some guys have been down there for 40 hours," he said.

Occasionally workers pause and watch the escort of orange body bags. More infrequently, the sound of what is hoped to be human tapping, but after a search by rescue

dogs, proves only to be the echo of some distant hope.

"It's so hard, because it's like someone tapping on the roof of the County Building, and someone trying to hear that all the way down on the ground," Shields said.

He said the disaster scene will not be easily forgotten, even for a 30-year veteran who has previously worked other Michigan disasters, including the downing of Northwest Flight 255 and several Michigan tornadoes.

"After 30 years, you tend to see man's inhumanity to man," Shields said. "But the size and scale of this is simply unbelievable. Each floor of these buildings was one acre, and there were 110 of those floors above ground and another seven below ground. When you see something like this, it can't help but to get in your head — the emotion, the frustration, the sorrow."

He said his first glimpse of the site was from a distant park.

"I had a lump in my throat that would not go away when I first saw it," Shields said. "When you see it,

it's surrealistic. You can't even begin to describe the enormity of it all. The television images reflect accurately what it is. The enormity is incredible."

But the breadth of human resolve is what Shields will remember equally.

"There is certainly no place like New York, and there was no place like the World Trade Center," Shields said. "But the people of New York have been incredible through all of this, they really have. The effort of their fire and police departments has been just incredible. I'll tell you what, the thing that comes to my mind, after watching all these officers and all these firemen work here day after day, is that these bad guys, whoever they were, have taken a bite out of the wrong apple."

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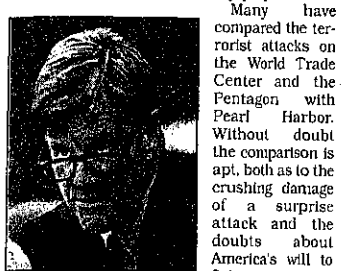
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Comforting words from others



Phil Power Franklin D. Roosevelt said just after that attack, nearly 60 years ago.

Considering the tragic events of last week, I feel it would be impious to write this column on the usual subjects. Instead, I've tried to find some lines that either cast light on our present circumstances or help comfort my prayers.

Hardly are these words out. When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi Troubles my sight; somewhere in the sands of the desert...

"Things fall apart; the center can't hold. Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world. A blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere. The ceremony of innocence is drowned. The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity."

Felt the quick stir of wonder; sat alone; Touched, flowers and furs and checks. All this is ended.

There is no doubt that we have suffered a defeat in the deaths of thousands of innocent people and in our collective loss of innocent security. And there is no doubt that what we now face will be long, difficult and perilous, calling for wisdom and creativity that military might, Winston Churchill, the English Prime Minister during World War II, caught these shifting emotions in preface to the first volume of his monumental work, 'The Second World War':

In War: Resolution. In Defeat: Dejection. In Victory: Magnanimity. In Peace: Good Will.

My wife, Kathy, and I planted spring bulbs over the weekend, an act of hope and confidence.

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"Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory. I believe I can interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again."

How, then, can we come to understand the terrible tragedy of the loss of so many wholly innocent people? In part by recalling with the English poet, Rupert Brooke, the sad details of the daily duty of the lives of those we never knew and who we have now lost.

These hearts were woven of human joys and cares. Washed marvelously with sorrow, swift to melt. The years had given them kindness. Dawn was theirs. And sunset, and the colors of the earth. These had seen movement, and heard music; Slumber and waking; love; gone proudly friended.

Like a finch, Americans are fragile

It was almost, and I mean almost, the straw that broke the camel's back. As most Americans and indeed the world did, I sat pleased, dazed, and transfixed on September 11 and watched as the horrifying events of that day unfolded in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa.

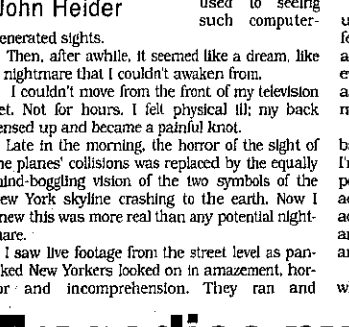
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The small bird crumpled to the ground and began to flap about, unable to right itself. My cat rushed over to the bird and separated by the screen door, stared intently at the wounded creature.

I got up from my formerly front outside and nudging the cat out of the way, went outside to see what I could do.

I would occasionally look at the railing and see the now-not-moving bird. I thought I needed to give it a proper burial in the garden below, but it would have to wait for another less-invasive day.



John Heider generated sights. Then, after awhile, it seemed like a dream like a nightmare that I couldn't awaken from.

The small bird continued to try to move, but was clearly struggling. It couldn't get to its feet and sat at an awkward angle, not making a sound. With all the death and destruction and despair of the day, it was almost too much for me.

Perhaps a half an hour past and my attention was now completely on the TV. Then, out of the corner of my eye, I saw something flit from near my railing in the green ash tree nearby. A tiny, inch-like chirp came from the general direction of my moving bird.

I left the bird on the porch railing, not knowing what else I could do. I went back to numbly watch- n't commit the wrong doing like he accused of, but was jailed first and then let go after it was acknowledged he was not at fault.

Behind being an American citizen is the foundation that we have freedoms. We have freedom to do what we want and expect we won't be prevented from this. We offer citizens and guests of this country the right of pursuit and attempt to never judge or discriminate.

During his three years there, he noted considerable differences. One of them being the issuance of passports. Everyone in the former Soviet Union had two passports. One passport was for external travel, the other was for internal travel.



Victoria Sadlocha due to our lack of airline standards that were instituted under the principal of trust.

As we, as Americans, willing to give up freedoms to make the United States safer? Will Americans accept long waits to check into an airport or cross a border? In a society of fast food, cell phones and palm pilots, are we ready to slow down? And what really will be asked of us?

As I personally absorb this, I will practice patience and faith. Patience in our country's pursuit of fact finding and justice and faith in my neighbors that no one will rush to judge someone who appears different from themselves. I will also have faith we will pull together, initiate corrective change and remain flexible to what it will now mean to be an American.

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LETTERS

Cassis offers words of comfort

I come to you this month with a heavy heart shared by so many of you. Like everyone in America, I was deeply grieved to watch the terrorist strikes against our nation unfold before our eyes on television. Although the attacks wrought devastation to our buildings, they have not crushed our spirit.

Americans too

This recent tragedy of despicable act of terrorism is unpardonable. We, the citizen of America are affected with this and I am glad to note that our leadership in Washington is working hard and trying to seek the cooperation of other countries and other organizations to bring the terrorists to task.

Novi Fanfare helped ease sorrow

Oh what a day it was. At the end of a most difficult week, the Novi Band Boosters went ahead with plans for FANFARE 2001, our 11th annual marching band competition.

Oakland Schools millage bad for Novi schools

The millage increase scheduled for a vote on September 25 is a bad deal for Novi taxpayers. Although this is labeled as a vote for special education, it doesn't even provide any extra money for special ed programs because it merely shifts some payment responsibility from each district to the county.

Questions abound

The civilian survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki surely had one question resounding in their minds: "Who could possibly hate us so much that they are able to justify this carnage?"

People need to take responsibility for their actions

Our society is overburdened by a "past that needs to be changed." In your article (Phil Power column, 9/13), "Early years has impact on child..." The last paragraph is what hit home with me. There is too many single parent households. Too many women that are having children that are not married and expect someone else to support their decision to have a child that they are not able to care for in a way that children should be tended to. There is no more family structure in our society. It is women making babies and using them as a weapon is what is hurting us as a whole.

A big cheer thank you

On behalf of the entire Novi High School cheerleading teams, coaches and parents, we would like to publicly say thank you to the following companies that sponsored our first annual Family Meet and Greet cheer picnic. There was plenty of food and fun for all.

Share your opinions

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

School district thought of kids on Sept. 11

I would like to commend the Novi School District for the sensitive and sensible manner in which last week's national tragedy was handled. My children attend two different Novi Schools. All arrived home on September 11 unaware of the catastrophic devastation in NY and in Washington DC. The District chose to keep the frightening news from our children, thus allowing them to have a sense of sharing it with their own children in the best way for their individual families.

Other ethnicities are

Other school districts I have heard, for reasons of their own, locked down the schools yet did not offer any explanation to the children. This unfortunately created fear, stress, anxiety,

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Overlay meeting important for city

OST, zoning districts and overlays. With all the terminology, one could get confused as to what means what concerning the zoning ordinance overlay at Grand River and Fair Roads for the new Novi Expo Center.

What we do know is that this special meeting being held by city council at 7 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the Civic Center should be attended by residents to get informed.

There are a lot of rumors out there concerning what this ordinance means to the Expo Center, how it will affect us as a community and how it will affect Novi government.

Help out Sal. Army

A new Salvation Army for Walled Lake. With all the helping hands out there in the last week, it seems Walled Lake is also jumping on board to help its residents and visitors with the new store.

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BY STEVE GUIREY
Staff Writer

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Now, thanks to a recently approved beverage contract, students are faced with yet another imposing inquiry: Coke or Pepsi?

A seven-year joint contract between Coke, Pepsi and the Novi School District was approved at a recent board meeting. The contract marks the first time a district-wide beverage contract has been signed.

"We've always had beverage machines," said assistant superintendent Jim Koster. "But the con-

tracts have always been between vendors and individual schools."

The problem with that, Koster said, was that as each school signed individual contracts with vendors, they didn't have much leverage. So board members decided that it would be more beneficial to the schools to get under one contract.

"With the individual school contracts, the only money the schools were getting was the ten cents on the return," Koster said.

The bargaining power of a unilateral contract enabled the district to procure a 56 percent commission on the sale of the beverages. The money will be used for after school and other programs throughout the

district. The previous gain for a beverage contract commission was 36 percent.

The beverage giants will not be permitted to advertise anywhere in the schools other than on the machines themselves. Thus, Novi residents can rest assure that such time honored traditions as the Novi vs. Northville football game will not be renamed the Coca Cola Classic.

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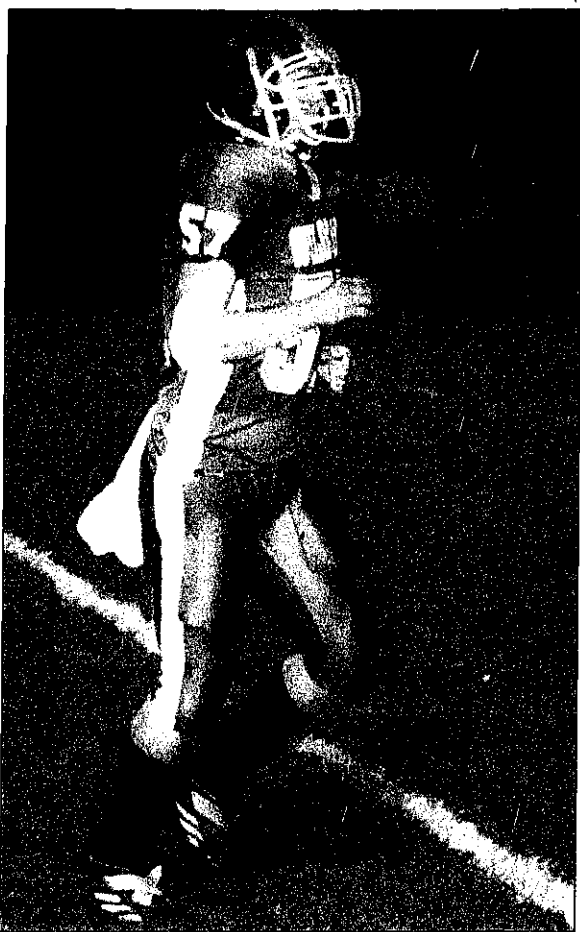
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The center of attention



Novi center Brian Doyle trots back to the sidelines to be with his team.

Senior Spotlight on Brian Doyle

School: Novi

Sports: Football

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, going to the movies, being with his girlfriend

GPA: 3.79

Favorite athletes: Barry Sanders

Plans for the future: Attend college for either journalism or secondary education

Novi lineman keeps his faith in religion, sports

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Talk about Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

He may look like a lumbering monster straight out of many kids' nightmares when he is suited up and ready to grind his opponents into the turf with his size and his stern, determined looks — but Novi Wildcat center Brian Doyle seems more like a harmless kitty cat off the field.

The 6-foot-1, 216-pound senior is a faithful Christian, a journalism student and school newspaper editor as well as a caring son, brother and boyfriend.

"I am really into doing things for my church like summer mission trips," Doyle said. "Over the summer I helped out in vacation bible school and have helped in a service project in the Appellation area of West Virginia restoring run-down houses. I went to Jamaica a couple of summers ago and stayed at a boys' home and helped build some buildings for one of the ministries."

Doyle, who is the starting center on the Novi football team and an anchor for one of the better offensive lines

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Game of the Week Which Wildcat soccer team is going to show?



Sam Eggleston

The Novi Wildcats soccer team will be heading across town to face rival Northville Saturday — a game that just might prove interesting.

The Cats, who haven't been playing to their team abilities according to coach Brian O'Leary, should be able to notch a victory over the fairly inexperienced Mustangs — but that is not a sure bet.

The Mustangs have come a long way this season with good passing and well-coordinated teamwork helping them carve out wins this season, including a big victory in the Detroit Country Day tournament which the Northville team won outright for the first time in quite a while.

The Wildcats, on the other hand, are the superior team when it comes to pure talent with Mike Crawford and Vince Slovan being two of the teams top performers on a consistent basis. Sean McClintchey will be tough for the Mustangs to get around in the goal and if the Cats can manage to come together as a solid team work-

ing towards a single, collective goal, then they will be almost guaranteed a victory — but that could be a big if.

O'Leary, not being satisfied with his team's ability to work as a single unit, will be testing the waters of different player combinations throughout the week hoping to find one that works well together without too much individual interference. At the same time, O'Leary said he is not sure if he will have his final, permanent lineup by the time the Wildcats face the eager Mustangs.

"I will be mixing different combinations of traditional starters with traditional second stringers until I find one that works," O'Leary said. "I don't know if I will have found that yet by the time we play Northville."

It really shouldn't matter. If the Wildcats can come together as a team, their talent should be more than enough to earn a victory over Northville.

"It doesn't matter who we play," O'Leary said. "We have a lot of talent and no one that is a superstar. If everyone gets involved and we make the right decisions, we can pretty much beat anybody."

It will really come down to which Novi soccer team shows up — the one that plays well together or the one that is comprised of many individuals looking to win the game by themselves. It should prove interesting and exciting, no matter which team decides to take on the 'Stangs.

Novi gridgers earn win

Wildcats follow big, bad offensive line in ground game

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats football team made sure there was not going to be a fourth down and one yard to go situation this year — especially against the South Lyon Lions.

The Wildcats pounded out a 21-14 victory over their Kensington Valley Conference rivals Friday night as senior Matt Gorman went from quarterback to running back to leading tackler throughout the contest with smooth transition.

"He (Gorman) did a nice job," Coach Tab Kellepourey said. "He is having a really good season. He was the leading tackler again this week and was even back deep for us on punts making good decisions for us."

Gorman jaunted into the endzone twice, including touchdowns in the first quarter from seven yards out with 2 minutes, 55 seconds remaining and again in the second quarter on a two-yard run with 3:55 remaining in the half.

Gorman was fortunate enough to follow the blocks of senior center Brian Doyle, junior tackle Matthew Murray and senior tackle Jared Dietrich.

"Our offensive line has been playing some solid football," Kellepourey said. "They had a nice game all around."

The Wildcats trailed 14-7 before the second Gorman touchdown after the Lions notched a passing score with Jamie Gasparella finding Steve Schitt from 24 yards out in the first quarter. Gasparella collected his second, and South Lyon's last score of the night, as he scooted over the goal line from three yards away with 5:15 remaining in the first half.

"South Lyon is a powerful offensive team out there on the field," Kellepourey said. "Our defense had to improve as the night went on and they did. We had some very solid tackles and hits that started to take their toll on South Lyon."

The Wildcats recorded their third and final touchdown, securing the win, as Jake Ray trotted in from four yards out. J. R. Muldoon, who went 3-for-3 on the night for point after, added the extra point to put the Novi gridgers up 21-14. Adam Haberman set up the touchdown with a 72-yard run behind the blocking of senior tackle Mike Vehlewald and junior guard George Boweri.

"We had a nice team out there," Kellepourey said. "Our offense was strong and our defense made some adjustments throughout the game. Our special teams did a really outstanding job as well."

The Wildcats followed the lead of Gorman, who gathered 123 yards on 35 carries with two TDs but threw only one pass that fell incomplete.

"They shut down our passing game," Kellepourey said. "We didn't do a real good job in the stats when it comes to passing but Gorman had a real nice game."

The Cats had a nice game from Haberman who gathered 121 yards on five carries while Ray hauled nine for 40 yards. One of the Wildcats' more talented backfield runners,

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Lions, Wildcats unite for national anthem

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

In the face of tragedy, the South Lyon and Novi High School football teams showed what it means to unite.

Though they faced one another in a grueling 48-minute contest as enemies on the gridiron, they began their contest by standing side-by-side with their heads held high as the United States' National Anthem played and Old Glory flew high above.

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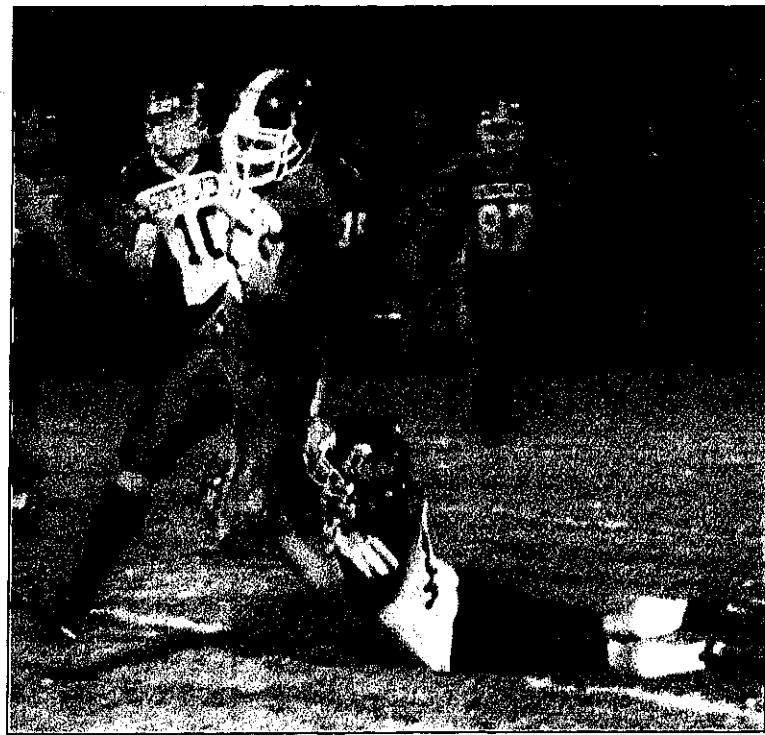


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South Lyon found the game to be a bit of a drag as the Novi Wildcats trounced away with a tough 21-14 victory.

Novi girls tennis still undefeated

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

WILDCAT TENNIS

The Novi Wildcats girls tennis team is very capable of saying "undefeated" — and that is the way they would like to stay.

The Wildcats pounded the daylights out of the South Lyon Lions Monday before clobbering the Lakeland Eagles Wednesday, defeating both teams 8-0.

"We did all right," Coach Jim Hanson said. "We had two shutouts and good play across the board."

The Wildcats took to trouncing the Eagles as first singles sophomore Ashley Glover slipped by senior Jessica Hunt 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

"Jessica Hunt is a good player," Hanson said. "She is a senior in her fourth year at one singles. It was an excellent match and Ashley lost the first set but showed positive signs in that she came back to win."

The Wildcats notched wins as senior Melissa Roemer pulled out a victory in second singles with a win over junior Cristyn Cottone 6-3, 6-2 and senior Carolyn Vermeulen easily defeated freshman Ashley Antonishek 6-0, 6-1.

"Cristyn Cottone is the goalie on Lakeland's boys hockey team," Hanson said. "She is very athletic. She ran down a lot of balls and made a very tough match. Melissa's experience paid off and hopefully will carry over and continue to carry over."

The Cats gathered wins from sophomore Anna Switzer at fourth singles as she downed senior Lauren Sluschewski 6-1, 6-0. First doubles team Colene Brockman and Lauren Carosio, who are both sophomores,

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Novi's Melissa Roemer returns a serve versus Northville recently.

Harrier girls win

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi girls cross country team showed in the Walled Lake Western Invitational that hard work definitely pays off.

Junior Nina Schmitt led the way as the junior and senior Wildcats ran to victory with 28 points while Walled Lake Central came in second with 76 points.

"My juniors and seniors ran fairly well," Novi coach Norm Norgren said. "Nina has been number one so far. In other races, her efforts have taken her into the 19s and she is just running extremely well."

Schmitt took the overall first-place finish with a time of 20 minutes, 6 seconds while Bethany Kittle took 3rd with 21:09, Tae Kono was 4th with

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SCORES

Football

- Novi 21, South Lyon 14
- Northville 31, Franklin 10
- WL Central 41, North Farmington 29
- WL Western 21, Churchill 6

Basketball

- Novi game rescheduled to a later date
- Salem 23, Northville 15
- Walled Lake Western wins three in a row (Story page B6)

Girls Tennis

- Novi 8, South Lyon 0
- Novi 8, Lakeland 0

Cross Country

- Novi girls win both Senior and Junior and Sophomore and Freshman runs during Walled Lake Western Invitational.

Harrier girls keep on running tough

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"I don't know if the rest of the team can run with Nina," Norgren said.

The Wildcat sophomore and freshman division's hard work also paid off as they took the first-place finish in the invitational.

Late Williams took the overall first-place finish with a time of 21:47 while Tattie Ramos came in second with 22:40. Laura Brunner was fifth in 23:25 and Lindsay Blank was sixth with 23:40.

Other medalists included Hawley Goguchi in 7th (23:54), Julie Joseph in 10th (24:36), and Sam Muralidhar finished 15th (25:18) and Carla Morabito was 18th (25:15).

"They did quite well," Norgren said.

"They had some nice breakouts in this meet. Particularly Blank and Morabito as well as Sam Muralidhar. They had fast, huge improvements."

The Wildcats hosted South Lyon at Cass Benton Tuesday night in the Shamrock Invitational, also at Cass Benton, Saturday.

"We are especially going to work on the pack time," Norgren said.

"Nina might not run as fast as she can. She is going to be hopefully working to encourage the girls to run a little closer."

Oh yeah, Doyle said he also wants his baby back — Chill's

Doyle loves football, baby back ribs

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In the Kensington Valley Conference, said some of the things he likes to do include watching the Simpsons on television, hanging out with his friends, going to the movies and — of course — spending time with his girlfriend.

"Her name is Sarah Boyle," he said. "That's Doyle but with a B. I have known her for about six years and have been with her for about a year."

The big man in the middle said he likes to take his main squeeze to Papa Vinos, located on Hogarty Road, where he chows down on spinach and artichoke dip and she dives into her favorite — the Papa's House Salad.

When he isn't enjoying a big bite of tasty dip, Doyle likes to get comfortable with a pepperoni pizza and watch the movie Fallen, starring Denzel Washington.

Oh yeah, Doyle said he also wants his baby back — Chill's

Novi Wildcats soccer is victorious

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcat's soccer team took the chance to prove their ability to play as a team — just ask the Hartland Eagles.

The Wildcats used key scoring and tough goal play to dominate the Eagles 5-2 in a Kensington Valley Conference game Thursday.

"We played a little better as a team," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

"Everyone played about a half an hour each. We moved Vince Sloan back a little bit and he did a lot better and it helped the team a lot."

The Wildcats notched a score about 10 minutes into the game as Alan Holdorf scored on a free kick before Brandon Davis crossed the ball to Sloan who put it in the back of the net to put Novi up 2-0.

"We played more as a team," O'Leary said.

"Vince had a goal and an assist but no one else had more than one point. We moved the ball better and are just playing a little bit better."

The Eagles collected their first goal of the game off of a penalty kick that made it through the defense of goalie A.J. Glubzinski.

"A.J. played the whole game," O'Leary said.

"Both of the scores against us were on penalty kicks. A.J. did a real nice job for us."

The Wildcats came back with a quick score with time expiring as Davis took a pass from Tracy Stewart and put the Novi team up 3-1 before Glubzinski saved a penalty kick just before the half.

"The second half was good, or better than we were playing," O'Leary said.

"We had more people getting involved and we came together a little better as a team."

The Wildcats added its fourth score as Steve O'Keefe scored on a penalty kick.

Hartland managed its last score on a penalty kick to pull to 4-2 before Mike Crawford found

Unity on the gridiron

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"Before the game, Coach [Bob] Scheloske and I agreed to mix our teams with each other for the Star Spangled Banner," Novi coach Tab Kelleppoury said. "Obviously this [tragedy] is an unprecedented situation. Playing a football game Friday night is a break from what was really going on. Maybe it's the closing thing to returning to normalcy for these young kids."

"We have a lot of talent and no one that is a superstar. If everyone gets involved and we make the right decisions we can pretty much beat anybody."

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Some of our pre-game discussions were about how the kids have been affected," Kelleppoury said. "We talked about it prior to the start of that contest was probably the right thing to do."

Kelleppoury said that not only did it show the unity of the players that face each other on the field of play, but also showed the character of people that take steps to show such unity.

"Coach Scheloske suggested the players should stand together and I thought it was a great idea," Kelleppoury said.

"I felt he demonstrated a lot of class with his idea. It was the right thing to do to line up like that."

Tennis wins again

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dominated seniors Kacey Gow and Vanessa Henningsen 6-1, 6-1 while second doubles team of freshman Emily Holt and sophomore Laura Vaughn topped seniors Liza Dixon and Manda Seymour 6-2, 6-1.

Third doubles juniors Megha Vadula and Judy Lai blanked juniors Beza Lund and Jessica Hunt 6-0, 6-0 while junior Gabi Frask and freshman Lauren Thomas topped junior Nicole Hartzke and sophomore Michelle Roach 6-0, 6-0 in fourth.

"Lakeland's tennis program is improving," Hanson said. "Their coach, Gerhard Schubert, is an excellent coach. This is his third year working with this program and they are getting better each year."

The Wildcats punished the South Lyon team as the Novi girls won every match without the Lion players score

KVC STANDINGS

Kensington Valley Conference			
Football			
Team	W	L	T
Brighton	3	0	3
Howell	2	1	3
Novi	2	1	3
Pinckney	2	1	3
S. Lyon	2	1	2
Millford	1	2	2
Hartland	0	3	3
Lakeland	0	3	3

Next Friday's Games			
Team	W	L	T
Millford	0	0	4
Pinckney	0	0	4
Novi	0	0	2
Brighton	0	0	2
S. Lyon	0	0	1
South Lyon	0	0	1
Hartland	0	0	1
Lakeland	0	0	2

Thursday's Results				
Team	W	L	T	
Brighton	52	Farmington Hills	Harrison	36

Ducat always a competitor

Family, friends play large role for Viking

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just become a thing that helped me get where I want to go."

Ducat noted that if his goals of playing football at the highest level were to fall short, he would like to become a teacher or go into law. He also noted football has taught him some important lessons in life.

"I know it is all about the team work," he said. "There are 11 guys on the field plus the guys on the sideline that are just as important. Everything might come down to somebody going down and someone having to step up of the sidelines to step in."

Ducat, who leads the Vikings with 46 tackles and also has four sacks, said that his family has had a big impact on his football.

"My family is always pushing me to play football to the best of my ability," Ducat said of his father and mother, Mike and Georgina Fisher, and his two sisters, Jackie and Jenni. "They have always wanted me to do good. We always watched football on Saturday and Sunday while we ate lunch and dinner. That really got me into it and I have always wanted to do it."

Football means so much to Ducat that he said he would do whatever it took to play at the college level.

"I would love to play linebacker," he said. "Either that or strong or free safety. Anything on the defensive side of the ball. Even if I have to play special teams I will have fun, try my hardest every play and give it my all every day."

"The senior linebacker, who I love to show down on King Crab legs and Taco Bell soft tacos and bean burritos, is also a discuss thrower in track and field during spring athletics and even qualified for the state meet last season — that is where the fearless football player's nerves got the best of him."

"Coach told me never to tell anybody," Ducat said. "I choked when I was at the states. I choked big time. There were thirty some guys there and I was in the lower part for the time. When it was my time to throw, I choked and fouled three times — I was so nervous."

Ducat noted that something along these lines will not happen again.

"I can't wait to go back to the states," he said. "No more choking about it. I just want to show what I can do."

According to Ducat he and his teammates, all of who he considers his closest friends, have an ultimate goal for this football season — to go to the Silverdome for the state championship game.

"I dream about it all of the time," Ducat said. "My whole team has been wanting this since we were in seventh grade. I can't wait. We want people to think of Central as a school to be afraid of. We want people to say 'Oh no, we have to play Central.'"

Though Ducat considers his football team his second family, there is something he has been hiding from them — his full name.

"J.R. stands for Junior," Ducat said. "I am not telling you my middle name."

After some reluctance and a breakthrough, Ducat finally gave up his little secret. The fearless J.R. Ducat is really Douglas Kelly Ducat, Jr.

"Now I am going to hear someone on the other team yell out 'Hey Kelly,'" Ducat said with a laugh. "My close friends know my name but no one else did, but I guess they will now."

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Victory for Novi gridders

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Fred Napier, carried three for 32 yards but went down in the end of the game with an injury.

"He is questionable at this point," Kelleppoury said. "Napier is a talented player and is dedicated to getting back into the game as soon as he is able."

Defensively, German led the Novi squad with 11 tackles (9 solo, 2 assists) while Scott Morland notched eight tackles (7 solo and one assist).

"Scotty is one of our captains out there in terms of defense," Kelleppoury said. "He is a very intelligent player and can recognize what an offense is going to bring. He is very capable of making adjustments on defense and making the right

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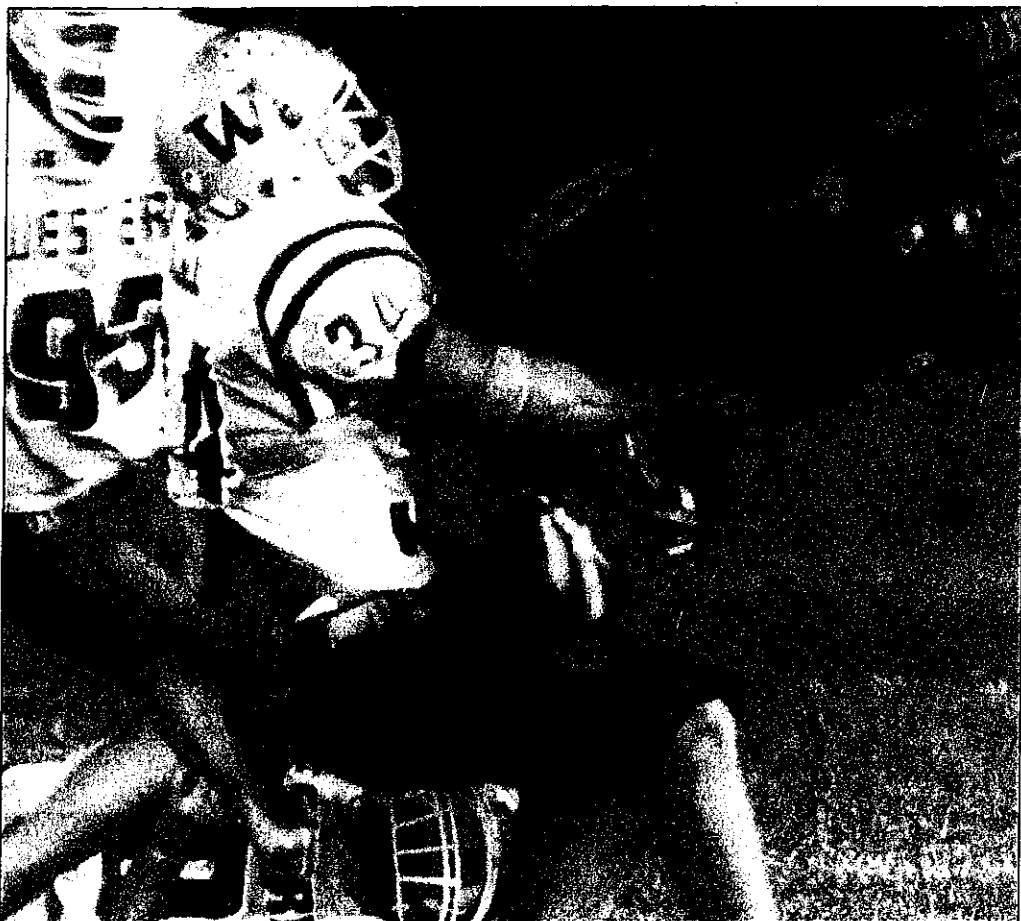
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Western Warriors notch another win



A host of Walled Lake Western players take down a Livonia Churchill running back Friday night.

Northville Mustangs may be next

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WARRIORS FOOTBALL

The Walled Lake Western grid-ers notched their third win in four games Friday night as they trampled over the Livonia Churchill Chargers.

The Warriors used powerful running by senior Steve Bell to shell the Chargers 21-6 in a Western Division contest.

"Our first two drives were right down the field," Western coach Mike Zdebski said.

"We were up 14 to nothing with almost three minutes left in the first quarter."

The Warriors scored as John Sowders rumbled 22 yards for the first score early in the first quarter before Bell danced into the endzone from a yard out to put the Warriors up 14-0 after extra points by Ruben Adery and Keith Prickett.

"The brightest spot during the game was our defense," Zdebski said.

"We reacted well to sudden change situations and played hard, disciplined football Friday night."

The Chargers did not stay scoreless long as they marched to the goal line and scored on a five yard jaunt.

The final score of the contest came as quarterback Jon Michaud scampered 30 yards and into the endzone to put the Warriors on top for good.

"In terms of our effort, I was satisfied," Zdebski noted.

What the coach wasn't satisfied with was the number of penalties the Warriors managed to get flagged for — including four touchdowns that were called back.

"Steve Bell had a 65-yard punt

return for a touchdown called back," Zdebski said.

"Steve VanNortwick had all three of his touchdowns called back because of the penalties including an 87-yard touchdown run."

The Warriors were led offensively by Michaud, who threw 12-of-24 passes for 130 yards and two interceptions.

Bell carried the ball 11 times for 76 yards.

The Warriors piled up 271 total offensive yards while holding the Chargers to only 130 yards of offense.

The defensive unit was led by Barima Opong-Owusu who tallied up nine tackles while Mike Pisha notched eight and Peter Busciglio collected seven.

The Warriors (3-1) will be hosting Western Division rival Northville (3-1) Friday for their Homecoming game, slated to start at 7:30 p.m.

"They are playing extremely good defense," Zdebski said.

"Offensively, they are very talented with (Matt) Cornelius in the backfield. He is a very explosive back and Downing is a fast running back who will run past most people. All of that and they are very well coached too."

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Central wins

Vikings victory comes at cost as Ducat goes down due to injuries

Football

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The Walled Lake Central football team started their season with a falter and has turned it into a run for the playoffs.

The Vikings added another win to their record as they pounded the North Farmington Raiders 41-29 Friday.

"We started out fast and we finished fast," coach Chuck Apap said. "It was 14 to zero within the first five minutes of the game but it was 14 to 14 by the end of the first quarter."

The Vikings scored fast and furious as Mike Schultz trotted into the endzone for three touchdowns and 124 yards on 17 carries. Ryan Trailer tossed 6-of-11 passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns with Joe Kutney pulling in a TD for a 44 yard score and Maxx Morris hauling one down for an eight yard strike. Paul Campbell added a touchdown from 10 yards out to cap the Viking scoring.

"Right now we have the most Lakes Division wins by any Central

football team," Apap said. "The record used to be six games and right now we have eight. We are going for nine in a row next week."

The defense was led by Mike Crowe who had three sacks, an interception and a forced fumble. Mike Pavlich and Dan Miller notched two sacks each with Miller blocking a punt during the contest as well. Apap said that L.J. Cotter had a nice game for the Vikings as well.

One of the downslides to the win over the Raiders was the loss of stellar outside linebacker J.R. Ducat, who went out of the game with a concussion and is not likely to return for tomorrow's game against Stevenson (kick off is scheduled for 7:30 at Stevenson).

"He got hurt in the first quarter when he went for a fumble," Apap said. "Before that, he was doing a great job for us. We lost Joe Kutney as well, both did not play after their injuries."

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Western cagers beat Stevenson

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The Walled Lake Western girls basketball team have not only had the chance to taste a win, they have had the chance to feel the excitement of a win streak.

The Warriors notched a third win in a row as they downed Stevenson 39-30 to pull their record to 3-2.

"We're basically running our offense the way we want to," coach Darrin Jennings said. "We haven't beat Stevenson in three, maybe four, years."

The Warriors followed the scoring lead of sophomore Lauren Talbot, who poured in nine points, while Dawn Dawood and Meghan Marrihugh added seven. Bridget Hannosh tacked on six points with Katie Rousseau adding five, Michelle Martin notching three and Dianna Houghton collecting two

WL Western 39, Stevenson 30

points in the win. A hard blow to the Western cagers came as senior guard Burgess went down with a second-degree ankle sprain early in the game. Burgess, who is the team record holder in three-point field goals made in a game, season and career, is questionable for the Warriors' next contest.

"She stepped on someone's foot on a defensive transition," Jennings said. "We play Salem (today) and there is a possibility of return though healing time depends on the individual. Kristen wants to be back, she really wants to guard Kelly Jaskot."

The Warriors will play Plymouth Salem next.

Ducat is a football animal

Senior Spotlight on J.R. Ducat

School: WL Central

Sports: Football, Track

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, playing sports and hanging with the ladies

GPA: 3.0

Favorite athletes: Chris Spielman

Plans for the future: Hoping to get offer to play football in college

Viking wants to play at the Silverdome so badly he can taste it, feel it

By SAM EGGLESTON
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It's plain and simple. J. R. Ducat is an animal — especially on the football field.

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound senior outside linebacker won't hesitate to put his opponents flat on their back or straight to the sidelines. His 4.53 forty time is one that most running backs would give their left arm for and his 315-pound bench press and his 495 pound squat makes many an offensive lineman twitch involuntarily.

"My favorite thing about football is when you are out on the field during a game with everyone in the stands and everyone is staring at your team to see what you are going to do next," Ducat said. "That's when you go lay someone out. Getting a good hit on somebody is just the greatest feeling. I can't even explain it."

Ducat, who is a senior at Walled Lake Central, said one of his hopes for the future is for football to take him as far as it can.

"I want to play football. I just love the sport," he said. "I could really never stop playing football, even when I am old I will play it with my kids. I would not play another sport other than football if I had to choose."

Though Ducat said he hopes to play football at the next level in college and maybe even beyond, he noted that he would like to use the sport as a vehicle for his education as well.

"I know college will be a big thing for me," Ducat said. "If I don't get to play football at the next level past college, I won't be satisfied but I will be glad I made it that far. College will help me through life and I plan to study hard while I am there. If I don't go further than college football than football will

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J.R. Ducat gets ready to punish the offense Friday night as he lines up in his outside linebacker position. Ducat will do anything to get a earth-shaking hit.