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Happy 1st Anniversary Livingston County

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\$80,000 necklace stolen

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

The Novi Police Department continues its search for a man who entered a Novi jewelry store and stole a necklace valued at \$80,000. "We have reason to believe he probably saw the necklace before and knew what he was going in to do," said Paul Stulgross, detective with the Novi Police Department. Witness statements describing the man and the car he fled the scene in, including a description of

the female driver, remain key pieces of evidence bringing the police closer to solving the case. Police also have a set of fingerprints taken from the necklace display case and an in-store surveillance video was taken into custody by the police department. The incident occurred at Elias Jewelry in Twelve Oaks Mall on Saturday, Sept. 15 at about 4:30 p.m. An employee of the store, located in the lower level Sears court, told police she was working the floor

"We have reason to believe he probably saw the necklace before..."

Det. Paul Stulgross
Novi Police Department

when she saw two black men enter, look in a display case and then leave. A few minutes later she saw another black man enter the store

and approach the north display case located across from Sabaro's pizza. The employee said he kept walking around the store before stopping to look at the 18 karat white-gold necklace encasing 14.81 karats of diamonds. The employee told police he started asking her a lot of questions including if the \$60,000 price tag was the cash price. She told him the necklace was actually valued at \$80,000, but was currently on sale for \$60,000.

At that time, the suspect asked to see the necklace so she hesitantly removed it from the case. According to the police report, she opened the case with her key, removed the necklace and held it close to her waist with two hands while keeping it on the display mount. The man then allegedly grabbed the mount and the necklace with one sweeping motion and ran from the store.

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NHS grad helps NYC

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

Enduring the aftermath, former Novi resident Matthew Mitchell takes pride in being called a New Yorker. "I feel a little more proud living here, just the way we pulled together," Mitchell said. "If there was one city that would pull through this, it would be New York. New Yorkers are tough." Living in New York since November of 1993, Mitchell is one of the "we" pulling together to restore New York after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. Mitchell and boss, Bruce Kessler, of CEO Catering donated and delivered extra food, juice and paper products to the volunteers at the site of the World Trade Center. "That felt good," Mitchell said. The kitchen the concert-catering company uses to prepare its food is in Tribeca, about one-quarter mile from the site where the trade center towers stood. "They welcomed us," Mitchell said. "The people there were really nice." Mitchell noticed mountains of bottled water and other supplies left for the volunteers. "There were so many people there to donate blood and their time," Mitchell said. "Everybody is really coming together." Along with the obvious structural changes and loss of life the city has experienced, Mitchell noticed other changes transforming the city from what it once was. "There is a lot more police presence," Mitchell said. "The subways are totally quiet, the

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Waiting with hope, pain

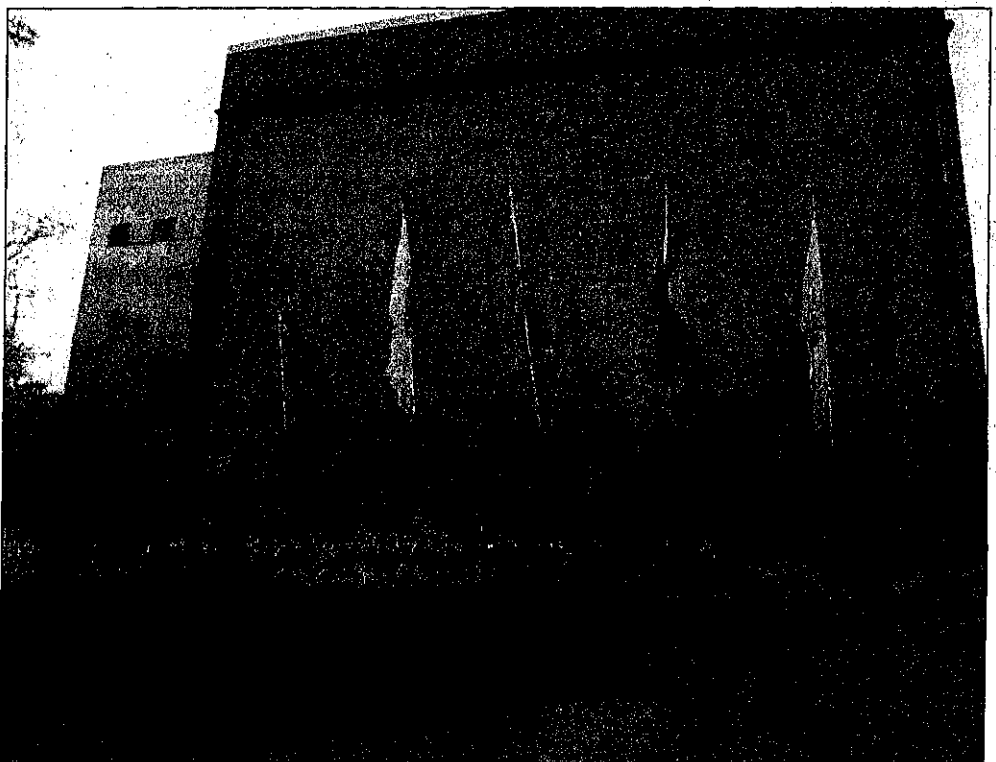


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

An honor guard marches past the Oakland Hills Cemetery eternal flame last Friday evening at the beginning of the annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony. The mural-painting, at left, was officially dedicated Sept. 21.

Searching for an answer

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

As the sun set on Sept. 21, the "23rd Annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day Observance" came to a close. Although the ceremony had ended, the crowd remained standing - quietly focused on the empty stage. Occurring at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, the event was significantly important for those who still wait for members of their families, friends and loved ones to return from the war.

"Until there is proof, uncertainty gnaws at us," said TAMBRIA Leonard-Whitman, a speaker at the event. She told the crowd during her speech that family members and friends of those who have not returned still hope despite the destitute odds. She explained the pain accompanying the families who do not have answers as to the fate of their loved ones. Finding answers and adding a return date to the "Michigan Remembers" POW/MIA memorial wall was the common goal of all

in attendance. During the ceremony, which began at 6:30 p.m., two return dates were etched into the wall. The remains of William Arthur Smith Jr. and John Benedict Nahan III were recovered bringing resolve to those who loved them. The memorial wall stands tall behind an eternal flame maintained by the Prisoner of War Committee of Michigan and next to a newly painted mural which was unveiled at the event. The mural depicts four members of the service, three men, one woman and one service dog,

as they were during war time. In front of their past depictions, stands just one man and one woman as they would look after returning home and continuing on with their lives. The others never returned. On the north side of the eternal flame was the "Table of Honor." The table was round representing the everlasting concern for the missing. It was set for four, representing the four branches of the U.S. forces and each one of the four

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The feeling of royalty

Novi High's 2001 Homecoming Court (Back) Adam Haberman, Jamie Schram and Tyler Mohr. (Front) Stephanie Regan, Jake Ray, Sara Beth O'Connor, Sarah Hoff and Melissa Roemer. See page 4A for the underclassmen representatives.

Photo by CHRIS C. DAVIS

City calls special meeting for input on Vistas settlement

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

Attention Novi residents. The mayor and members of the city council are holding a public hearing 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1 in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center regarding settlement of the litigation between Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership and the city of Novi. The hearing will give the public a chance to voice their opinion on the proposed settlement the city is considering offering the partnership in an attempt to close the case. The judgment rendered in favor of the partnership was reported by city officials to have a current value of about \$68.9 million including interest accru-

ing at a rate of 12 percent and fees. In a letter provided by the city, it was stated that the partnership originally initiated litigation against the city because it prohibited the opening of Novi Road for timely marketing of the partnership's property it had received approval to develop housing, commercial businesses and related amenities on resulting in the project's owners inability to pay debts. The property is located in the area south of Thirteen Mile Road straddling what now is new Novi Road to Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road. A favorable judgment for the partnership was rendered in

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Driver flees from police on Penhill Road

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After a brief chase, a Novi police officer nabbed a fleeing man. The incident began when the officer attempted to stop a vehicle for disobeying a red light at the intersection of Penhill and West Park. According to the police report, the driver went through the intersection as the light changed and was not securing a seatbelt. The officer turned his lights on and the driver of the Chrysler Fifth Avenue pulled over on Penhill. When the officer asked the male driver for his driver's license, he snarled at the officer and said he didn't do anything wrong. The officer then told the man to turn his car off and show his identification or he would be arrested. According to the report, the driver rolled up his window and drove off. The officer followed the car north on West Park with the lights on. The officer observed the driver turn into the surrounding lane passing traffic and then turn into Novi Square Plaza. The pursuit continued at speeds approaching 60 mph westbound on Pontiac Trail crossing Berk Road. At that time, the Novi

Police News

officer notified the Wixom Police Department. The car then turned into the Golden Gate Apartments and backed into a parking space nearly hitting the Novi officer's patrol car. The driver finally voluntarily exited the car and was arrested for fleeing and eluding. The male driver told police he fled because he was "tired of being harassed by the cops."

O.U.I.L.
On Sept. 21 at about 1 a.m. a Novi police officer noticed a vehicle with a burned out headlight traveling northbound on Novi Road near Grand River Avenue. The officer stopped the car because of faulty equipment. When arriving at the driver's side window, the officer smelled marijuana and noticed the driver's eyes were bloodshot. The driver said she only had a few beers. After failing field sobriety tests, the driver blew a .14 and was

arrested.

DRIVING WHILE DRUNK

A car with no lights on attracted the attention of police. A Novi officer was patrolling on southbound Novi Road, north of Grand River Avenue at 2:15 a.m. Sept. 22 when the car was spotted stopped at the traffic signal. After the light changed, the driver of the car proceeded northbound on Novi Road with the headlights still turned off. The officer turned his lights and sirens on initiating a stop at Novi Road and Crescent Drive. The driver did not stop and instead continued driving with the car lights off turning into the parking lot of Denny's Restaurant. The officer spoke with the complainant who said she found several used condoms in the rear parking lot of the business. The complainant told police this was an ongoing problem and requested extra patrol of her business

during the night. The complainant also said that about two weeks ago, an employee caught two subjects "in the act."

HANKY PANKY
On Sept. 17 at about 11 a.m. police responded to an indecent behavior complaint at a Novi business in the 25000 block of Seelye Road. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with the complainant who said she found several used condoms in the rear parking lot of the business. The complainant told police this was an ongoing problem and requested extra patrol of her business

identification in it. There was nothing else of value in the car. The car had a Cottage Inn sign on top of it when it was stolen. The case was turned over to investigators.

WALLED LAKE HOME DAMAGED

A Walled Lake builder reported Sept. 21 that his client's house was damaged when someone through a rock through two windows. The builder at DeMarco Building Company told police that there was \$2,000 worth of damage done. The case is open for investigation.

PIZZA DRIVERS CAR STOLEN

A Walled Lake police officer was dispatched to Cottage Inn Pizza on Sept. 22 after a 19-year-old woman went to the back of the restaurant and her car was gone. The Commerce Township woman said she last saw her car, a 1996 white Chevrolet Lumina, at 8:30 p.m. and she soon returned to find it missing. Her purse was left in the car, which had her credit cards and

nothing else of value in the car. The car had a Cottage Inn sign on top of it when it was stolen. The case was turned over to investigators.

WANT AN EGG?

A limousine driver got egg in her face literally when several youths threw an egg at her windshield. Police were dispatched Sept. 23 when the driver stated that the people in the car in front of her had thrown the egg out of their window, which smashed onto her passenger side windshield. The limousine driver was taking students back home from a school dance.

FOSTER FARM CONCERT

On Sunday, Sept. 30, from 2-4 p.m. there will be a concert in the Riley Park in Walled Lake at the gazebo. The Friends of the Foster Farmhouse will host this event with donations going toward the restoration of the farmhouse. The group is proud and pleased to present the "Delivery Boys," local musicians specializing in Blue Grass style music. "Jerry and Mary," emphasizing music from the Underground Railroad and slavery era are also scheduled to perform. Currently, they are co-presidents of the Faint Creek Folk Lore Society. You may have seen them at the Off the Wall Open House or Mama's Coffee House in Birmingham. Jim Bertin from the Off the Wall Open House will emcee the event.

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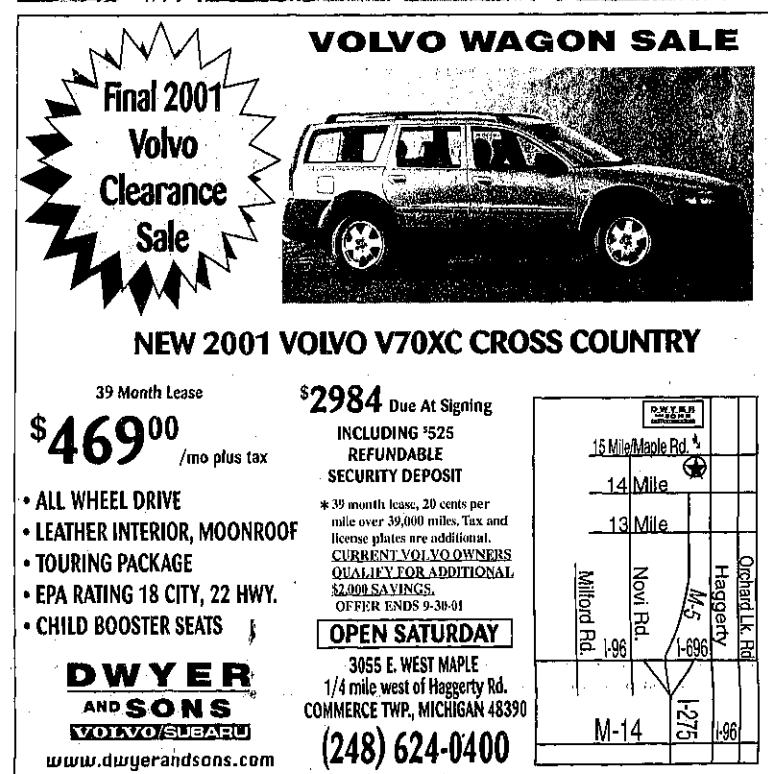


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City will hold hearing on lawsuit settlement

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Oakland County Circuit Court in 1999, and the city is currently in the process of appealing the decision with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The settlement the city is proposing includes, but is not limited to, conveying to the partnership 75 net useable acres of city parkland abutting Twelve Mile Road and an option to purchase an additional 20 net useable acres of city parkland contingent upon litigation insurance proceeds are received and forwarded to the partnership within a specified period. The city would also allow additional commercial

development on the partnership's existing Planned Unit Development land at Thirteen Mile and Novi Roads increasing the allowable square footage from 100,000 to 170,000.

The reasons city officials are considering settling the suit include, but are not exclusive to, the fact that the 12 percent interest rate on the judgment continues to accrue and when the case does come before the Michigan Court of Appeals, the judgment rendered could go either way. While the city of Novi has insurance policies, officials stated, "there is a dispute with these companies on the amount, if any, that will be paid" and officials

feel the possibility exists for residents of Novi to be charged additional taxes in an effort to take care of the full amount specified in the judgment or possibly having to reduce basic services provided to the citizens of Novi.

The full text of the letter written to all citizens detailing the city's position and proposals, which was sent out this week to all Novi residents, is also printed on page 10A.

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POW/MIAs remembered in memorial, candlelight vigil

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chairs was tipped in towards the table bringing attention to the fact the soldiers were not there.

Some of the other representations on the table included a rose in a glass vase with a ribbon tied around it representing the underlying determination to find the missing, a lemon to represent their bitter fate, salt to represent tears and four glasses to an inverted position showing no one will come to the table to make a toast.

"The memorial is a place of names," said Mary Eddy, President of the Prisoner of War Committee of Michigan.

"Everyone of the names on the memorial has a story to tell."

Eighty-four names of Michigan soldiers cover the wall and the goal is to have a return date for each and every one.

Novi city mayor, Richard J. Clark, was one of the speakers at the event reading a proclamation from Gov. John Engler stating from now on, the third

Friday of Sept. will be the new POW-MIA Recognition Day in Michigan.

Due to events occurring on Sept. 11, keynote speaker U.S. Rep. David E. Bonior was unable to attend.

At the end of the ceremony, a roll call of the names on the memorial was read and the release of one balloon for each of the missing was released into the sky as "God Bless America" filled the cemetery.

The Friday event kicked-off a weekend of remembrance.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 Color Guard also honored its Michigan brothers with a 24-hour vigil at the memorial site.

The 16th annual vigil began with a 5 p.m. opening ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 22 and continued through the 5 p.m. closing ceremony held Sunday, Sept. 23.

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Former resident helps out New York

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only talking or laughing is by school kids. Overall, Manhattan is very quiet."

Wind updates accompanying the evening news have also been a new point of interest.

The 1988 graduate of Novi High explained the updates inform residents the direction the mixture of soot, smell and possible asbestos clouds is traveling.

"It is a hideous smoke smell," Mitchell said.

He described it similar to the smell of having teeth drilled at the dentist.

"A lot of people downtown are wearing surgical masks," Mitchell said. "Overall, things are a lot quieter and a lot slower."

Mitchell, who also works as a personal trainer out of Eastern Athletic Club, must show his business card and personal identification to officers when traveling to the gym located in Tribeca about one-third-of-a-mile from now ground zero.

He is currently in the process of organizing a volunteer masseur schedule where firefighters and police officers may come to the gym for a free massage during their downtime.

Most notably Mitchell commented the incredible support of New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and the renewed sense of patriotism the city displays.

Mitchell attended the first baseball game to be played in New York after the attack.

"It was just incredible," Mitchell said. "It was the most emotional game I've ever been at."

Mitchell said there was not a dry eye in the house. "The crowd kept chanting, 'Rudy, Rudy, Rudy.'"

At the time of the attack, Mitchell was training a client in uptown Manhattan.

He first heard of the news from a TV at the training location.

Once everyone else in the area looked down to the former location of the towers and saw nothing but smoke.

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Kensington

"Moon Walk," at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 - Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/South Lyon. Join an interpreter to search for the variety of sights and sounds of nature, accented by the light of the moon. Pre-registration required.

"Pick Your Pumpkin Hayrides," Saturday and Sunday Sept. 29 and 30; and October weekends from noon-4 p.m., Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center, near Milford/Brighton. Take a hayride to and from the farm's pumpkin patch where you can pick your favorite Jack-O-Lantern pumpkin. Hayride fees are: adults \$2, children and seniors \$1.50. Pumpkins are priced according to size. Registration not required. For more information, contact the park office at (800) 477-3178.

For those unable to make it to their applicable precinct, absentee ballots may be obtained from and received by the clerk's office on or before Saturday, Nov. 3.

To receive an application for an absentee ballot, residents may either call or visit the clerk's office or e-mail a request to Maryanne Cornelius, city clerk for the city of Novi at mcorneilus@cl.novi.mi.us.

The first of the absentee ballots are going out this week, Cornelius said.

Cornelius encourages everyone interested to apply as soon as possible. Once on the list, residents will automatically receive an application to levy an absentee ballot in future years.

The deadline to register to vote in the city of Novi is Oct. 9.

City pulls open purse strings

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA

Staff writer

In a two-day period, the citizens of Novi showed their support while helping those left in need after the devastating terrorist attacks.

On Sept. 21 and 22, the city of Novi along with the Novi Rotary Club and the Novi Fire Department successfully organized and executed community-wide efforts to give and receive.

Enduring inclement weather to help those in need is what firefighters do best and last Friday was no exception.

Kicking-off the weekend of events was the Novi Fire Department's "Fill the Boots" drive.

Despite the rainstorm, firefighters and other volunteers stood in Novi Intersections holding their boots out for donations.

"Everybody was overwhelmed," said event spokeswoman Shelly Hurwitz. "We were more than satisfied."

Mike Evans, fire Marshall of the Novi Fire Department, estimates the total collected will be more than \$75,000 when the counting is done.

"It went well," Evans said. "We expect to send the check out at the end of this week."

Along with motorists, businesses such as Dealers Resources of Northville, Image Sena of Livonia, Troy Clegg Landscape Associates, LLC of Wilcox and Studioscape of Commerce Township donated increasing the total collected.

All donations will be distributed to the families of the fallen New York fire fighters through the "New York Fire 9-11 Relief Fund" established by the International Association of Fire Fighters.

The next morning, supporters filled the Novi Civic Center attending the "Memorial Service for Victims of New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania Terrorism."

The gathering began at 9:30 a.m. with the "Star Spangled Banner" performed by the Novi Choralaires and was hosted by Richard J. Clark, mayor of Novi, and Dr. Max Sirogovi, president of the Novi Rotary Club.

Maureen Malone, the city of Novi community relations manager, estimated there were about 200 people in attendance.

A moment of silence for the victims was observed followed by a memorial service led by members of all faiths including Christian, Judaism, Hindu and Muslim.

Novi Meadows student, Nikko Laudriena, recited a poem he wrote expressing his feelings of the tragic event.

"The service went very well and showed how the community can come together more so in a time of tragedy," Clark said. "The broad spectrum of people in attendance drove the point home that we are all Americans."

During the event, members of the Novi Rotary Club collected money for families of the fallen firefighters and police officers and made appointments for an upcoming blood drive.

"People just responded very well," Malone said.

Others helping with the event were the Novi PTO, the Novi Choralaires and Caribou Coffee.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadlocha@ht.homecom.net.



Novi firefighter Sunday Dwyer collects donations from passing motorists for her fallen comrades in New York last Friday afternoon along Ten Mile Road near Beck.



Homecoming representatives

Underclassmen Homecoming representatives (Back) Bryan Smith, 10th, Eric Van Tassel, 11th, Gordon Bowdell, 9th. (Front) Laine Williams, 10th, Bethany Snow, 11th, Amanda Toffoli, 9th.

Suspect still hunted by police in Novi necklace robbery

Continued from 1

The employee told police she yelled - alerting the store owner and another worker who came out to the front and began chasing the suspect.

According to the report, once in the parking lot, the man entered a 1998 white Mercury Sable. The license plate number was written down and given to police.

"We have an address in Detroit we are investigating," Stulgross said.

Detectives have also been contacting metropolitan area pawn shops for possible necklace sightings.

The store employee said she secured the area

around the display case (screwed by the suspect in hopes the detectives would be able to retrieve his fingerprints).

The suspect is described as a black male, between 5 feet 11 inches and 6 feet 1 inch tall, medium-thin build, long side burns, short black hair, brown eyes, between the ages of 25 and 30 and wearing a black jean jacket with black pants.

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Obituaries

JOHN BYRD

John "Jay" Byrd, 40, of the Northville/South Lyon area died Sept. 19 at his residence. He was born Aug. 14, 1961, to Robert and Rita (Hunt) Byrd of Pontiac.

Mr. Byrd earned a bachelor's degree from Lawrence Tech and was a self-employed financial advisor.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Story), whom he married in July 1992; mother, Rita Byrd of Northville; and siblings, Tom, Bobbi, Nancy, Denni, Chris, Paddy, Mike, and Steve.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Sept. 23 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. Officiating were members of the family.

A private interment was held. Memorial contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

ELEEN L. GATES
Eleen L. Gates, 66, of the

Northville/Novi died Sept. 20 in Livonia. She was born April 19, 1935, to John E. and Ruth (Crane) Lewis of Atlanta, Ga.

Her memberships included St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia and the Beta Sigma Phi Chapter of Laureate Beta Theta in Plymouth, of which she was a member since 1979.

She is survived by her husband, Richard H.; son, Robert L. of Beaverton, Ore.; daughters, Diane Mills of Livonia and Carol McManus of Burlington, Ky.; one brother, John E. Lewis of Florida; and six grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Pastor Eric Steinbrener officiating.

Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

Cancer Society, Attn: Memorial Department, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated by the family.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Catherine Rachunok, 82, of Novi died Sept. 18 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was born Jan. 15, 1919.

Mrs. Rachunok was employed with the Wayne County prosecutors office for 43 years.

She is survived by her husband, Alex; a son, Alex (Sue); daughters, Donna Devan, Catherine (Jack) Hirschauer, and Peggy (Gary) Haalin; one sister, Elizabeth DeMarzo; and four grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, Sept. 22 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorial contributions to the Diabetes Association of Michigan would be appreciated.

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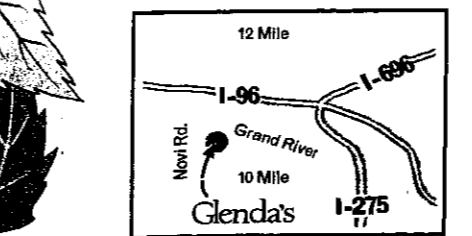
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Celebrity servers will raise money for Paralyzed Vets

By VICTORIA SADOCHA
Staff Writer

Local officials will assume new positions Oct. 3, becoming servers behind a buffet line at Local Color in Novi.

Mayor Richard J. Clark and Chief of Police Douglas F. Shaeffer will be just a couple of the people slicing roast beef and scooping vegetable Alfredo while donating their time to raise money for the Michigan chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

The "Celebrity Dinner" is a first for the chapter, and director of communications development and sports, Jan Mintz, hopes the event will be a success.

"If it goes well, it will be an annual event," Mintz said.

The idea was generated to combine food and fun with a celebrity twist all for a good cause.

For the reasonable price of \$25, each attendee will enjoy an all-inclusive buffet-style dinner served by members of Local Color staff and local celebrities.

The menu for the night will be tossed salad with either ranch or raspberry vinaigrette dressing, chicken forester, roast beef, vegetable Alfredo, garlic pesto mashed potatoes, Asian vegetables and cookies and brownies for desert.

"Everyone has to eat so why not accomplish two things at once,"

admission donation includes an open bar.

The doors for the event open at 6 p.m. and the chapter has reserved the restaurant until 11 p.m.

One factor in going with a buffet is people may come and go at any time during the evening and enjoy a wonderful meal, Mintz said.

All proceeds will benefit the Paralyzed Veterans of America Michigan Chapter in its programming efforts as well as its fight to find a cure for spinal cord injuries and disease.

"Everyone has to eat so why not accomplish two things at once,"

Approved Mortgages is the event corporate sponsor helping cover expenses.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America is a congressionally chartered veterans service organization run by individuals investing their time to not only help veterans, but all disabled individuals needing assistance.

"We are an advocate of the entire disability community," Mintz said.

The headquarters for the Michigan chapter is located at 40550 Grand River Avenue and the phone number is (248) 476-9000.

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Since inception, the organization has expanded into a group sponsoring activities for the disabled community, funding spinal

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 17, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.014 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF WEST ROAD AND WEST OF WEST PARK DRIVE, FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE) TO R-3 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48235 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 24, 2001.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY
(9-27-01 NN 1070875)

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48235 until 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 3, 2001.

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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS STREET TREE PLANTING - FALL 2001

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for **STREET TREE PLANTING - FALL 2001** according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M., prevailing eastern time, Friday, October 5, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48235-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "STREET TREE PLANTING - FALL 2001" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

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CAROL J. KALINOVIC
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FURST FARM PICNIC RESCHEDULED
The Furst Farm Family Picnic has been rescheduled and the new date for fun is Sunday, Sept. 30.

The Novi Historical Commission made the decision to cancel its original date of Sept. 16 after the tragic Sept. 11 events.

The time, from 1-4 p.m., and place, the Furst Farm, will remain the same.

Admission is free and plenty of food, fun, entertainment and prizes will be on hand for all to enjoy.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS OPEN HOUSE
The Novi Fire Department will host fire safety week for Oct. 7-13 on Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fire Station 1 located at 42975 Grand River (next to Vics Market).

This year's theme: Cover the bases and strike out fire will be celebrated by a first aid and smoke detector program, dial 9-1-1 program, a tour of the station, fire safety tips and Sparky the Safety Dog will be on hand. Residents can also talk to recruiters and learn more about becoming a paid-on-call firefighter or call (248) 349-2162.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN DAY
On Monday, Sept. 24, the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association hosted "American Business Women's Day." Monica Gayle from WXYZ-TV (channel 2) was the guest speaker for the event. Gayle is best known for anchoring the "Working Women" news segment on Fox news. The event was held in the Wyndham Garden Hotel and included networking, dinner and a cash bar.

The day was organized to give all Americans an opportunity to recognize the important contributions more than 57 million working women and 7.7 million women-owned businesses are making to this nation.

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter was organized to bring together business women of diverse occupations to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally and personally.

NEW LADDER TRUCK
The city of Novi Fire Department recently rolled out its new American LaFrance 100-foot

ladder truck so the citizens of Novi could take a closer look at the department's newest addition.

The ladder truck, which will be located at fire station one, will replace the department's 1981 American LaFrance 75-foot ladder equipped engine.

Purchased with citizen-approved bond money, the total vehicle cost was \$539,855.

Some of the ladder truck's impressive features include a 100-foot aerial ladder, 1,500-gallon-per-minute pump, four-person cab, 123 feet of ground ladders, 4,500 watts of lighting, 350 gallon water tank and 800 feet of large diameter hose.

NEW SIGNS FOR ALL
Personnel of the Department of Public Works have been busy lately installing new traffic ordinance signs throughout the city of Novi. The city council approved the traffic control orders brought before them at the Aug. 27 city council meeting. Included in the newly-placed signs are a three-way stop at Irvine Drive and Moorage Street, a four-way stop at Carriage Hill and Ingram. A 15-minute loading zone/package pick-up only sign from 165 feet to 220 feet west of Market Street on the north side of Main Street and a stop sign on the northeast corner of Maria Court at East Lake Drive.

STEP IN TIME
Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry is teaming up with Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time to bring country western dances to the Novi Civic Center. Singles and couples are welcome to step-in-time 7-11:30 p.m. Saturday beginning Sept. 29 through Dec. 1. The cost is \$7 for Novi residents and anyone older than 54 and \$8 for nonresidents. For more information, call Jean at (248) 348-9116.

SHAW HONORED
Robert E. Shaw Jr. was recently honored by the city of Novi in recognition of his outstanding service to the community. Shaw has served the community as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission contributing to the betterment of the city. Mayor Richard J. Clark presented Shaw with a certificate of appreciation at the Sept. 10 city council meeting.

SWOCC TO MEET
Please note that the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission will have a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

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Terrorist attacks spotlight weakness in CCW law

BY MIKE MALOTT
HomeTown News Service
mmalott@hntv.com

"We got things messed up pretty good," said State Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, of the fact Michigan's new carry concealed weapons (CCW) law won't stop a permit holder from taking a gun into an airport.

Hoffman voted for passage of the CCW law last December and chaired the conference committee that produced the final version. While senators designated a number of "gun free zones" in the law - which overall made it easier for Michigan residents to get permits - airports were not among them.

"We missed it," he said. Hoffman introduced Senate Bills 502 and 505 in May to prohibit the carrying of guns, even by permit holders, between security checkpoints at the airport and the gate.

With the recent terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, his bills have taken on new urgency. He said he is working to get other senators and the National Rifle Association to soften their critics of the act. Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan pointed out when the law went into effect this past July.

"People assume it is already illegal, but it isn't," Hoffman said.

Federal law also has gaps, he explained. It's illegal to carry

weapons on airlines, have them at the gate or pass through security check points with them, under federal law, but it doesn't actually ban them between security and the gate, he said. Hoffman noted that many people, such as employees, get into that area without having to go through security.

Hoffman noted his bills would not make the change by altering the new CCW law, rather would amend Michigan aeronautics laws. He said he anticipates one change to his proposal, when the bill comes before the Senate Judiciary Committee next week, to include "other dangerous weapons" in the ban.

"Recent events have illustrated the need to provide maximum protection of residents traveling through airports," Hoffman said. "Michigan has no law concerning possession of firearms while between the metal detector and receiving a state CCW permit, as long as he met the other criteria. Nothing in current law requires gun boards to check applicants' names against the CIA watch list for terrorists."

The CCW law says local gun boards "shall issue" permits to applicants at least 21 years of age, that have taken the required safety training course, have no history of mental illness and have not committed a serious crime.

Areas designated now as gun free zones include schools, day care, arenas, bars, hospitals, casinos, churches and college classrooms and dormitories.

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LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF NOVI

THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD 7:30 PM MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2001 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CIVIC CENTER REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF THE LITIGATION SANDSTONE ASSOCIATES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP -vs- CITY OF NOVI, et al

Dear Citizens:

No resident in the community did anything to deserve this situation. We detest that this matter evolved to the present circumstances. We feel the community is looking to us to resolve the litigation and related huge financial vulnerability. We are committed to leaving up this mess that was given to us. Please plan to attend the City Council meeting at 7:30 PM Monday, October 1, 2001 in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center.

Driving goals in our Settlement Talks

We have been steadfast in adhering to the following driving goals in our settlement talks:

- To NOT burden residents with additional taxes. For example, 15-year judgment bonds issued in the amount of \$60,000,000 would add approximately \$237 annually in taxes to a homeowner with a house SEV of \$100,000.
- To NOT have to guarantee payment of any minimum amount of insurance proceeds.
- To settle this case as soon as possible given the daily interest (\$20,000+) accruing on the judgment.
- To NOT reduce basic services provided to the citizens of Novi.

Background Information

Since 1995 when the above litigation was filed against the City of Novi, most residents have read information surrounding this case and the magnitude of the judgment outstanding against the City of Novi. The judgment rendered January 21, 1999 in the Oakland County Circuit Court, amended since to include accruing interest at 12% and fees, has now reached a magnitude of approximately \$68,900,000.

The appeal of this matter by the City of Novi to the Michigan Court of Appeals is still pending to be heard. Given that interest at the rate of 12% on the judgment is accruing and recognizing the uncertainties of the outcome of the litigation, we authorized settlement talks with the plaintiff to commence in February, 2001. Mayor Richard Clark, City Manager Richard Helwig, City Attorney Gerald Fisher, and Insurance Legal Advisor Leonard Schwartz have represented our community in these talks. The purpose of this letter, which is being mailed to every household in Novi, is to apprise you of the outcome of these talks and to outline settlement components that could conclude this ugly chapter in our city's history.

The following summary contains the highlights of the Sandstone litigation:

- Sandstone developers received approval from the City of Novi to develop housing, commercial businesses, and related amenities in the area approximately south of Thirteen Mile Road straddling what now is new Novi Road to 12 1/2 Mile Road. A Special Assessment District was created for the City of Novi to build this new portion of Novi Road. The litigation was initiated by Sandstone in 1995 over its central contention that the City of Novi prohibited the opening of the roadway for timely marketing of the property resulting in the project's insolvency.
- A judgment totaling \$39,961,587 was rendered against the City of Novi on January 21, 1999. On July 9, 1999, the Court amended the judgment downward by \$6,732,300 to a new total of awarded damages in the amount of \$33,229,287.
- On September 30, 1999, the Trial Court issued an additional post-judgment decision awarding interest, attorney fees, and costs. Prejudgment interest at 12% in the amount of \$19,057,640 and attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$1,269,838.70 were awarded. Since that time, interest at 12% continues to accrue on the judgment. As stated previously at the beginning of this letter, the value of the judgment has now reached the magnitude of approximately \$68,900,000, and the case has not yet been scheduled for hearing of the City's appeal before the Michigan Court of Appeals.

While the City of Novi has insurance policies totaling \$20,000,000 thru the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, to date there is a dispute with these companies on the amount, if any, that will be paid.

Settlement Component Highlights

There are three possible alternative outcomes in the City of Novi's appeal of the money judgment: (1) The City of Novi could prevail outright, a result which is not likely considering how rarely Trial Court decisions are overturned on appeal; (2) The judgment and accrued interest could be upheld, which is the typical outcome on appeal; or (3) The case could be sent back to the Trial Court for a new trial. In the third alternative, the ultimate decision could be better or worse for the City of Novi than the current judgment (NOTE: Interest at 12% would continue to be calculated from 1995).

In the first and second alternatives, conclusion of the case would not likely be reached for two more years. In the third alternative, the time for case completion could be as long as five more years.

Considering these potential outcomes and the risks and consequences associated with each, we have concluded that ending the litigation now based upon the settlement outlined below appears to be in the best interests of the City of Novi.

The City of Novi annual budget is lean and focused on providing basic services to the community. Therefore, the City of Novi does not begin to have the substantial amounts of cash necessary to effectuate a settlement. Accordingly, the settlement includes the City of Novi advancing considerable in-kind consideration in order to effectuate a settlement. The insurance providers have been informed. Therefore, it is the intention of the City of Novi, after advancing all in-kind payments to implement the settlement, to seek to recoup from the insurance providers as much of the settlement consideration given as possible.

The settlement contains the following components:

- The City of Novi shall allow additional commercial development (170,000 sq ft instead of 100,000 sq ft) on Sandstone's existing Planned Unit Development land at Thirteen Mile and Novi Roads.
- Seventy-five net useable acres of City parkland abutting Twelve Mile Road (RR tracks east to Dixon Road) will be conveyed to Sandstone for primarily multi-family use at an average density of 15 units/acre with no more than 24 units on any given acre. Commercial use totaling 65,000 sq ft will be permitted with no single user occupying more than 20,000 sq ft.
- An additional 20 net useable acres of City parkland contiguous to the area defined above may be optioned by Sandstone if insurance proceeds are not received within two years of the settlement date.
- In view of the discovery of arsenic associated with pesticides used on former orchards situated on portions of the total acreage mentioned above, the City of Novi will take total responsibility for clean up prior to conveying this property to Sandstone. The City of Novi has \$750,000 in its Judgment Trust Fund that will be allocated for this purpose. The clean up will be accomplished no later than January 1, 2003.
- Sandstone will be provided the first \$9,500,000 in insurance proceeds. The City of Novi shall retain half of any insurance proceeds in excess of \$9,500,000. All funds received by the City of Novi shall be placed in the City of Novi Park Development Fund. (NOTE: Should the additional 20 acres be optioned by Sandstone under the circumstances described above, Sandstone shall receive \$9,500,000 less the greater of \$4,000,000 and the fair market value of the 20 acres.)

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Remembering the POW/MIAs. An attendee of Friday's ceremony at Oakland Hills looks at the rows of white crosses that represent Michigan residents lost in the Vietnam War.

LETTERS

Magazine covers unsightly. I'm writing to you regarding the placement of this month's "In Style" and "Cosmopolitan" magazines in your store.

Home Tour successful. The Northville-Novi branch of the American Association of University Women held its seventh annual Historic Home Tour on Saturday, Sept. 15 during the weekend of the Victorian Festival.

Joy follows sorrow. When the world seems to crumble at our feet, we face adversity head on and find joy in the small things.

Government. Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives.

Americans are a strong group. My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone affected by this tragedy.

Letter, information missed. On the front page of the September 20th issue of the Novi News was an article titled The Week After.

Share your opinions. We welcome your letters to the editor, Please include your name, address and phone number for verification.

Letters to the Editor. Kelli Cooley, Novi News, 104 W. Main St. Northville, MI 48167

Local elections just as important. Local election day, Nov. 6, will be here before you can say "hanging chad."

Of course, it may be a little tricky if they don't know who to vote for. It's easier to decide when you are armed with information.

Diane Dempsey Deel. Just put on warm clothes and vote! Often times local voters don't think it's important to vote on the local level.

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Phil Power

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CCW supporter proposes airport ban

The events of September 11 have caused many of us to re-evaluate our priorities. So it should come as no surprise that one supporter of Michigan's new concealed carry law is having second thoughts.



Mike Malott

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (810) 227-0171 or by e-mail at mmalot@homecomm.net.

Local elections just as important

Local election day, Nov. 6, will be here before you can say "hanging chad." It was that controversial national election last November that woke Americans up.



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WLPD helps out Canadian border patrol

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL Staff Writer

Walled Lake Police are helping to alleviate the problem for people in cars and commercial trucks who have been waiting long hours at the Canadian border since the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Approximately 20 of the 25 police officers and auxiliary officers have volunteered to work a full eight hour shift at the United States border. They are working in conjunction with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, US Border Patrol and US Customs to enhance security at the American-Canadian border.

Brent Liddy, who heads up the program, said the police will be sworn in by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

"We will be serving until they are up to staff or tension is alleviated," Liddy said. "We have volunteers for all three shifts."

The Immigration and Natural Service workers and Customs workers are working overtime since everything in cars and trucks must be inspected thoroughly, he said.

Other police departments throughout the state are also interested in helping out, he said.

However, Walled Lake was one of the first departments to start serving at the border, he said.

"Westland Police Department was with us on Sunday," Liddy said. "I think there is a good response."

"If there is anything suspicious, appropriate action is taken," Liddy said.

The drivers have been willing to cooperate with the extra time it takes for the inspections.

Performing border inspections is a tough job, he said, especially since security has been tightened after the attack.

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Novi football continues winning ways

Gorman leads the way as Kellepourey and the Wildcats top the son of Kellepourey, Hartland Eagles

By FRANK DIMICH
HomeTown Newspapers

Wildcat football

After lying dormant for the better portion of two games, Hartland's offense started to come back to life in the second half against Novi on Friday night.

But you can't give quarterback Matt Gorman and the Novi offense a head start and expect to win.

Novi was up 17-0 before Hartland scored on its first drive of the second half, but that would be the Eagles only score on their way to a 24-7 loss.

Hartland (1-4, 1-3 Kensington Valley Conference) has lost three straight since winning its opener, Novi (4-1, 3-1) remains tied for second in the KVC.

Gorman rushed for 121 yards on 21 carries and scored two touchdowns, despite being somewhat limited with the option thanks to muddy field conditions. Storms that rolled through two hours before the game left puddles on the field.

"The conditions were horrible out there," Gorman said. "We didn't run many outside plays. We kept it up the middle."

Gorman followed his line, faking inside handoffs in an attempt to keep Hartland off-balance.

Gorman was able to keep drives moving with his athletic ability. The best example was on Novi's scoring drive on the first possession of the second half. On 3-and-8 from the Novi 46, Novi had Gorman on the run, but he scrambled and picked up 20 yards. A play later, he swept right for 10 yards, and pitched to Jacob Ray to gain 11 more.

Most of his yards were on scrambles, said cornerback Adam Kellepourey, whose father, Tab is the coach at Novi. "We shut them down on the option, I know that.

When we'd have good coverage downfield, he'd scramble and get a good gain."

The play of his son and the rest of the Hartland defense impressed Tab Kellepourey, the former Hartland coach.

"Their linebackers played very well in there and we had a hard time getting off the ball in the middle of the field area," he said.

Gorman also kept drives going with his arm. He was 4-of-5 passing for 53 yards, and two of those were for 20 or more yards.

After Hartland punter Brian McCarthy stepped out of the back of the end zone for a safety, Gorman started a scoring drive with a 20-yard completion to Tyson Frantz. That made it 9-0 at half-time.

"I thought our defense played well," Hartland coach Todd Cobb said. "We gave up a few chunks here and there that I was a little disappointed with. I think the 24 points might be a little misleading (because Novi scored near the end of the game)."

Novi gained 316 yards to the Eagles 166, but most of those came in the second half. With Woodside's big gains and Brett McManaman's runs on the next two series, the Eagles running game (which gained 91 yards) showed improvement.

"We can move the ball at times, but other times we are not moving it enough," Adam Kellepourey said.

After going three and out on five of its first six possessions, Hartland quickly responded to Novi's score to start the second half with a four-play, 56-yard drive that included runs of 41 and 13 yards by Erik Woodside.

"At halftime, I addressed how we



The Wildcat defense celebrates a stop in their game against Lakeland. The Novi Wildcats notched another win as they topped the Hartland Eagles in a KVC contest. The Novi gridgers have a chance to continue their winning ways with Homecoming vs. Milford.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

have to play hard in the second half because we did not do that against Milford or South Lyon," Cobb said. "In the second half, we've showed a little bit of a drive."

Hartland managed a couple of inspired drives, thanks to the scrambling ability of Richmond. He picked up a couple of first downs

on draw plays out of the shotgun and scrambled to complete a couple of big-pass plays. But he was also sacked four times for losses in the second half.

"That rain kind of hurt me, but they had to play in the same stuff so that was a non-factor," Richmond said. "They had good

team speed, I thought."

The Eagles had the Novi bench a little nervous when Richmond completed passes of 12 and 24 yards to Adam Kellepourey before drawing an interference call to give them a first down at the Novi 15 with just more than six minutes left.

"A little nervous?" Tab

Kellepourey said. "That's an understatement. He's coming down at 17-7 and anything can happen at that point."

Holding and illegal motion penalties moved Hartland back and two Richmond passes to Adam Kellepourey fell incomplete to end the drive.



The Novi Cheerleaders show how close they can be as a team as they smile for the camera in this team photo.

Cheerleaders are real deal

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

These girls not only cheer at the games, they put together routines for the pep assembly, prepare themselves for the intense rivalry of the competitive season and — oh yeah — they go out of their way to decorate the football players' houses for Homecoming; they are the Novi Wildcat cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders, who are coached by Amy Denys, are not just pretty faces and peppy voices — they are the real deal.

"I think it is really hard," Denys said, who was a cheerleader at Novi High School from 1988 through 1991. "Cheerleading is so different now compared to even 10 years ago. Girls still cheer at the games but they also have to compete and prepare themselves for that competition. The football season is a little different for us. It is a little more laid back with not so much pressure. It gives the girls a chance to relax a little before the hard-core competitive season starts."

The cheerleading squad, though technically a team, comes together

a little closer than most teams do. "I have been on teams that have been pretty close but never this close," senior Kristen Owens said. "This year you couldn't tell who is and who isn't a senior. Everyone gets along great with everybody. It makes the season lots of fun."

The cheerleaders will be at the height of their performances for the Homecoming pep rally Friday and before the game Saturday when they unveil their newest routine.

"It is a pretty difficult routine," senior Erin Benson said. "There are a lot of motions along with stunts and we do it all to music. There are jumps as well. It is a lot of work and it is tiring but rewarding."

One of the rewards is the close bonds the girls create with one another.

"I think we are really close," Benson said. "You kind of have to be when you are with the same girls three hours every night. We see each other at our worst, when we are gross, sweaty and sticky. It helps us get along really well."

This will be the last

Homecoming game for the senior cheerleaders.

"It is one of the last times we are going to be out there with everybody," senior Becky Warner said. "It makes it very special for me. Every year, we have the alumni come back and they cheer with us for part of the game. The other two squads come up and cheer with us and we do our Homecoming dance. I am definitely going to remember my senior year."

Some might say the cheerleading squad (which consists of Benson, Warner, Owens, Christina Maciel, Meghan McDonald, Dana Hicks, Becky Dominick, Jessica Kuhn, Kim Jilg, Nicole Root, Rachel Blieski, Keri Delgreco, Danielle Bunge, Jenny Broadwell, Sara-Beth O'Conner, Megan Crissman, Brianna Rush, Lindsay Howell, Caroline Steer and Kelly Channel) gets overlooked during the intense football season.

"I would say sometimes you do," Warner said.

"But there are always people out there that notice you and make a comment that makes you feel extra special."

Simply domination

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats football team should have quite a show to put on for their fans when they take on Milford Saturday.

The Wildcats, led by senior quarterback Matt Gorman, will be out for blood when they take to the field in front of their friends, family and fans for their 2001 Homecoming game.

The 'Cats offer an explosive offense with a variety of passing, running and option attacks keeping their opponents' defense on their toes and not sure what to expect next. Behind the leadership of Gorman, who may possibly be selected as the Kensington Valley Conference player of the year, the Wildcats will be looking to run their controlled offense and to eat plenty of time off the clock.

Gorman has plenty of talent waiting to get a hand on the ball as well

with Fred Napier looking like a premiere running back when he is healthy and on the field. Drew Hunt becomes a double threat for the Wildcats with his ability to come into the game as a running back that throws as good as Gorman with deadly accuracy. Hunt isn't afraid to take the ball down the field either and doesn't shy away from putting a shoulder into a would-be tackler. Look for senior Jake Ray to make his presence felt in every aspect of the game from punts, kicks, to offense and defense. The Novi defense, led by senior outside linebacker Scott Kortlandt, will be looking to punish each and every player who touches the ball for the Milford squad.

Unless something drastic happens, I am looking for the Wildcats to make their Homecoming one to remember with a swift and brutal beating of the Milford squad.

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Wildcat golf tied for KVC top spot

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats boys golf team could not get things to roll their way as they felt the weight of defeat against Hartland and Milford.

The Wildcats fell to Milford 155-157 September 20 after succumbing to Hartland 155-156 two days earlier. The squad didn't have it all bad though, they notched a win over South Lyon September 13 and took home an overall win at the Little Caesar's Birmingham Seaholm Invitational tournament September 17.

"The week started off great with our win," Coach Brad Huss said. "But didn't go well after that."

The Wildcats fell to Milford though Pete Kobylarek shot a 36 and Derek Cole notched a 38. The Wildcats found Eric



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Jack Tyler watches the flight trajectory of his ball as he tees off at the Links of Novi recently.

Aytes and Brandon Cigna collecting a 40 while Jack Tyler shot a 41 and Matt Emmenecker hit a 42.

"We played well but our competition played outstanding," Huss said. "We are still tied with Hartland and Brighton for the KVC lead and have a pivotal week starting (Monday) when we face Pinckney at Whispering

Pines and Howell on Thursday at Faulkwood Shores.

"We need to beat these teams if we plan on winning the league."

The 'Cats fell to one of the KVC front-runners Hartland 155-156 as Kobylarek shot a 37. Matt Peurach hit a 39. Cole

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Wildcat golf in hunt for KVC title

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and Ayles notched a 40. Cigna recorded a 41 and Tyler finished with 42.

The Wildcat squad took a win at the Little Caesar's Birmingham Seaholm Invitational tournament, finishing with a team total of 300 while DCC finished second with 307, Walled Lake Western was third with 320, West Bloomfield finished with a 322, Lake Orion had a 323 and Southland notched a 332.

"We are 3-4 in tournaments this season having won three of them and finishing third once," Huss said.

The Cats followed the lead of Tyler, who hit an even-par 70, while Kobylarek and Cigna recorded 76. Ayles notched a 78, Peurach recorded a 79 and Cole collected 83.

"Jack is having an outstanding year," Huss said. "He is averaging 74 in tour-

naments and 36 in dual meets. He has been the catalyst for our record and our exceptional finishes in tournaments. The great thing is that he is only a junior."

The Cats notched a win over the South Lyon squad September 13 as Ayles collected a team-low 34. Tyler and Cigna shot a 36 while Kobylarek and Peurach recorded 37. Cole rounded out the team points by shooting a 38.

The Wildcats will resume action Monday when they take on the Pinckney Pirates (after the Nov 15 deadline) before taking on Howell today at Faulkwood Shores.

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Novi Junior Varsity

Novi JV football

The Novi Junior Varsity football team, coached by Russ Hlubek, improved their season record to 5 wins and 0 losses by beating Highland 35-6. The Wildcats touchdowns included a pass from quarter-back Mike Hart to wide receiver Mark Angeli, three rushing scores from running back J. W. Woods and a spectacular 90 yard kick-off return by Adam Brandan.

The JV teams remaining schedule has them away at Milford then home against Pinckney (Oct. 4) and Howell (Oct. 11) and they finish up away at Northville.

Novi girls cross country

The Novi girls cross country team recorded a win against South Lyon before falling to the Bulldogs of Brighton and notching a third-place finish at the Shamrock Invitational.

The Wildcats led the Lions 15-40 as Nina Schmitt took first in 19:24, a new school record at Cass Benton while Bethany Kittle came in second with 20:23. Tac Kono was third with 20:50, Laine Williams was fourth with 21:00; Margo Wolowicz was fifth in 21:35; Patsie Ramos finished sixth in 21:38; and Jenny Thomson was 10th in 23:18.

Schmitt notched another first against Brighton in 19:13 with Kittle finishing close behind in 20:22.

Another first-place finish was awarded to Schmitt at the Shamrock Invitational with a time of 19:45.

Novi boys, girls harriers victorious

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats boys cross country team continued being successful as they walked — or rather ran — away with wins.

The Wildcats dominated all of their races in the past week except in the Shamrock Invitational that was open to many first-time varsity runners. Novi came in 14th of 17 schools in the Shamrock but topped Brighton 24-33 and beat South Lyon 22-33.

"Our Brighton meet was a very big meet for us," Coach Robert Smith said. "On paper, we were actually the underdog. It was our first real test and the guys really came through."

The Wildcats had Tim Moore finishing first against the Bulldogs in a time of 16 minutes and 18 seconds, just four seconds ahead of the nearest Brighton competitor.

"Our top five guys were assigned a man to race against and try to beat," Smith said. "In every case, they succeeded. Their focus is right on target. Getting through this meet, yet still able to concentrate on the big picture of what is still to come."

According to Smith, cross country can drain an athlete in more ways than one.

"Running cross country is as much mental as it is physical and our guys are on top of their game in both departments," he said. "They are training very smart right now, knowing when to step it up in meets, when to practice hard and when to take necessary rest and recovery periods."



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Novi's Tim Moore leads the pack at a recent dual meet against Milford at Cass Benton Park.

Novi JV girls basketball

The Novi JV girls basketball team lost a tough game to Brighton last Tuesday, 44-23. Sarah Thelen, Kelly Hietari and Courtney Kolb played with poise and composure against Brighton's full-court pressure defense.

The Wildcat JV split its first four games of the year. They won their season opener with a 40-41 win over Walled Lake Central. After losing two straight (33-28 to Farmington Harrison and 44-19 to Northville), Novi JV won a thrilling overtime game over Ann Arbor-Huron, 53-52.

Novi JV boys soccer

The Novi JV soccer team beat Pinckney, 5-1, last Thursday to raise its record to 5-1-1. Matt Nickels (2), Steve Bailey, Colin Coyle and Jeremy Brodsky scored the goals for the Wildcats. Nickels also added two assists. Dailry, Colin Goldsmith and Cal DeBater also had assists.

Novi JV defeated Milford two days earlier. The Wildcats scored four goals: Neil Kocan (unassisted); Matt Nickels (assisted); Neil Kocan, his second of the game (Matt Nickels assisted); and Ryan Stec (Steve Bailey assisted).

In earlier action, Novi JV shut out Hartland, 6-0. Steve Dailry scored the first goal, assisted by Jon Sierra. Neil Kocan scored the second goal, unassisted. He also scored the third goal with an assist from Colin Goldsmith. In the second half, Jon Sierra, Nick Sierra and Goldsmith all scored on penalty kicks. Gabe Jason Ballantyne registered the shutout for the Wildcats.

Novi's soccer team battled arch-rival Brighton to a 0-0 tie. Gabe Jason Ballantyne played a great game for the Wildcats. He came up with a couple really big saves in the last five minutes to preserve the shutout.

The team shut out Lakehland, 3-0. Steve Dailry, Matt Nickels and Ryan Kocan scored. The Wildcat goals. Ryan Stec, Jon Sierra and Colin Coyle got assists. Jason Ballantyne got the shutout in goal.

Novi soccer can't stop Northville team

The Wildcats' lone score came on a rebound from a Mike Crawford shot as Tyler Mohr put the ball in the back of the net to pull to 2-1 in the contest, capping the scoring for both teams.

"Iately we have been controlling the ball, possessing the ball quite a bit but coming up empty handed when it comes to scoring goal," O'Leary said.

The Wildcats will have resound action when they played Howell Monday before the Novi News deadline before playing Lakehland today at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats crushed Pinckney 6-0 with Vince Slovian and Josh Churella scoring in the first half. Slovian was assisted by Churella on the first goal with Brandon Davis notching the assist on the second goal.

The score was 2-0 at halftime," O'Leary said. "A.J. Glubinski made two quality saves to keep Pinckney off of the scoreboard."

The Wildcats scored in the beginning of the second half as B.J. Humphrey scored two goals with one being assisted by Davis and the other by Adam Southworth. Mike Crawford added to the score when he made a run on the weak side and got a long cross from Slovian.

Slovian tacked on the final score of the game for the Wildcats, capping the game goal and sealing the win.

"Vince Slovian, Josh Churella and Alan 'Hoklor' have had three solid games in a row," O'Leary said. "Tyler Mohr has done a great job playing sweeper in the last two games."

The Wildcats collected a win earlier in the week when they defeated Milford 3-1. The Cats followed the scoring lead of Davis on a cross from Brian Smith to put the Novi squad up 1-0 before Crawford scored on a free kick pass from B.J. Humphrey.

"We are starting to become more consistent at doing the things we want to do on the field," O'Leary said. "At the start of the year, we were very up and down, never playing the same from game to game or even half to half. But now, the last two games we have played consistent and that shows we are making progress."

The Cats scored in the second half as Davis clipped the Novi scoring with his second goal of the game on a corner kick play. Milford would not stay off of the scoreboard though and notched a goal on a penalty kick.

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- NORTHVILLE MENS CLUB**
Phone: (248) 344-1585
- NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS**
What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Northville community.
When: Once a month, September through May. Meeting dates vary. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month.
Contact: Sally Bettes
Phone: (248) 735-0192
- NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION CLUB**
Where: Lions' Garden Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, Novi
When: Lions: every second and fourth Wednesday; Lioness: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.
Phone: Lions: (248) 348-0531; Lioness: (248) 348-9088
- NOVIMINISTERS ASSOCIATION**
Phone: (248) 349-8847
- NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS**
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- NOVI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**
What: Service the public through amateur radio service. It offers help during all emergencies and disasters. The club also provides parade control in Northville on July 4 and works with R.A.C.E.S. and the local fire system.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi
When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-4064
- NOVI BAND**
Where: Novi High School or Novi Middle School, throughout the year.
When: Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 932-9244
- NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
What: The chamber of commerce is an organization which coordinates the talents and resources of business and professional men and women.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi
When: Membership meeting: third Tuesday of every month at noon and board of directors meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday
Phone: (248) 349-3743
- NOVI CHESS CLUB**
Phone: (248) 344-9833
- ORDER OF ALAHAMBRA**
Phone: (248) 349-2903
- NOVI HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
What: Gives residents of the community a knowledge of their common heritage; fosters the collection and preservation of records and objects; and loans historical material to other historical societies or educational institutions have a curator. It is also the purpose of the society to establish a historical museum in Novi.
Contact: Kathy Mutch
Phone: (248) 349-6774
- NOVI JAYCEES**
What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor and raise projects for muscular dystrophy, St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities affiliated with the Jaycees
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi
When: First Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.
Phone: (248) 348-6684
- NOVI LIONS CLUB AND LIONESSES**
What: The Lions' objectives are to help the blind, sight-impaired and blind physically and mentally challenged children and to help find cures for preventable blindness. Lionesses work with the Lion Club but also host their own projects and programs.
Where: Kim's Garden Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, Novi
When: Lions: every second and fourth Wednesday; Lioness: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.
Phone: Lions: (248) 348-0531; Lioness: (248) 348-9088
- VETERANS ALLIANCE OF NOVI**
What: VAN is a coalition of the following veterans groups: Novi Post 19, The American Legion, Perry Kenner Post 76, AMVETS; Northwest Detachment 162, Marine Corps League; and Novi Post 2165, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi
When: First and third Tuesday every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-2835
- VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - NOVI POST 2165**
What: Service oriented organization dedicated to helping military veterans, their families and the community. Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans of active foreign duty during a wartime as prescribed by the U.S. Congress.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi
When: First and third Tuesday every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 348-1490
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Wildcats' first loss comes from very tough Ann Arbor Huron tennis

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

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Novi's Carolyn Vermeulen, the third singles player, serves against Northville.

The deciding factor in the match was a big showing by Vermeulen in third singles as the senior sealed the Novi win with a victory over sophomore Megan LaBoe 6-3, 6-3.

"Vermeulen had a big win at third singles," Hanson said. "We have to continue on and win the rest of our dual meets and keep improving."

The Wildcats will get a taste of things to come in the Regional tournament when they face Farmington Mercy Thursday.

"That will be our hardest match this week," Hanson said of a week schedule that includes Hartland Monday (after the Novi News deadline) and Milford Wednesday and Mercy Thursday. "I have been told they are extremely strong from top to bottom."

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CCW law faces new challenges at state airports

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"We got things messed up pretty good," said State Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, of the fact Michigan's new carry concealed weapons law won't stop a permit holder from taking a gun into an airport.

"We need to fix it," Hoffman voted for passage of the CCW law last December and chaired the conference committee that produced the final version. While senators designated a number of "gun free zones" in the law — which overall made it easier for Michigan residents to carry concealed weapons — airports were not among them.

"We missed it," he said. Hoffman introduced Senate Bills 502 and 505 in May to prohibit the carrying of guns, even by permit holders, between security checkpoints at the airport and the gate.

With the recent terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, his bills have taken on new urgency. He said he is working to get other senators and the National Rifle Association to soften their stance in opposition to the bills.

But the Federal Aviation Administration has security guidelines at airports nationwide under review, and its rules will supersede the state's anyway, said Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

"We should not start legislating things on our own without coordinating with the FAA," he said. "That's part of the reason we should be waiting for the FAA to reach its conclusions and not doing something unless it's appropriate for us to do it."

But McCotter said he has not taken a position on the bill itself or decided whether to support or oppose.

Community Events

The Northville Woman's Club will be hosting consumer advocate Esther Shapiro at its opening luncheon on Oct. 5 at Meadowbrook Country Club. The luncheon will also honor past presidents and welcome honorary members and new life members to the club. The event begins at 11 a.m. with cocktails and lunch begins at noon. For more information, call (248) 349-3064.

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

Pet-A-Pet is seeking volunteers from the Novi area. The organization allows volunteers the chance to share their pets with others unable to have or access pets of their own. Pets must be vaccinated, good with people and able to be handled by people. For more information, call (734) 469-9335.

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

For more information, call (561) 865-8485.

The kindergarten classes of Our Lady of Victory, along with Mrs. Knop's third grade class will be holding a refundable can and bottle drive on Sept. 27 and 28 in recognition of National Algebra Areatia Month, on behalf of classmate Joey Silvestri. Cans and bottles should be brought to the rear of the school on the dates of the event. For more information, call (248) 349-3610.

The Novi-Northville CROP Walk is slated for Oct. 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at St. James Roman Catholic Church on Ten Mile Road in Novi. The 10K walk raises money to fight hunger. Some 25 percent of the pledges raised go towards local causes, with the balance going overseas. Organizers hope to raise \$30,000 and utilize the help of 350 walkers. The walk ends with an ice cream social.

For more information, call (248) 349-8553.

Comerica Bank is accepting cash donations in support of the American Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fund, and will match those donations up to \$250,000.

For more information, call (248) 360-8215.

Religion

Members of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will be hosting a road rally on Sept. 29 at 5:15 p.m.

The cost is \$17.50 per person or \$35 per couple and includes participation in the rally, a meal and prizes. The deadline for sign-up is Sept. 22. For more information, call (248) 348-4290.

A marriage preparation workshop will be held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church now through Oct. 17. Discussed topics will include conflict resolution, money matters, personality differences, intimacy needs, communication and in-law relationships.

For more information, call (248) 374-5989.

Also at Ward — a workshop for persons going through remarriage will be held Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The classes will help participants deal with blended families, stepchildren, finances and having a new spouse. For more information, call (248) 374-5912.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will be hosting a morning and evening Bible study program entitled "The Challenges of Womanhood," mornings from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. and evening from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Also at First Church of the Nazarene — the church will be running a seminar on the Prayer of Jacob, a book based on Old Testament scripture.

The seminar is slated for 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 6. Advance registration is \$15 or \$20 if lunch is also desired.

For more information on either event, call (248) 348-7600, ext. 110.

Engagements

George and Nancy Mitts of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal Ann, to Kevin Lee Simmons, the son of Sue Simmons and John and Kathy Simmons, both parents from Redford.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School. She anticipates graduation in December, with a degree in paralegal studies. Crystal is also employed at Reford Collision.

The groom-elect graduated in 1994 from Clarenceville High School. He is currently employed at Reford's Novi Towing.

A Sept. 29 wedding is planned.



Mitts-Simmons



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Births

Caryn and Gabe Stevens of Fenton, formerly of Novi, announce the birth of their daughter, Macyn Gabrielle, born on Mother's Day, May 13 at 11:20 a.m. at Genesis Hospital, Grand Blanc. She weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Greg and Owen Dobson of South Lyon and Ken and Beth Stevens of Howell. Both grandparents are former residents of Novi; great-grandparents are Ted and June Bourne of Onsted and Al and Marge Dobson of Highland.



Macyn Gabrielle Stevens

In Service

Air Force Airman 1st Class Carolyn A. Space and Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Adam Quinn are recent graduates of basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During their six weeks of training, they studied Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

Space and Quinn also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Space is the daughter of Kathleen and Ed Bennett of Walled Lake, and a 1993 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Quinn is the son of Barbara Quinn of Walled Lake and Thomas Quinn of Olympia, Wash.

He graduated in 2000 from Royal Oak Shrine High School.

On Campus

Lindsey Root, a junior at Hope College, was inducted into the National Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi, last April. Psi Chi was founded for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating and maintaining excellence in scholarship and advancing the science of psychology.

Root has been involved with many activities while attending Hope. Among them are the chapel, college and gospel choirs, and Children's After School Achievement, a program for local elementary students. She has been named to the Dean's List several times.

Root is the daughter of Randall and Janice Root of Novi, and a 1999 graduate of Novi High School.

Jessica Doinidis graduated with university honors from the University of Michigan in April. Her bachelor's degree is in political science and Russian studies.

Doinidis is the daughter of Dr. Nicholas and Linda Doinidis of Northville.

Cable gave us local angle on tragedy

Hopefully you were here in Michigan, safe from harm during the national disaster on Sept. 11. But even those of us who were not directly impacted have felt the shock.

Immediately, we thought "Are my kids safe?" "Where are my loved ones?" and "What should I do next?"

Many of us relied on television for the answers. On the national channels, we viewed the horrific crash over and over. On the local channels, we learned a bit more about what was going on in the Detroit area. But to find out what was happening in our own back yard, we tuned to the local access channels, Farmington Hills, Channel 8, Farmington, 15; Novi, 13; and TV-10 for the public schools.

Right away, each of these channels posted relevant information to help you deal with your immediate needs. The city channels also posted local residents of closings and cancellations. Although city halls remained open to serve residents, some closed early and there were scheduled civic functions and activities that were postponed. Novi posted a notice of Tuesday's canceled ZBA meeting and the postponement of Sunday's Forest Park Historical Maker Dedication (the rescheduled date was also posted on Channel 13).

Farmington Hills also told us of the postponement of city events Tuesday evening. And all



Karen Collins
Local Cable TV

three cities provided a list of local churches conducting special services.

Those of us with kids in school were reassured by messages on the school Channel's TV-10 bulletin board. Farmington Public Schools and Novi Public Schools immediately posted cancellation of all sporting events and after-school events. And to avoid jammed phone lines, you could easily see that schools were back in session on Wednesday when you tuned into TV-10. On top of that, this venue was used by the schools to recommend that parents talk with their children to allay their fear. The educational channel also listed support available through the schools and other counseling agencies.

Karen Collins is the executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next CAC meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. at SWOCC. A special SWOCC meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Farmington Hills City Hall.

The next free orientation for those interested in Public Access TV is Thursday, Oct. 25, from 7-9 p.m. at SWOCC. Call (248) 473-7265, ext.

Uniform standards sought in voting

To reform elections, the state does not need to adopt a uniform voting booth for use in all precincts across Michigan.

What it needs is "uniform standards," according to the Michigan Task Force on Voting Reform, chaired by state Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga. After conducting six hearings over the summer and hearing from an estimated 300 citizens, the Task Force issued a report making 49 recommendations Wednesday, Sept. 19, in Lansing.

"We found no support for a one size fits all technology for voting," Byrum said. "Michigan is a very diverse state. People have all different preferences for different types of ballots. Some jurisdictions have just recently updated their equipment."

That puts the 19-member Task Force at odds with recommendations issued earlier this year by the Secretary of State. Proposing her own reforms in the wake of last year's recount troubles in Florida, Secretary Miller has recommended that all voting precincts in Michigan switch to "optical scan" ballots. Older mechanical lever machines and punch card ballots would have to be replaced, although the price tag would be high.

"What people want to know at the polling site is if they have cast a valid ballot, whether it is a countable ballot, and they want to have a second chance to cast their ballots correctly if they did not," Byrum explained.

That means each precinct would have to be equipped with a ballot reader. Such machines can detect when voters have spotted their ballots by voting twice in a given race or, in a primary, crossed over to another party.

Byrum said technology is available to provide readers to precincts, regardless of which type of ballot they currently use, although not all have them currently. She said it is not known how many precincts would have to have readers added or how much that might cost. The state would have to inventory local elections clerks to find out.

Training poll workers and providing easier access to the ballot were the top two areas identified as needing reform, she said.

Inconsistencies in how poll workers handled problems, such as dealing with voters who were not listed on voter files, were reported in the last election.

Other recommendations include:

- Improved accuracy of the Qualified Voter Files, expanding its use to smaller jurisdictions and making it available to assist voters in finding their correct polling sites.
- The pool of poll workers should be expanded through cooperative arrangements with civic organizations, public employers and local high schools.
- Every precinct's result should be "recountable" and procedures for recounts should be standardized.
- Voters who show at the polls but whose name does not appear on voter files should be made aware they have a legal right to cast a ballot.
- The media should refrain from reporting projections until after polls are closed.
- State matching grants should be made available to communities which are trying to upgrade or update their voting equipment.
- Byrum said her work on the Task Force was not a result of her own election contest last fall, in which balloting problems occurred and led to a number of recounts in several precincts.
- "I have a passion for this issue," she said. "It's not out of bitterness. We need to make the changes so that people do not experience these problems again in the future."

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Western Warriors tame Mustangs in blowout

Warriors dominate through first half, let second string take care of rest of game

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Northville Mustangs football team are heading into their Homecoming week with two losses — both being complete shutouts and blowout performances.

The Mustangs dropped their second game of the season when they visited the Warriors of Walled Lake Western Friday only to be stymied in their hunt for victory 44-0.

"It wasn't pretty," Northville coach Darrel Schumacher said. "We didn't execute well. We had poor tackling, poor blocking — all of the old clichés. They slugged us on the opening kickoff and then on the first play and put us on our heels for the rest of the game."

The Warriors took their first possession straight to the endzone as senior tailback Steve Bell jaunted in from 13 yards away before Steve VanNortwick hauled a play up the middle 46 yards for the second score. Erik Dean, who hit all but one extra point and had a 31-yard field goal to cap the scoring in the second quarter, nailed both point-after attempts to put the Warriors up 14-0.

"It was 21-0 with five minutes left in the first quarter," Schumacher said of the Warriors' next touchdown, a two-yard run by John Sowders, with 5 minutes, 10 seconds remaining in the first. "We are having trouble dealing with adversity and having trouble coming back against it. I guess that is the age of our team."

The Warriors struck again with 1:38 left in the first as Bell hauled a one-yard run over the goal line and into the endzone for

the score.

The second half found quarterback Jon Michaud throwing for two touchdowns, one to Bryan Kowaleski with 3:58 left in the first half before Dean tacked on the final score of the night with his field goal with 3:41 remaining.

"A couple of kids played well," Schumacher said. "Matt Watzka is maturing at linebacker. He is a fill in for (Matt) Foster but is growing into the position well."

The Mustangs could not seem to get the ball up the field against the stifling Western defense, gathering only 34 yards of total offense with 40 plays.

Tim Downing led the offensive rushing unit with 19 yards on six carries while Adam Dilley hauled five for 16.

"Those were our bright spots," Schumacher said of a rushing game that totaled only 11 yards after the negative totals were taken away. "We got negatives from just about everybody else."

The passing game was ineffective against the Warrior secondary as well as senior quarterback Drew Herpich hit only 2-of-11 passes for completions and had one interception.

"It was pretty late in the half and we just threw it up," Schumacher said.

The defensive leaders were Watzka with seven tackles (six solo, one assist), Benny Shoucair had five (four solo, one assist) and Downing added five (three solo, two assists). Matt Giles had a fumble recovery late in the contest while Steve Masterson collected a sack for a seven-yard loss and caused a fumble and junior Nick Iweama caused a fumble for the Mustangs.

"There were some kids that got to play that maybe we need to

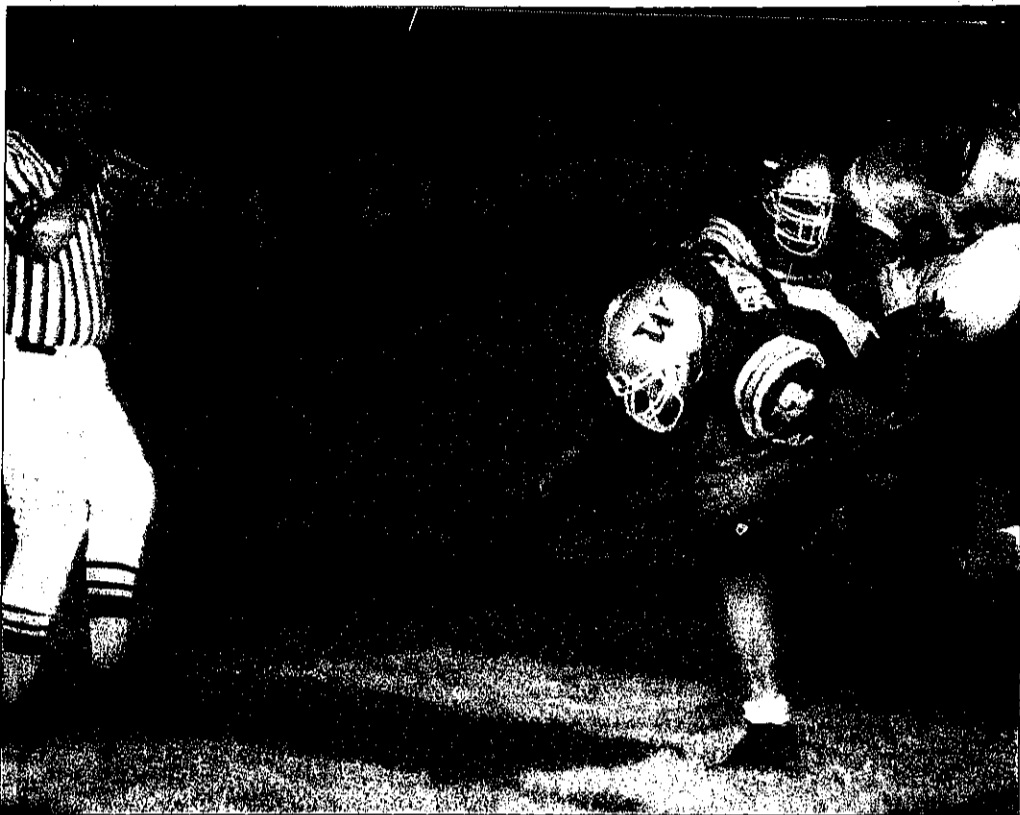


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A backfield judge signals touchdown, something that happened a lot in last week's game at Walled Lake Western, as a Warrior crosses the Mustang's goaline in the first quarter. Northville lost 44-0.

take a longer look at," Schumacher said. "Competition opens back up in practice. We can set our goals and focus on working at them. Once you have competition, anything can get better."

The Mustangs will have the daunting task of attempting to take down the high school foot-

ball giant of Farmington Hills Harrison, who crushed the Walled Lake Western Warriors 44-0 earlier this season, tomorrow for their Homecoming game.

"Harrison is an awful good football team," Schumacher said.

"If they didn't have quotes to hang in their locker room, we might be able to sneak up on

them. I know the coaches won't overlook us. Maybe the players might just be looking past us, thinking all they have left are easy games in their way. You never know, we just might be able to sneak up on them."

The Warriors will be taking on Livonia Franklin tomorrow before visiting powerhouse Plymouth

Canton the following week, adding up to a difficult schedule for the Warriors to complete before heading for the playoffs.

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Rah, rah, rah! Let's go Walled Lake Western!

Warriors girls have something to cheer for

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The Walled Lake Western cheerleaders definitely had something to cheer for as the Warriors pounded their way to a 44-0 victory for Homecoming — but then again, the cheerleaders always have something to cheer about.

The Warriors cheerleaders are a dedicated crew of athletes that are always supportive of the players, fans and parents of Western athletics — Homecoming is just a big cherry on top of the sundae of cheerleading.

"I love to get the crowd pumped up for the games," senior captain Erin Hall said. "Getting involved in all of the competition and decorating of the lockers and stuff like that is all part of the fun."

The cheerleaders, who consist of Hall, Jacqueline Rais, Cindi Tabb, Eva Gass, Stephanie Duncan, Raquel Fendley, Mallory Fisher, Tanica Bishop, Jenni Jakubiec, Candice Uyttendaele, Danielli Magnaghi, Sarah Pickornik, Casey Mogridge, Monica Mooney, Monique Junkunc and Jenny Moorehouse, are coached by April Altanas.

"We did several things for Homecoming week," Altanas said. "We had the girls decorate the players' homes and did a special stunt routine with the football players. We had the freshman and JV teams cheering with us at the Homecoming game as well, that's a total of 42 cheerleaders that cheered the game."

The cheerleading squad is a close-knit family unit.

"I think we are really close," Duncan said. "This is the closest I have ever been with any of the people on any of my teams."



Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

These Western Cheerleaders feel the groove as they dance before the home stands as the Warrior football team defeats the Belleville Tigers in the opening game of the season.

We all hang out, have similar personalities and I think that has helped us. Our skills were lacking early in the season but bonding with each other has improved our skills."

The team also conducts team sleep-overs, go to the movies as a collective group and prepare their decorations as a team.

"We also sell pom poms and megaphones at all of the games," Hall said.

"We put signs up, decorate the field and make the balloon arch."

One of the highlights of this year's Homecoming week — besides the blowout orchestrated by the football team — was

the routine the girls put together for the Friday pep assembly.

"We had the guys perform with us," Hall said. "They did a stunt routine and it was the highlight of the assembly. Some of the guys did basket tosses with the girls, some of the guys even did flips. The best was when the football players actually stunted and threw their fellow football players up in the air."

But from a cheerleader's point of view, do the football players stand a chance making the cheer squad?

"They did really good," Hall said.

"I think there were a couple of

them that are considering trying out for basketball season. Some of them remarked how difficult it was and some said they had trouble holding the girls up. I even heard one of the players say it was actually a little harder than football."

Cheerleading isn't just a sport to some of the athletes involved.

"It has kept me out of a lot of trouble," Duncan said.

"Cheerleading has really helped me change my ways. I love it because of that and because of the people who are in it. I met my best friends in cheerleading."

For the seniors, they will never be on the sidelines in a

Western uniform for Homecoming again.

"It was a wow-this-is-it type of thing," Duncan said.

"This is one of the best seasons I have ever been on and our attitudes are just awesome. If one of us is having a horrible day, it brightens your day just being around this team."

"It is great knowing that this is our last year with a team that is as close as this one."

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WLW cagers drop close game

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The Walled Lake Western girls basketball team could not seem to get the ball rolling against the Salem Rocks September 20.

The Warriors fell to the dominating Rocks 40-32, but senior Kristen Burgess said it was not because of lack of effort.

"We came out really strong against them," Burgess said. "During the second period we kind of let up and then after that, we played even with them. We played with a lot of heart."

Burgess noted that the final score may have been different if her team would have been able to put together a complete game.

"The thing that would have changed the outcome would have been us not letting up," Burgess said. "We needed to be playing 32 minutes of basketball. If we would have played the second period like we played the rest of the game, we would have been fine."

When asked what player stood out above the rest of the Warriors, Burgess said that she felt fellow senior Dawn Dawood stepped up her game in the face of a dominant foe.

"Dawn had a really good game," Burgess said. "She went to the basket a lot. Whenever she got the ball, she went to the basket strong."

The Warriors will have resumed action against Franklin Tuesday before taking on the Novi Wildcats Wednesday (both games were after the Novi News/Lake Area Times went to print).

"I think we will do fine," Burgess said of the games. "If we play our game then we should win."

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