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Grace Perry

Grace Perry
Publisher

INSIDE

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2001 takes
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A Lansing connection

Deerfield Students made I-Mac
movies last year to learn technol-
ogy and how they have pro-
gressed over the course of a
school year. Now these talented
students will travel to Lansing to
show lawmakers how easy it is

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Land deal?

Residents
speak out at city's
proposal for
lawsuit settlementBy VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff WriterHundreds of Novi residents filled
the council chambers and atrium
of the Novi Civic Center voicing
their opinions on the pending
Sandstone Associates LimitedPartnership lawsuit settlement the
city recently revealed."If this council did not think in
our conscious and heart that this
was in the best interest of the com-
munity, we would not be here pro-
posing this," said Richard J. Clark,
mayor of the city of Novi. "No one
should have to sell their home
because they can't afford their
taxes. We are all in the same boat."Despite these opening comments
by the mayor, one-by-one residents
stepped behind the lectern Oct. 1
during the public hearing portion
of the city council meeting to make

their comments heard.

Speaking against the portion of
the proposal to give Sandstone 75
net usable acres of North Novi Park
was former Novi Parks and
Recreation commissioner, Robert
E. Shaw, Jr.Shaw felt giving away this
acreage would "destroy the integri-
ty of the entire park.""It will compromise what we
want to do with the property,"
Shaw said.

Parks are a basic city service, as

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The city of Novi is considering giving Sandstone Development
this land, which is part of North Novi Park off of Dixon Road, in
exchange for dropping the lawsuit the developer has against
the city.

Hometown hero



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Nick, 12, and Mitchell Kovac, 4, got some help from their Novi Meadows neighbor Barb
D'Hondt Tuesday morning when a fire struck the Kovac's home. Nick helped to guide Barb
to the back bedroom of the Oregon St. home where Mitchell was trapped by the fire.
D'Hondt brought Mitchell to safety.Fire safety and heroism
save two boys from fireBy VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff WriterTwo Novi children escaped
without injury from a burning
home Oct. 2 with the help of a
heroic neighbor and some fire
safety know-how."Everything worked," said
assistant chief Jeff Johnson of
the Novi Fire Department. "It
happened just like it is supposed
to."At about 6:20 a.m., Novi fire
fighters responded to a call in the
50,000 block of Oregon in the
Novi Meadows mobile home park
located off Napier Road - south of
Grand River Avenue.Just prior to the fire, the moth-
er of the two boys left for a short
time to drive her husband to
work, fire officials said.The oldest son was in the front
bedroom when he was alerted by
the home's fire detector."The boy crawled out to safety
and went immediately to the
neighbors," Johnson said.The 13-year-old went to the
home of Barb D'Hondt who
immediately went to save the
couple's other son."She entered a burning house
and rescued the 4-year-old boy,"
Johnson said. "It was an
unselfish action the lady had
taken."Johnson explained that in
order to save the young boy,
D'Hondt had to go past the burn-
ing fire to reach the back bed-
room.Johnson stated that it is
believed the fire started in the
family's dryer.The home was totaled, displac-
ing the family who has no insur-
ance."We put them in contact with
appropriate agencies and they
are being provided for - at least
temporarily," Johnson said.All members of the Novi Fire
Department are proud of both
resident's life-saving efforts."We commend the 14-year-old
boy," Johnson said. "He did what
he was supposed to do. We also
commend Ms. D'Hondt for her
actions and bravery which saved
the little boy."Victoria Sadlocha is a staff
writer for the Novi News. She can
be reached at (248) 349-1700,
ext. 105 or at
vsadlocha@ht.hometowncomm.net.Novi library board turns to
residents for added spaceBy VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff WriterOn November 6, Novi voters
will have the opportunity to
decide whether they will receive a
new tax increase along with a
new library.By checking yes or no on the
Novi Library Millage proposal,
residents will in effect be buying
a larger and more technically
advanced library for a price.

THE PRICE

What is being asked is authori-
zation for the city of Novi to col-
lect an additional 1.20 mills of
the taxable value on all taxable
property in the city, for an end-less duration, with collection
beginning in 2002.More specifically, .00120 will
be collected per \$1,000 of the
total taxable value on property
owned in Novi. If the taxable
value, which is usually 50 per-
cent of the selling price of a resi-
dent's home, is \$100,000, then
that individual will pay an addi-
tional \$120 a year in taxes. The
library's current millage is .8 of a
mill or .0008 per \$1,000 of tax-
able value. This means, the pre-
viously mentioned homeowner is
currently paying \$80. Adding the
current levy and proposed levy
together, a homeowner with
\$100,000 of taxable value, orabout a \$200,000 sale value of
their home, will pay \$200 a year
if approved. It is estimated the
millage will raise about \$2.7 mil-
lion when first levied in 2002.
The total cost of the project,
including construction, furnish-
ings, technology and related bond
costs is \$21.5 million.

THE PLAN

If approved, the millage will
generate funds to build a new
public library on the same prop-
erty as the existing one."The goal is to use current land
and erect a new building," said

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Tweaking
needed

First reading of ordinance passes

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff WriterDespite minor disagreements on
some aspects of the wording in the
new EXO overlay ordinance, the first
reading of the zoning text amend-
ment passed at a special council
meeting held Sept. 27."We're very pleased with the pas-
sage of the first reading and anxious
to finalize the remaining details and
issues with the city council and
administration and pass it along to
the second reading as soon as practi-
cal and possible," said Blair Bowman,
president of the Novi Expo Center.One major change to the wording
of the ordinance members of council
expect to see during its second read-ing, occurring at the Oct. 15 regular-
ly scheduled city council meeting, is
exclusivity to the property Bowman
owns.Novi city Mayor Richard J. Clark
urged city officials to reward the ordi-
nance so the overlay only applies to
Bowman's property and not the
entire Grand River Avenue corridor."Mr. Bowman had no problems
with that," Clark said.This is done so the type of estab-
lishments that may be related to the
new Expo Center will not spread
down the entire Avenue.Voicing concern about some of
these ancillaries to the actual Expo
Center was Mayor Pro-Tem Laura

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Artist gives city
symbol of dreamBy VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff WriterA special artist donated a very
special painting to Novi Mayor
Richard J. Clark in hopes to convey
her passion for America and empa-
thy to all those suffering after the
recent tragedy.During the Oct. 1 city council
meeting, Novi resident Lynne Paul
and Japanese-American artist May
Oura Teevens presented the mayor
with a dedication and painting
reflective of the recent events at the
World Trade Center.The vividly colored portrait, titled
"Liberty Enlightening" representsthe many beliefs and symbols of our
country.Some of the tapestry-like imagery
contained in the painting include
the Statue of Liberty, white doves,
the World Trade Center and the
American flag.The flag represents our union as
red, white and blue, 13 colonies and
50 states; the World Trade Center
represents the disastrous day when
so many innocent people lost their
lives; the Statue of Liberty proudly
represents freedom in New York
Harbor; and the doves symbolize
peace, Teevens described.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

On top of the world

Novi's 2002 Homecoming King and Queen are introduced
to the halftime crowd at Saturday's game; Jamie Schramm
and Sara Beth O'Connor.

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Woman runs before paying BoRics haircut bill

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Novi police continue to investigate a case of cut-and-run occurring Sept. 28 at BoRics Haircare located at 43434 West Oaks Drive. Officers responded to the retail fraud call at 11:30 a.m. A male stylist at the salon said a white female in her early 40s came in the salon for a haircut. After receiving the cut, she began choosing styling aids from the salon. The red head then proceeded to the counter and viewed her bill of \$34.88. Then according to the police report, she began writing on a piece of paper as if writing a check. The complainant then said the cashier put her head down to complete the bill when the customer ran out of the salon with the styling aids in her hand. Police stated in

Police News

the report that the employees did not yell anything when she fled, but did go outside of the business to look for her for about 10 minutes. Neither a license plate nor a car description was obtained. Officers searched the location, but were unable to find the suspect.

DOES 30 COME BEFORE 24?

While patrolling southbound on Novi Road south of Thirteen Mile Road on Sept. 28, a Novi police officer noticed a black vehicle traveling 53 mph in a 35 mph zone. The officer initiated a traffic stop at about 11:30 p.m. on

Thirteen Mile Road east of Novi Road for the traffic offense. When the officer approached the occupant of the vehicle, he smelled a strong odor of intoxicants. The 30-year-old Farmington Hills resident told police he had four beers at Local Color. At that point, the officer asked the man to step out of the vehicle for some sobriety observations. The driver recited his ABCs correctly, but was not able to complete the finger to nose test, heel to toe test or counting with accuracy. When asked to count backwards from 39 to 20, the male counted correctly to 24, but then started to

say 30 before completely stopping and finished reciting, "25, 22, 21, 20." He blew a .21 and was arrested by police.

FULL OF FOAM

On Sept. 27 a Novi resident took his dog for a walk and returned to a messy surprise. It was about 8:30 p.m. when the man began to walk his dog. He returned to his home about 10 minutes later and noticed someone had filled his vehicle with a tremendous amount of packaging Styrofoam nuggets. It was noted in the report taken by police that the Styrofoam nuggets were also blowing all over his

garage and driveway. As the 36-year-old man was cleaning up the prank, he noticed his compact disc folder containing about 30 discs was missing from his 2001 Ford. The responding officer observed one set of footprints in the damp grass leading to the sidewalk, but they ended at that point. The officer searched the area for the compact disc folder, but was unable to find it. The officer did extra patrol in the area that night.

WINDOW SHOPPING

A Novi store employee could not believe her eyes the night of Sept. 26. The female employee told police she was working at Cingular Wireless at about 8:15 p.m. when a man walked by the front window of the business and dropped his jeans and underwear exposing his genitalia. The employee went to door and locked it before the exposed man could make an attempt to enter. She said it was at that time she called the police. The employee told police she last saw the man walking eastbound on Grand River Avenue. He was described as a white male in his 40s with blond hair.

STOLEN MUSTANG

A Novi officer was investigating a larceny from an auto on Sept. 24 at 7:50 a.m. when he was approached by a man reporting his girlfriend's vehicle was stolen overnight. The officer went to the residence on the 31,000 block of Wellington to speak to the owner. She told the officer her 1999 Ford Mustang.

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Movies will provide insight to lawmakers

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Deborah Madeja and five of her Deerfield Elementary fourth grade students will be in the state's capital Oct. 9 to show legislators how they use technology in the classroom.

Their presentation is part of a Student Technology Showcase, which is being sponsored by AT&T and Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL).

Haley Prasad, Paul Ghanam, Stephen Ratkowski, Lauren Vance and John Lee will explain to Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives how they did a project using technology. The students are representing more than 20 other students who also worked on the video last year. However, those students went on to fifth grade and no longer attend the school.

The students wrote, produced, filmed and edited two 1-Minute videos while they were in school last year. The first video they worked on, "Deerfield, the First Year" was a year long project, which depicted academic life in the school's first school year.

The second video "Mini Society" shows third and fourth grade students making and selling goods during their economic study unit.

The students made and "sold" everything from silly putty to bracelets.

"We shot throughout the year," Madeja said. "The children did it all. They did all of the planning, producing and editing."

Madeja taught them how to get the best video shots and she taught them how to edit and download the video into the computer.

The Deerfield students will be participating in the showcase with 100 other students from other schools, according to Madeja.

"The competition was pretty intense in our congressional area," Madeja said. "We feel very fortunate to be participating. We feel honored."

Ratkowski is excited to go to Lansing.

"It's the first time in my life that I have ever been in the capital building," he said.

Lee said he enjoyed working on the video and learning how to produce and edit it.

"I'm really interested in that," Lee said but added that he is a little nervous to talk to the legislators. "I'm not into speeches."

Prasad said her parents were surprised when she told them she was going to the state's capital.

"I'm very excited," Prasad said. "Who would have thought that we would actually have gone to Lansing."

She wasn't that proficient on computers before she worked on the project, she said.

"I know more now," Prasad said. "I can actually work the video camera now."

Lauren Vance is also counting the days before they meet the legislators.

"I think it will be exciting to show them how we made the movie," Vance said. "At first I didn't think it would be edited - like home movies."

Ghanam was intrigued to learn how the computer works and how to hook up the camera to the computer to load footage onto it.

He's also looking forward to stepping into the capital although he's been to Lansing many times.

"My dad works in a shop in front of the capital," Ghanam said.

Madeja is proud of her students.

"People don't think children can do a lot with technology but this is a beautiful demonstration that they can," Madeja said.

Ratkowski agreed.

"If we put our minds to it, we can do almost anything," he said.

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two-door, had been stolen. She said the car was parked and locked in the parking lot at midnight on Sept. 24. She told the officer she was then woken by her boyfriend about seven-and-a-half hours later and he told her the car was gone. The Mustang owner said all payments were current. The officer checked the area for physical evidence, but found none. The vehicle was entered into record as stolen.

The owner of Dave's said that the last time he saw the car was 5 p.m. on the same day.

Garage workers noticed the car missing at 8 a.m. the next morning. However, they thought that the man had picked it up during the night.

The employees were questioned and they told police they didn't know where the car was or who could have taken it.

The garage owner told police that the car keys for the vehicle were either on the counter or in the car when it was taken.

The owner of the car said he has two sets of keys. One was at the garage and he has the other set.

The case was turned over for investigation.

THAT MARY JANE ISN'T SHOES
Police were dispatched to

4 p.m. Sept. 26. The bumper sticker on the car read "Honk if you know Bill W."

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THAT MARY JANE ISN'T SHOES
Police were dispatched to

Community High School Sept. 24 in Walled Lake when a school official notified police a student had marijuana.

The 18-year-old boy handed the marijuana over to the school official when asked to do so. He admitted that the marijuana was his.

He was arrested for possession of marijuana and handcuffed. He was transported to the station and released on \$50 bond.

WHERE'S THE GUNS?
A Walled Lake man living in the 400 block of Nicolet told police Sept. 25 that he went to his bedroom closet and discovered his guns were missing.

He said a handgun, two shotguns and a rifle were missing from his bedroom closet.

The man said he didn't know when the guns were taken but he thinks he knows who took them.

He told police his son and his friend probably stole the weapons.

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State avoids the worst of proposed budget cutting through passage of compromise bill

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Local school districts are likely celebrating the passage of a compromise education budget bill in the state Legislature Wednesday, Sept. 25, according to Brian Whiston of Oakland Schools.

The compromise avoided the worst of the cuts proposed earlier this year, restoring basic funding for districts to \$6,500 per pupil for the current school year.

But the restored funding comes at the expense of "categoricals," special earmarked accounts for programs like summer school for elementary students, reading recovery programs, and professional develop-

ment for teachers. Some categorical have been trimmed, others eliminated.

For local districts, it means the cuts aren't as deep as they had feared. Those most likely to suffer cuts will be older, more urbanized school districts that are more heavily dependent on those "categoricals," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Ann Arbor.

Even for them, the losses are "cuts to the increase," the administration is quick to point out. All schools are getting more money than last year, when the basic allocation was \$6,300 per pupil.

The state is in the second year of a three-year budget. A slowing economy meant that lawmakers had to reach agreement in the spring. Gov.

John Engler ordered an across-the-board 5 percent cut.

That could have been costly to some districts, although the amounts varied. Walled Lake, for instance, would have lost more than \$1 million. Another district had hit would have been Rochester, losing \$855,000.

The compromise, worked out in conference committee and passed by the House Thursday, Sept. 20, and in the Senate Wednesday, Sept. 25, brought back the per pupil "foundation grants" to the level schools had originally anticipated.

Taking the money instead from those special programs, lawmakers found a way to trim \$149 million from the budget for the current year, dropping the budget total from

\$11.139 billion to \$10.989 billion. Next year's budget of \$11.3 billion got trimmed \$302 million, said Whiston, who serves as legislative liaison for the Oakland Intermediate School District.

It was the newest categorical programs that got cut first, said Todd Hancock, aide to Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield. Summer school for elementary students, a program intended to assure that youngsters get extra instruction if they still can't read by the time they leave third grade, was cut altogether.

That could be a problem for some districts, Whiston said. Waterford, for example, had launched a summer school program for the first time last year. Now with no funding, it will likely have to be cut immediately.

Another reading program, reading recovery, got trimmed \$25 million this year and \$30 million next year, but was not eliminated altogether.

Professional development programs for teachers were axed entirely, effective this year.

One new categorical, Parent Involvement & Education grants, also known as PLE grants, was spared trimming for this year. The \$45 million program is intended to teach parents how to work with their youngsters to improve school performance. But the program gets cut

altogether next year. Whiston said that poses a problem for school districts expected to gear to start the new program this year only to have to cut it next year.

Republicans for the most part were pleased with the final compromise.

In the Senate, the education budget was approved in a 22-13 vote. Sens. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, and Theodore McCutcheon, R-Dowagiac, voted yes. Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, voted no.

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Students receive real world training

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

There's not many students who earn big bucks just after graduating from high school, however, Walled Lake Consolidated School students are doing just that.

Jeffery Griffith, who teaches Cisco and Novell computer classes at Walled Lake Central, said students are able to have up to two years experience in the field before graduating.

Cisco is the computer devices used to make the Internet function. Novell is the software that runs local area networks.

Even with one year experience and Cisco certification, students start a job at \$36,000 to \$70,000 per year, she said. Students who have Novell certification can earn up to \$50,000 next year.

After four years in the Cisco field, the former Walled Lake students can earn up to \$85,000 and possibly up to \$200,000 if they know additional computer skills.

"These same classes are offered in the private sector," Griffith said. "They cost approximately \$2,400 each and to our students it's free."

Brian Delvecchio, senior, said he's taking Cisco II and Novell I this year. He plans to further his computer education in college and hopes to become a computer tech afterward.

"I like this class and the internship program a lot," Delvecchio said and added that others would benefit from the classes as well. "Even if they don't like computers, they should take it just to see if they might like it."

The classes, which began a few years ago, had 20 students in the pilot program. The class now is booming with numerous students who have become certified in both curriculums.

Students in the Cisco II classes have weekly study sessions to prepare for the exam.

"We have the study sessions to make sure they have every chance of passing the test," Griffith said. "We have so many certification students walking around here."

Students enter an internship program after they pass the exam, which offers them on-the-job experience. One such participating company is Computare.

Students under their wing so they will be successful later on.

"They're great," Griffith said. "They do field trips with us where our management addresses small groups of our students to talk about various Information Technology topics and they provide us with a great meal."

Griffith is proud of the program that has benefited so many students.

"We're very fortunate in Walled Lake schools that we are able to offer so many high tech network program classes," she said. "As far as I know we are the only school district that offers both Novell and Cisco together and we plan to offer Windows 2000 next year."

She credits Dr. William Hauron, assistant superintendent of curriculum, with the inspiration for getting the programs off the ground.

"If it wasn't for him and his knowledge of computer network, these classes would never be here," Griffith said. "He saw that the kids

could graduate and have careers with incomes equal to or more likely higher than most college graduates."

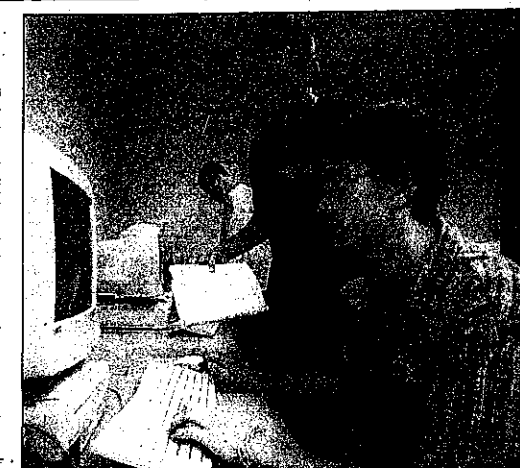
Andy Gilgallon, a junior, mastered Cisco I on his own during the summer so he could take Cisco II this year.

"I think it's cool that the school offers classes like this class, which is more focused on career opportunities," he said.

"The school offers the classes, however, students have to work hard to achieve success in the curriculum."

"What I've learned is if you push yourself and have set goals and you keep hacking away, you will get to your goal," Gilgallon said.

Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or ddeelp@huronnews.com.



Andy Gilgallon, right, and Matt Piccinato work together during their Walled Lake Central CISCO computer class.

Area Briefs

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 Vic's 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 firefighters and learn more about becoming a paid-on-call firefighter or call (248) 349-2162.

STEP IN TIME

Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry is teaming up with Jean Row 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.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATED BY FESTIVAL

The city of Novi invites all ghosts and goblins younger than 13 to attend a "Tricks and Treats Halloween Festival." The event will be held 4:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31 at the Novi Civic Center. A "howling good time" is promised to all attendees who may participate in many ghostly activities such as haunting in the "Dreadful Dragon Moonwalk," visiting the "Haunted Hall," attending the "Mysterious Magician" show and playing kid's carnival games for candy and prizes. Dinner will also be provided by Cottage Inn Pizza. Admission is \$5 per child and no charge for adults. An additional cost of \$1 is required for dinner and entry into the magic show.

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.

LAKEHORE PARK SITE FOR ANNUAL "TRAILS OF TERROR"

The Walled Lake Western High School Band & Orchestra Boosters in cooperation with the city of Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department are ready to turn your wildest nightmares into reality by hosting "The Trails of Terror." The 25 minute walk through haunted, ghoulish woods and hills guided by ugly nightmarish spirits and gnomes will occur 7 to 10:30 p.m. Oct. 5 through 6 and Oct. 12 through 13 at Lakeshore Park located on South Lake Drive one mile north of Twelve Oaks Mall, one-half mile west of Old Novi Road and about one-half mile east of West Park Drive. Creators of the trail recruited more than one hundred volunteers a night to interact with attendees, and promise the tremendous sound, lighting and special effects will frighten and amaze all who dare to walk the path. Parental guidance is suggested. A concession stand will be on site, and the cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12. The Walled Lake Western High School Band & Orchestra Boosters will use proceeds to fund scholarships, uniform repairs and general operational expenses.

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The Ninth Annual "Fall Remodeling & Furniture Show" arrives at the Novi Expo Center Oct. 11 through Oct. 14. The event sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will offer display model rooms sponsored by prominent furniture retailers. A few of the sponsors include Ethan Allen Home Interiors, East/West Futons, La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries and Newton Furniture. Chef J. Warren will be

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NYC Relief Fund Efforts

As "America's Favorite Neighbor," Applebee's has formed a neighborhood relief program in partnership with the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. This campaign is an easy way for Applebee's guests and associates to support the needs of those affected by the events of Sept. 11 and to promote America's unity and patriotism in this time of tragedy.

Restaurant guests and associates can purchase a paper American flag for a minimum donation of \$1, or an amount of their choosing. All proceeds will go directly to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Guests can choose to either post their flag in the restaurant or take it home with them as a symbol of support for America and the pride of a neighborhood united.

Applebee's International and its

franchise partners initiated the neighborhood relief program with a base donation of \$1 million to the disaster relief fund. The campaign drive runs through Oct. 19.

KIDS HELP NYC

Blake and Dylan Klocke, Natalie Chase and Nick Kuczyda and Stephanie Toth displayed incredible demonstration of patriotism when they made posters, hand

written signs and screamed "CAR WASH!" to raise money for the NYC Disaster Relief Fund on Sept. 19. Their car wash ended up lasting three days and with the help of David Korzenkowski, Matt McPherson, Garrett Gaudier, Brian Brandemuhl and Kyle and Taylor Malarkey, they raised \$300. The first day brought in \$100 alone. The Cowanys Corporation matched the car wash money.



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Obituaries

GERALDINE L. ALLE
Geraldine L. (Kathleen) Alle, 78, of Farmington Hills died Sept. 29 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. She was born Dec. 4, 1922, in Detroit.

She is survived by sons, Amos (Peggy) Deaven of Washington, and Jerome (Mary) Deaven of Fowlerville; daughters, Cheryl Deaven of Novi and Joanne (Mike) Vancos of Farmington Hills; and nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Alle was preceded in death by her husband of 30 years, Joseph in 1985; and son, Harry Deaven.

An 11 a.m. funeral service will be held Thursday, Oct. 4 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Family members will officiate.

Interment will be in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Memorials to the American Cancer Society, Memorial Department, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated.

CHARLES A. DRAKE
Charles Alfred Drake, 92, of Livonia and Tuxedo, Ariz., died Sept. 26 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was born March 24, 1909.

Mr. Drake owned and operated his own Detroit based company, Drake Tile & Mosaic for over 50 years.

He is survived by a son, Charles John of Novi and daughter, Carol Helen; five grandchildren, Tracey, Amy, Charles, Molly, and Sally; and five great-grandchildren, Abigail, Sebastian, Logan, Nicholas, and Evan.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6. Please call (248) 380-5914 for directions and time.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Farmington Hills. Memorials to the Salvation Army, Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075-5218 would be appreciated by the family.

JEANNE E. MURTON
Jeanne E. (Ellison) (Lowrie) Murton died Sept. 24 at the age of 93.

Through the years, Mrs. Murton lived in Novi, Waterford, Detroit, Pontiac, and Clarkston. She was a graduate of Clarkson High School and Eastern Michigan University.

Mrs. Murton was an elementary school teacher for 39 years in the

Pontiac school system. Her memberships included Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit, John G. Paton Circle, the Allard Guild of Canterbury on the Lake in Waterford, a Girl Scout leader, and a counselor at Camp Westminster, Higgins Lake.

She is survived by a daughter, Ellison (James) Franklin of Northville; sons, James (Sue) of East Rapids and John (Pamela) of Portland, Maine; grandchildren: Frank Seaver IV, Claire (Doug McKenna) Seaver, Dean Seaver, James (Jennifer) Murton, Jon (Shirley) Murton, Jason (Kelly) Murton, Rachel Murton, Galen Murton, and Christopher Murton; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Murton was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Clarence J.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Sept. 29 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home of Plymouth.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 15, 2001, at 7:30 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, to receive written and verbal comment regarding the reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant funds as follows:

Existing - 1999 Program Year
Activity Number 2720
Activity Description - Emergency Rehabilitation
Amount: \$18,420.49Proposed - 1999 Program Year
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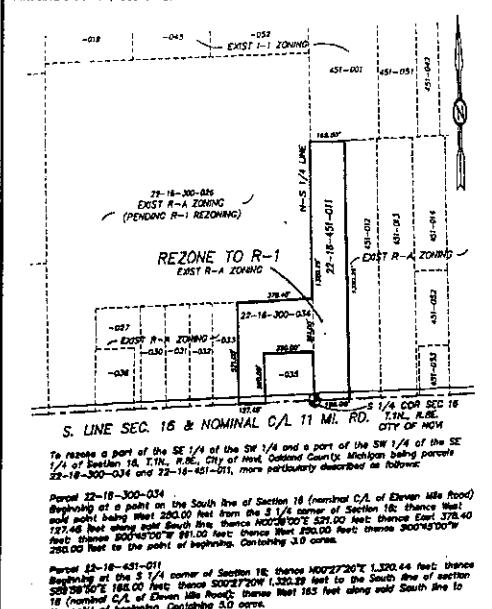
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ZONING MAP AMENDMENT - 18.612THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I. That Ordinance No. 37-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.612, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is October 9, 2001.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 24th day of September, 2001. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

RICHARD J. CLARK, MAYOR
MARYANNE CORNELIUS,
CITY CLERK

(10-04-01 NRNN 1072181)

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
INFRA RED HEATING SYSTEM

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for an Infra Red Heating System 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, Thursday, October 18, 2001, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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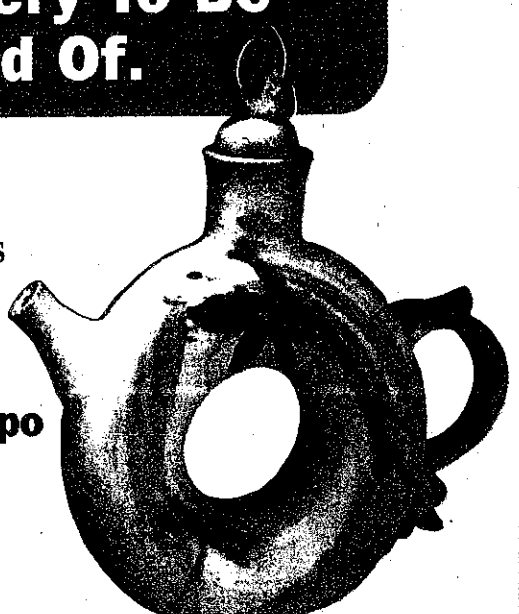
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Fred Moschetta has been named director of sales and marketing for Fox Run Village, a new active, independent retirement community which will be built on 103 acres at Thirteen Mile and Meadowbrook roads in the city of Novi.

Fox Run Village will be developed and managed by Erickson Retirement Communities of Catonsville, Md. Erickson is also the developer and manager of the successful Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, which opened in September 1993.

Moschetta, a resident of Livonia has worked at Henry Ford Village since its beginning, most recently as director of general services. He holds a B.B.A. from Cleary College and a master's of science in health services administration from Central Michigan University.

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Milford feels the crunch of Novi football



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Novi defenders Jake Ray (making tackle in middle and right photos) and Chase Chandler, who had the initial hit, are taking a break from winning their homecoming game to give Milford's Matt Marinucci a lesson in aerodynamics and the laws of gravity. Novi won the KVC contest 24-6.0

Wildcats pound Redskins, celebrate Homecoming in style

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Give the people what they want — that's the first rule in being successful. The Novi Wildcats gave the people — their fans, parents and fellow students — exactly what they wanted when they took to the gridiron for the 2001 Homecoming game and jolted the Milford Redskins with a 24-6 loss in a Kensington Valley Conference contest. "The kids really came out and played hard," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "I am very satisfied with the level at which we competed."

The Wildcats, who climbed their record

to 5-1, proved to be too much for the young Milford (3-3) squad as senior quarterback Matt Gorman added another stellar performance to his already impressive list, picking up a touchdown on the ground and tossing another one to Adam Haberman from 28 yards out. "Gorman is a good athlete," Kellepourey said. "We ask him to do a lot of things for us and he does them. He makes a lot of things happen when he is out on the field."

The 'Cats put their mark on the scoreboard first as Gorman optioned to his left and evaded the play-stopping tackle with a pitch to Haberman, who carried it 13 yards for the score with 11 minutes,

52 seconds remaining in the second quarter. Less than two minutes later, Gorman scrambled through the defensive line and bolted to his left before jaunting into the endzone for a 27-yard touchdown run.

The Milford offense took their next possession 63 yards in seven plays for the score with help from two Jim Presley runs of 23 and 22 yards. The touchdown came as Redskin quarterback Jeff LaClair hit Eric Ziem at the three yard line. Ziem pivoted and dove, colliding with two Novi defenders at the goal line for the touchdown. The point-after attempt by Joe Whipple sailed wide and the Redskins pulled the Novi lead to 14-

6. Novi added another score with time expiring in the first half with a 39-yard Brandon Davis field goal to put the 'Cats up 17-6 with 0:45.2 remaining. The Redskins took the kick off, which rolled out of bounds, at the 35-yard line and mounted a drive that came down to a defensive pass interference as the clock ran out. LaClair took the snap on the free-play and launched his pass towards stellar running back Matt Marinucci. Marinucci, who stretched up for the ball that floated out of his reach, was crushed to the ground by Gorman at defensive back. "Our defense played a very nice game,"

Kellepourey said. "There are a lot of sharp kids out there that have a good perspective on what needs to be done and what is expected of them."

The Wildcats added another touchdown in the fourth quarter, capping the scoring for both teams, as Gorman connected with Haberman for a 28-yard touchdown strike with 11:50 left in the game with Davis, who hit both of his point after attempts as well as the field goal, adding on the extra point to put the 'Cats up 24-6.

"Haberman is really coming into his own as a senior," Kellepourey said. "He is

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Equestrian about more than just simple horse play

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

EQUESTRIAN

It is a short, yet sweet, season which ends after only three meets — but these equestrian riders who represent Novi High School love every second of it.

The equestrian team, which is comprised of six female riders, slowly climbed the ladder of experience until it reached an impressive goal.

"This was the first time in both seasons that every rider has placed in an event," Novi coach Nancy Burka said. "That was way cool, everyone placed that time."

Burka was talking about her

team's final meet held at Milford where all six of the equestrian riders scored points. Senior Nicole Doss was the team's top point scorer, collecting 12, while senior Liz Dean added 11 points, junior Kellyn Burka got 10, senior Lesley Cartwright notched seven and one half points, junior Brandy Lokar received six and one half and sophomore Amanda Church rounded out the team with three points.

"Everyone placed in an event for the first time," Coach Burka said. "That was excellent. This year was

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Gorman is the name of this game



By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Ask Novi senior Matt Gorman what he likes to do in his spare time and his answer will probably be play sports. Ask him what he would like to do in college — yup, you got it. He would like to play sports.

For a few high school athletes, there becomes a thin line which separates the athlete from the everyday person — Gorman is one of those athletes.

"I've been playing sports for my whole life," Gorman said. "From tee ball to soccer when I was younger. I guess my dad really started me by signing me up for sports when I was younger."

Gorman, who attends Novi High School, said he feels sports is the top priority in his life right now.

"I just love sports," he said. "I really like football. I just have more love for the game. I love the contact and the intense game play."

Gorman's love for his favorite sport is obvious when he is out on the gridiron. He regularly carries the ball over the goal line by weaving and dancing his way through defenders. His intensity is unwavering and his will seems to be made of iron — but even Gorman isn't immune to nerves.

"I get very nervous sometimes," Gorman said. "At the beginning of

Senior Spotlight

Name	Matt Gorman
School	Novi
Sports	Football and baseball
Hobbies	Hanging with friends, working out and playing sports
GPA	3.7
Favorite Athletes	Ken Griffey, Junior
Future Plans	To play football at the college level.

the season this year it was pretty bad. My nerves were just going crazy."

It is not the thought of playing that rattles Gorman — it is living up to his reputation.

"I guess I am just nervous about making mistakes," Gorman said. "I worry about not living up to everyone's expectations. I think I have done a pretty good job (of living up to expectations) so far this year."

But even the man of steel has his

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'Cats might shove Pinckney off plank

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

This has been some exciting football — and it is not over yet.

Novi rolled over Milford 24-6 at the Wildcats' Homecoming game Saturday and will be looking to do the same to Pinckney when they visit the Pirates tomorrow — they need only one more win to get an oh-so-sweet pass into the state playoffs.


The 'Cats are blessed with a talented coaching staff, as well as a talented mass of athletes that are the heart and soul of Novi football.

Novi is led by senior quarterback — or should I say jack-of-all-trades — Matt Gorman.

Gorman is not your typical quarterback. His presence in the pocket

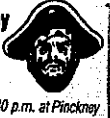
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GAME OF THE WEEK



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Pirates

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Wildcat harriers looking at Redskins

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Wildcats cross country

The Novi Wildcats girls and boys cross country teams continued to run strong as they topped the Hartland Eagles September 25.

The girls, who were led by Nina Schmitt, defeated Hartland 26-31 while the boys, led by the consistent running of Tim Moore, pounded the Eagles 19-40.

"Hartland is much improved and they ran very well on their new, flat course," Novi girls coach Norm Norgren said. "We had a great effort

from Nina Schmitt."

Schmitt, who finished first overall, led the Wildcat girls with a time of 18 minutes, 39 seconds while Bethany Kittle continued with her usual strong performance, finishing fourth in the race with 20:02. Tae Kono was sixth with 20:22 with Margo Wolowicz right behind her in seventh with 20:42 and Patti Ramos in eighth with 20:51.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Novi Wildcats harriers, both girls and boys, are running some of the strongest races they have been in all year. The 'Cats will have the chore of beating Milford this week.

Novi tennis tops Howell, falls to top-ranked Mercy

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats girls tennis team felt the sting of their second dual meet loss against the top-five squad from Farmington Mercy — a meet which allowed the Wildcats to see exactly what they will be facing in the regionals.

The Cats fell to the Farmington Mercy Marlins 6-2 September 27 but did not stay down long and came back to beat the Hartland Eagles 7-1 in a Kensington Valley Conference match Friday.

"It was definitely a good win," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Hartland was ahead in the middle of the pack in the KVC."

The Wildcats notched wins as sophomores Colene Brockman and Lauren Caruso topped seniors Chelsey Southern and Catherine Marks 6-1, 6-0 in first doubles while freshman Emily Holt and sophomore Laura Vaughn blasted senior Brooke Otto and junior Kelli Williams 6-0, 6-0 in second doubles.

"Our doubles once again played very strong," Hanson said. "Our two and three (doubles) won their matches in straight sets."

Third doubles found Wildcat juniors Gali Frask and Migda Vadula crushing juniors Renee Gadva and Katie Williams 6-0, 6-1.

Fourth doubles went three sets as Novi seniors Justina Chiang and Holly Graziano edged juniors Meghan Timmons and Jenny Callaghan 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

"Chiang and Graziano pulled out a nice win in fourth doubles," Hanson said. "It was 4-1 in the last set and they ended up pulling out the win. It was a tight one there and they played some of their best tennis and got the points when it really counted."

The number two singles found senior Melissa Roemer pulling out another win as she topped Hartland junior Rachel Kuter 7-5, 6-3 while Novi Senior Carolyn Vermeulen pounded freshman Elizabeth Lawel 6-0, 6-2.

"Roemer and Vermeulen had real good matches," Hanson said. "Roemer had a great straight-set win and Vermeulen has been rock

steady all season. Both are playing as well as I would expect a three year varsity player to be playing."

Sophomore Wildcat Anna Switzer, in her first match back from an illness that kept her sidelined, shelved Eagle senior Lauren Hundersman 6-1, 6-2.

The Wildcats only loss came to sophomore Ashley Glover at first singles as she fell to sophomore Libby Atwood 4-6, 2-6.

"Ashley lost a tough one there at one singles," Hanson said. "In that position, you are playing every-one's number one player so she has to just play them one match at a time and not worry about the team. She is the best player on the team and I have to play her in one singles. I am very pleased with the way she has played over the season."

The Wildcats returned to action when they hosted Pinckney Monday before visiting Milford Tuesday and returning home against Howell Wednesday fall games after the Novi News went to print. The Cats will have their hands full when they head to Pinckney to face the girls of the KVC in the League Tournament October 6.

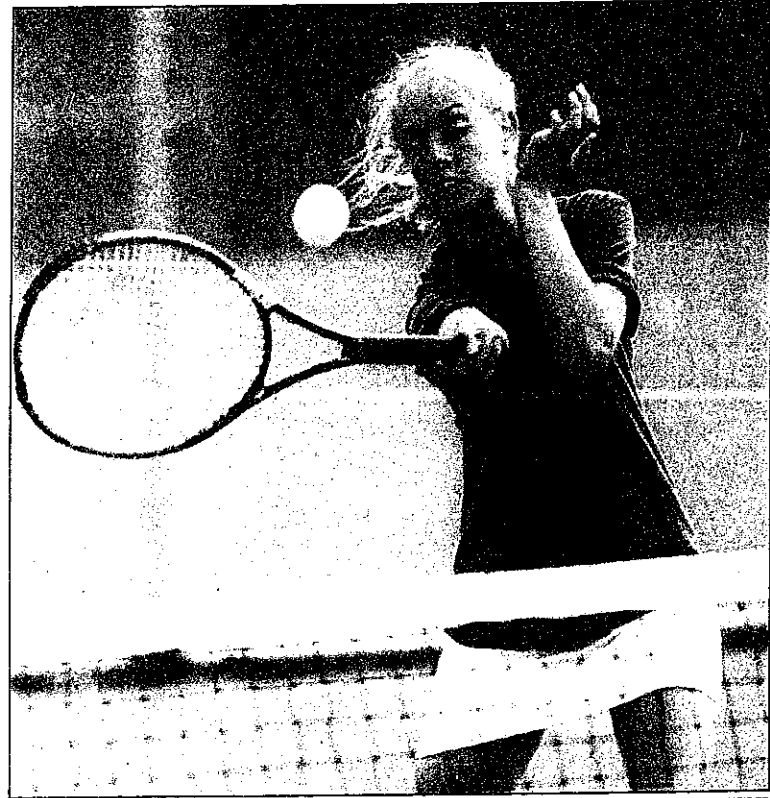
MARLINS GIRLS 6, WILDCATS 2

The Wildcats felt the sting of their second loss of the season when they took on the challenge of playing the fifth-ranked tennis team in the state of Michigan in the Farmington Mercy Marlins September 27.

"Mercy is by far the toughest team we have played so far this year," Hanson said. "They are tough across the board in singles and in doubles."

The Wildcats pulled out wins in the fourth singles as freshman Lauren Thomas pounded Lauren Welsh in straight sets 6-3, 6-0 while the second doubles team of Holt and Vaughn edged Kelly Terrian and Ashleigh Ward 7-5, 6-4.

"I thought we played top to bottom, the best games of the season," Hanson said. "We had to raise the level of our game to play against these Mercy girls. Lauren Thomas, at four singles, came in



Emily Holt returns a serve in a recent match. Holt and the rest of the Wildcat tennis team have lost only two dual meets so far this season.

for Anna Switzer while she was sick and got us some great points with a straight set win."

The Wildcats fell in first singles (Kristen Palumbo over Glover, 6-0, 6-2), second singles (Angela Kaza over Roemer, 6-2, 6-0), third singles (Lauren Davidson over Vermeulen, 6-0, 6-4), first doubles (Kali Blawie and Mary Auldah over Brockman and Caruso, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1), third doubles (Kristen Walsh and Elsie Van Holsbech over Vadula and Frask, 6-1, 6-0) and in fourth doubles (Katie Birch

and Kerry Muldowney over Chiang and Graziano, 6-4, 6-1).

"Our first doubles played their best game of the season in the first set," Hanson said.

"They dominated the net and made very, very few mistakes while playing very solid tennis. Mercy's first doubles are two of the best players in the state to be playing on doubles."

Hanson noted this match would be a good experience for the Novi girls.

"They (Mercy) are going to be in

our Regional along with Troy, who is ranked number two in the state," Hanson said. "We are in one of the toughest regionals, if not the toughest, in the state. This experience is going to be great for us. I am really proud of the way my girls played."

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NOVI JV SCORES

Novi JV football

The Wildcat JV football team raised its undefeated record to 6-0 last week with a solid 35-6 victory over Milford High School. "We played an excellent game on both sides of the ball," said Coach Hank Heimkamp. Novi JV has dominated its opponents this year. The other five wins are as follows: Novi 28, Farmington 0; Novi 21, Lakeland 0; Novi 29, Brighton 12; Novi 20, South Lyon 6; and Novi 35, Hartland 6.

Novi JV boys soccer

Novi JV boys soccer raised its record to 6-2 for the year with a solid 6-0 victory over White Lake Lakeland last Thursday. The team looked rather sluggish in the first half, but came out with vengeance in the second. Goals were scored by Matt Nickels and Steve Dalley (both unassisted). Collin Goldsmith (assisted by John Sierra), John Sierra (assisted by Matt Nickels), Neil Kocan (assisted by Steve Dalley) and Ryan Regan (assisted by John Sierra's corner shot).

Two days earlier, the Wildcats JV tied Howell, 1-1. Ryan Stee scored on a strong header off of the contest. The Wildcats played short-handed. Four sophomore players missed the game because they were competing in a national Marching Band competition in Toledo.

Novi JV girls basketball

Novi JV lost to South Lyon last week, 53-23. Courtney Kalk and Kelly Herbert were the top defensive performers for the Wildcats.

Novi JV girls tennis

The Novi Junior Varsity tennis team won the Farmington Tennis Classic tournament.

Amelia Cassidy, Becky Thompson and Rebecca Walker all finished in first place in their singles events. Brandy Lokar was third in doubles action. Megan Hsu and Tiffany Lin, Kim Storm and Kie Kono and Rachel Whitelock and Allison Sanson all took first place. Miho Ito and Lauren Tukey, and Samantha Kelley and Hannah Nierdorf placed third.

Gorman is all ath-

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weaknesses. "I am scared of snakes and spiders," Gorman admitted. "I don't like them that much."

Gorman has special people in his life that help him be as successful as he is. His father Bill, mother Marla and his sister Melissa and younger brother Andrew are some.

Gorman has close friends in Josh Churella, Alan Holdorf, Adam Haberman and Nick Manella and he even has a special someone in

Wildcats in the hunt for playoffs

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he is in the game while Napier has wide vision when running the ball and a great receiver that often results in missed tackles.

The key to the Wildcats' offense is not just their skilled positions, but their offensive line led by senior center Brian Doyle. Doyle, along with players like Mike Vohwinkel and Adam Lehnardt, will be looking to stonewall any defenders trying to lay a mitt on Gorman while he stands in the pocket.

The offensive line's patience and blocking ability leads to the Wildcats' ability to control the clock and the scoreboard on most occasions.

The Novi defense will be looking to put Pinckney's ship around behind the leadership of Scott Kortlandt.

Kortlandt's ability to read the field is matched by few and he is often in on or near every tackle. His great line is superb and his bone-jarring hits are enough to shake the cross-bones off of many Pirate helmets.

The defensive line will rely heavily on the containment and pressure ability brought to the field by Doug Ray. Ray's ability to get pen-

etration into the backfield is enough for many coaches to consider assigning a double team on him.

Chandler, Gorman and Jake Ray will also make their presence felt on the defensive end of the ball when they take to the task of shutting down the Pinckney offense.

The Pirates will not be laying down for the Wildcats, no doubt forcing them to work as hard, if not harder, than they have worked all year for a win.

Pinckney will bring an experienced offense to the contest as well as a strong defense that is capable of containment and penetration.

Though this game is definitely not an easy one for the Wildcats, they have one gigantic goal to shoot for — one more win means playoffs for the Novi gridders — and it is that one win they will be looking to notch when they visit Pinckney tomorrow with kick off scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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Novi pounds Milford gridders

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a tremendous three-sport athlete but only a second-year football player that is still learning the finer points of this game. I think he is really stepping up this season."

The crushing blow which took the wind out of the Milford staff was not the Wildcat stifling defense alone — it was the six Redskin turnovers. The Milford squad could not seem to keep the pigskin throughout the majority of the contest.

The Wildcats took the ball away in the first quarter as senior Drew Doll dove on a fumble by Marlinucci, who was literally upended heels over head by a dual hit by Novi defenders.

The next Milford turnover came as Novi senior Jake Ray blocked a

Redskin punt, which was recovered by Andrew Cossman at the Milford 25-yard line with 10:02 remaining in the second quarter. The turnovers didn't stop there as Novi's Scott Kortlandt and Trey Simpson collected an interception off of LaClair in the third quarter with a Presley fumble bouncing into the grasp of the great line white of Novi. The last turnover came with nearly seven minutes left in the game as LaClair lost his handle on the ball and Wildcat senior defensive tackle Matt Kolch diving on to the possession.

"We had our chance but shot ourselves in the foot," Coach Fox of Milford said.

A tense moment came for the Wildcats when senior linebacker Kortlandt went down during a



Novi Girls Cross country starts off a recent meet.

Novi harriers continue to look strong

According to Norgren, there is still some room for improvement in the Novi ranks.

"The Novi girls must work on pack times," he said.

Jenny Thompson finished 10th in the contest with a time of 21:20 while Emily Cross rounded out the Novi runners and notched an 11th-place finish in 21:27.

"The Wildcats will run against Milford Tuesday at Cass Station (after the Novi News went to print).

The Milford girls will be a tough foe for the Novi Wildcats to defeat with stellar runner Lisa Canly leading the way for the Redskins, who are under-

in the Kensington Valley Conference.

WILDCATS BOYS 19, EAGLES 40

The Novi Wildcats boys cross country team followed the speedy lead of Moore as he raced to a first-place finish against Hartland in 15:38 while teammate Tim Kava finished third in 18:56. Eric Joseph was fourth in 18:56. Todd Feren notched a fifth-place finish in 17:21. Mark Moore came in sixth with 17:22 and Mitch Erickson rounded out the top-10 Novi runners in eighth in 17:23.

"The guys can run smart today," coach Robert Smith said. "There were several occasions where two guys were shoulder to shoulder near the finish. No pulled muscles trying to be a hero."

Spencer Ornes was 11th (17:45).

Amel Huprikar was 12th (18:02).

Scott Bergeson finished 14th (18:04). Justin Namin collected a 16th-place finish (18:07). Matt Harsha-Slong was 18th (18:14). Mark DuFresne finished 19th (18:20) and Marc Kalina came in 20th (18:25).

"The five man average of 16:50 and a seven man average of 16:54 shows that we are getting much better," Smith said.

Finishing out the Wildcat harriers was Derek BuWala in 21st (18:31).

Mark Andrews in 22nd (18:34), Nick Preketers was 23rd (19:20), Eric Tynwall finished 24th (19:21), Christopher was 26th (19:49), Mike Picher was 27th (19:52), Sunj Ramachandran took 28th (19:56).

Nathan Quay collected a 29th-place finish (18:57) and Neil Cox rounded out the Wildcats in 32nd (21:30).

The Wildcats will have had the chore of hosting Milford Tuesday (after the Novi News deadline). The Redskins were ranked first in the state of Michigan behind the running of Nick Kopczak and Dan DeRusha.

"We need your support next Tuesday," Smith said. "Milford is ranked number one in the state of Michigan right now."

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Wildcats girl cagers notch two victories

While Cichonski away, Novi proves to KVC they know how to play

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team collected two victories, one over South Lyon and the other over Lakeland — both without their head coach.

Coach Dennis Cichonski was out of town when the Cats, led by coaches Rod Sullivan and Ron Valenti, powered "over Lakeland 43-28 September 27 after edging South Lyon 39-38 September 25 with both games being Kensington Valley Conference contests.

"They did pretty well," Cichonski said. "We had a chance to extend our lead at the half and it just didn't happen."

The Wildcats and the Lakeland Eagles were tied up at the end of their first quarter before the Novi girls dominated the entire second quarter — outscoring the Lakeland squad 19-2 to take a 26-9 halftime lead.

"In the second half we scored 17 points and they scored 16," Cichonski said. "We played pretty even throughout the second half."

The leading scorer for the Wildcats was Angie Schmitt with nine points while senior Laura Longo tacked on six points to assist in the victory.

The Wildcats will have resumed action when they visited Hartland Tuesday (after the Novi News deadline) before hosting the Milford Redskins today at 7 p.m.

"I think Milford is 1-2 (in the KVC)," Cichonski said. "I think taking a look at the schedule and the way we've played and the way we have played, is the only way we can improve as a team is to strive for that consistency."

WILDCAT GIRLS 39, LIONS 38

The Wildcats almost lost a game they held a comfortable lead in when they faced off against the South Lyon Lions September 25.

The Cats led the game 17-11 at the end of the first quarter but stumbled slightly in the second.

"We had a nice lead and a chance to improve it," Cichonski said. "Both teams played poorly in the second quarter. They scored six and we scored five. We had a chance to extend our lead at the half and it just didn't happen."

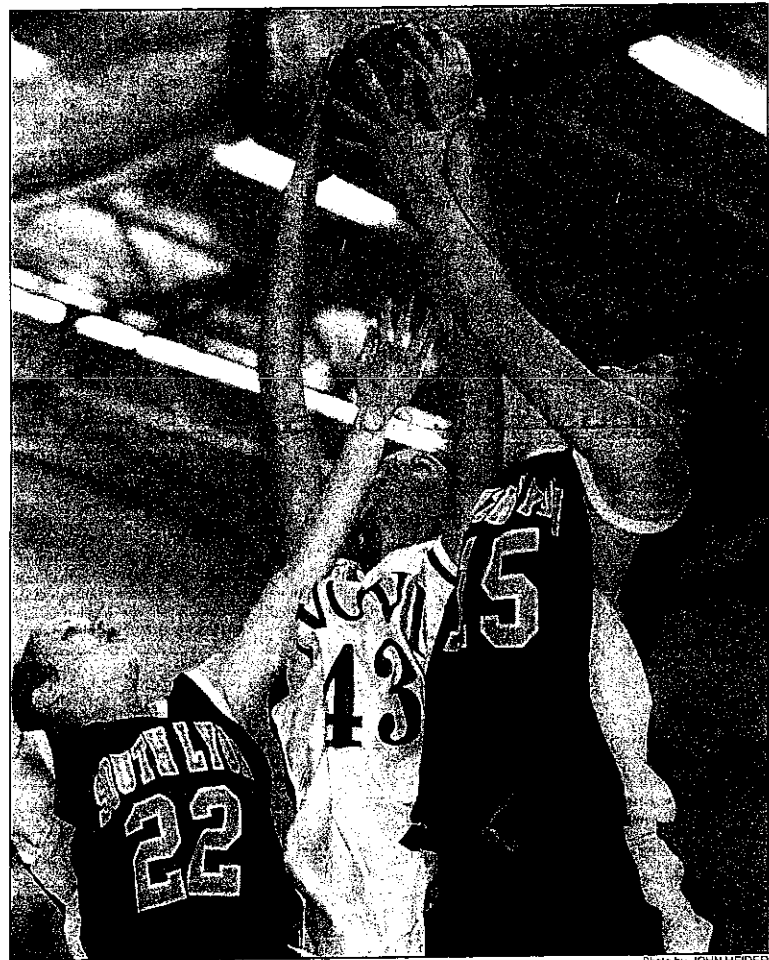
The Cats opened up the fourth quarter with a nine point lead but failed to capitalize as Megan Thornberry, who led the Lions in scoring with 17, nailed two 3-point field goals and went 2-of-2 from the freethrow line in the fourth quarter to help pull her team within range of Novi.

This could have been a game which was more within our control," Cichonski said. "Unfortunately that didn't happen. They worked hard and got back into it."

The Wildcats and Lions were tied at 38 each when Becky Gasorek hit a free throw with four seconds left to secure the victory for Novi.

"South Lyon got the rebound and called a time out," Cichonski said. "They just didn't get the shot off."

The Cats were led by Gasorek, Allison Grulich and Megan Colligan — all with seven points apiece.



It's a stretch but Novi's Laura Longo, center, goes up for a board against a pair of South Lyon cagers in September 23rd's home game against the Lions.

Novi soccer rolls Hartland, Lakeland

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats soccer team dominated the Howell Highlanders September 25 in a showing Coach Brian O'Leary called "brilliant."

The Wildcats, who climbed to 7-3 (6-1 Kensington Valley Conference), dominated the Highlanders 5-1 before turning around and blasting the Lakeland Eagles 6-2 September 27.

"We played brilliantly, which is why this team can be such a mystery," O'Leary said.

"We did everything we talked about doing."

The Novi kickers followed the lead of Vince Sloan and Holdorf in the first half as they scored on assists from Brandon Davis and Brian Swift before opening up their game in the second half.

"In the first 15 minutes of the second half, we played the best soccer we have played all season," O'Leary said.

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goal of the game on an assist from Yusuke Yoda.

The Novi squad will have a tough week when they face Brighton Tuesday and South Lyon today (both games after the Novi News went to print).

NOVI 5, HOWELL 1

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Novi H.S. gets good remarks

The Novi Wildcats athletes as well as the student body and faculty at Novi High School can be proud.

Out of the high schools around the state of Michigan that were among the Michigan High School Athletic Association member senior high schools that did not receive a negative officials report for the 2000-01 school year, Novi was the only high school in the Kensington Valley Conference that was among the 383 listed.

That is quite an honor considering the number of high schools that participate in MHSAA sanctioned sports is 749. The number of high school not receiving a officials reports is at a seven year high. The MHSAA has been tracking the number of reports since 1990-91 school year with the high coming in 388 in 1993 and the all-time low coming in 1997 with 327.

"When we report back to schools the number of officials reports they received in a given year, we ask the administration of those schools which receive no such reports to call it to the attention of their community," the executive director of the MHSAA, Jack Roberts, said in a press release. "This kind of recognition is important as we continue to emphasize that one of the biggest differences between school sports and sports sponsored by other organizations is the role that good sportsmanship should play in our game."

"We applaud the efforts of those schools which did not receive officials reports, staying free of elections of any kind, during the past school year."

Keep up the good work, Wildcats!

Novi equestrian season short but sweet for enthusiastic riders

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a tremendous improvement over last year's team, I guess the experience counts."

The Novi squad collected a total of 27 points in their second meet of the season when they rode against Northville, Milford, Dexter, South Lyon, Walpole Lake Central, Walke Lake Western and Howell at the fairgrounds in Powerville.

Kellyn Burkia was the team high point scorer with 10 points while Dean collected seven points and an honorable mention. Doss had seven points, and Lokar added three points.

"This year we had a season total of 112 points," Coach Burkia said. "That is a gigantic increase of last year's total of 69, especially considering we have a much smaller team this year."

Burkia said she is happy with how her team did for the 2001 season.

"I am very, very pleased," she said. "The girls did a great job. They have this sport and they love being involved in it."

The first meet of the season, held September 9, found the Novi team with a rider injured from her participation in soccer, but still competing, and another rider with an injured horse who was not able to compete.

The equestrian team scored a total of 22 total points as they rode against teams from Milford, Northville, Holly and Lakeland at Milford.

"Many of the events the riders competed in were new to the riders last year," Burkia said. "They were all willing to try things and get their feet wet. After having tried a few new things on horseback and had more practice for this year, their experience showed and it made this season lots of fun."

The meet found Dean as the scoring leader with 11 points while Kellyn Burkia added 10, Lokar notched eight and Cartwright collected five points.

Coach Burkia said the only disappointing aspect of the 2001 season was there were no freshmen on the team.

"We were really hoping to get some freshmen to come out," she said.

"This is a lot of fun and we look forward to having new people join the team."

The equestrian program is open to any Novi student, ninth grade through twelfth, who will be attending Novi High School next year. The team, open to both female and male participants, requires the interested individual to own a horse or have access to a horse and the knowledge of riding a horse.

"We are hoping that we will find more people who are interested," Burkia said.

"They can contact me anytime during the year, especially before the end of the school year. Anyone interested should keep their eyes open for our organizational meeting held in the spring."

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Novi equestrian team can contact Burkia at (248) 349-2422.

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Jolly Jaguars

Congratulations to the Novi Jaguars U12 boys for their championship at the Capital City Classic Tournament held in Lansing on Sept. 15 and 16. Team members are: Back Row — Coach Fred Olson, Nick Burtch, Eric Guttman, Ryan Carter, Kevin Thinnies, John Gernane, Matt Watko, and assistant coach Kirk Hodges.

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Contact: (248) 344-8236

Auxiliary: (734) 981-5125

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When: Every Wednesday from 7:30 a.m.

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Phone: (810) 323-3900

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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.

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What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund raising projects for muscular dystrophy, St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities affiliated with the Jaycees.

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Engagements

W. Charles and Joan M. (Gerhard) Brown of Green Oak Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Jaquette, to Scott Duval Knue, the son of Rob and Jacqueline E. (Stone) Knue of Highland.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Brighton High School and a 1992 graduate of the Schoolcraft Community College culinary arts program.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Milford High School and a 1995 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Donna and Scott will while employed at Duet Restaurant in Detroit, where she was chef and he was general manager. Both are currently residing in Northville.

A reception for 285 guests will be held in Milford.



Brown-Knue

Weddings

Megan Michele Holmberg and Robert Bradford Pugh were married June 23 at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. Pastor Robert Carr officiated the ceremony, the bride was given in marriage by her father. A reception for 285 guests followed at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

Central Vikings fall in OT to John Glenn

Apap, Vikings will make best of 'miracle' situation

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

It wasn't the way the Walled Lake Central Vikings football team wanted to go into their homecoming week — with a loss to rival to Westland John Glenn, but that was the way it happened.

The Vikings fell to the Rockets 24-21 in overtime of a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division contest.

"Miracles happen everyday," Central coach Chuck Apap said. "You know what, the sun came up and we are still here. That was our miracle. We are ready to play for the playoffs and when we get there we will be ready to play for five."

The Vikings were poised to take the win with a touchdown or tie the game with a fieldgoal in overtime after the Rockets nailed a 22-yard kick through the uprights by Andrew Peiffer to take the lead.

The pass from senior quarterback Ryan Trailer was deflected in the defensive backfield as Central's Maxx Morris cut across the field on a slant pattern. The tipped ball bobbed in the air before Peiffer, John Glenn's starting linebacker, dove underneath it for the interception — sealing the victory for the Rockets.

"It was a third down and seven," Apap said. "We did a slant route and it went through his hands and off of his chest and up in the air. If he catches the ball, it is a touchdown and we win. Well, he doesn't and we didn't, that is the way the game goes."

The Vikings scored on their opening drive of the game on a 10-yard scamper into the endzone by Scott Long to take the early lead, but John Glenn would not be stopped.

The Rockets went 95 yards on its opening drive to tie the game on a 3-yard run by DeAnthony Granberry before taking a Vikings fumble into the endzone on a 15-yard scoring strike from John Glenn quarterback Brian Cochlewicz to Peiffer to take a 14-7 lead with 7 minutes, 58 seconds left in the first half.

"It was a fun game for people to watch," Apap said. "Wish we would have come out ahead. That is just part of football. Isn't that what life is all about? What are we going to do when we lose,

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Chuck Apap
Central head coach

that is what this team is learning. We can't go through life winning everything."

Long and the Vikings notched another score to pull within 14-13 at the end of the half. Long took a 13-yard carry over the goal line for the score with 57 seconds remaining in the half.

Morris had the final touchdown for the Vikings on a 10-yard pass from Trailer with 1:53 left in the third quarter.

"We are ready to rebound," Apap said. "We have to win two out of our next three games to make the playoffs and we are going to do just that."

Trailer led the Vikings in total yards, throwing 6-of-13 passes for 151 yards. Maxx Morris hauled down three catches for 52 yards of receiving while Bryan Dovich caught one pass for 47 yards.

Long notched 95 yards on 17 carries to lead the Central ground attack and hauled in two catches for an additional 52 yards.

The defense was led by Mike Crowe, who had 17 tackles including assists with Dan Miller and L.J. Cotter having impact games for the Vikings.

"Those three guys had great games for us," Apap said. "It was a great game and it was too bad someone had to lose. We are going to see them again in the playoffs. It is going to be fun."

The Vikings will host Stevenson tomorrow in their Homecoming game. The kick off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

"We respect all of these teams," Apap said. "You have got to believe in miracles and this is a

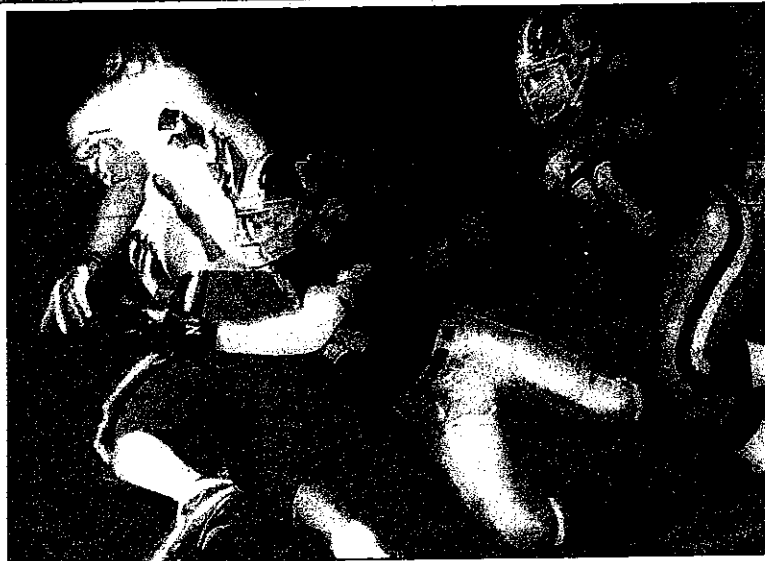


Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Walled Lake Central running back Steve Long, above, makes his way through the defensive second day on his way to scoring one of his two touchdowns while a fellow Viking (right) does his best to bring down a John Glenn ball carrier. The Vikings lost the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division contest 24-21 in overtime. The Vikings are geared and ready to go for their homecoming game tomorrow.

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Rousseau looking at becoming a Spartan

Western senior pretty satisfied with basketball, ice cream, fried chicken with a heap of mashed taters

Central should be fine

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

It doesn't take too much more than the ordinary to satisfy Walled Lake Western senior Katie Rousseau.

She likes to play a good game of basketball, to hang out with her friends and a heap of ice cream is a good enough of a dessert for her.

"I love ice cream," Rousseau said. "I like any kind of ice cream unless it has nuts. I don't like nuts very much."

Rousseau, who stands approximately 6-foot-0, likes to kick back and listen to Britney Spears and even plans on trying to convince her father, Donald, to get her tickets to the queen of pop's concert.

"I don't have any of her CDs," Rousseau said of Spears. "I like listening to her music though. I am going to try to have my dad get me tickets."

Rousseau said she likes to watch movies — like "American Pie 2" and "Coyote Ugly" — as well as going to a Mongolian Barbecue for some eats, though that particular type of restaurant probably doesn't serve her favorite food.

"I love fried chicken and mashed potatoes," Rousseau said and noted she doesn't like to have her spuds covered in gravy. "I really like chicken. I also like pickles. I am not sure what brand they are but they are hot dill."

And if Rousseau had to pick a hot moviestar to share her spuds with? "Paul Walker," she said. "He's hot. His eyes are really pretty."

And what if she got to ask Walker

Senior Spotlight

Name Katie Rousseau
School Walled Lake Western
Sports Basketball
Hobbies Playing basketball, hanging out with friends
GPA 3.8
Future Plans Attend Michigan State University. Not sure what major yet.

any question she wanted to? "I would probably ask him about the movies that he has done," she said. "I would ask him if he has ever been in love."

But not every guy has to be as stunning as the big screen Walker — Rousseau has a few guidelines for likely candidates.

"He would have to be taller than me," she said. "He would have to have really pretty eyes — blue or green — with brown or blonde hair. A good smile and he should be muscular and have a six-pack (stomach)."

Rousseau said that her plans in life are really undecided at this point, though she would like to attend Michigan State University.

"I just applied a week ago so I probably won't know for a while," she said. "It sounds like a fun school to go to. I wanted to go to Michigan but I figure it would probably be too hard and I didn't want to write the extra

essay." According to Rousseau, one job that does interest her — though she doubts she will ever do it — is song writing.

Rousseau noted that when she isn't shooting hoops for the Walled Lake Western basketball team she is hanging with her friends Ashley Bobkin, Janelle Young, Brittany Koester, Kelly Keegan.

Recently Rousseau found she had a bit of an odd talent.

"I can touch my tongue to my nose," she said. "Actually I just realized I could do it if a couple of months ago. A friend and I were waiting in line at Disney World and she was just being stupid and asked me if I could do it and I did. That is how it happened."

Rousseau said that if there was thing she could change it would be the relationship she has with her fraternal twin, Kelly.

"I am not as close as I would like to be with her," Rousseau said. "We fight a lot. I would like it if we were closer than we are now."

One of the biggest factors in Rousseau's life is her parents, Donald and Joni.

"I am pretty close with them," Rousseau said. "They have always backed me 100 percent in whatever I do. I would just like to give a big thank you to my mom and my dad for always being there and supporting me. It means a lot, more than I could ever say."

Sam Eggleston is the Sports Reporter for the Lake Area Times.

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

I think the Walled Lake Central Vikings are going to be just fine.

The Vikings, who fell to John Glenn in overtime Friday, are coached by Chuck Apap, who may possibly be the most positive coach I have ever met.

Apap told me the loss against the Rockets, which dropped the Vikings out of contention for the Western Lakes Activity Association Lakes Division title, was a miracle.

By definition a miracle is a person, thing or event that excites admiring awe. By that definition I would have to say to Apap — your comment is a miracle.

Nearly every football coach, with the exception of one besides Apap, has the tendency to be a fuming individual who would rather wait to comment on a game after a loss.

Not Apap. He just laughs and points out that it is part of life to lose some things and win others.

Apap noted that the big guys upstairs who watched over the Vikings in their ancient days of exploration and settlement, will have a hand in helping out and said there will be a few new Viking ships pulling into port Thursday.

Well, all I can say is if the rest of Central's team looks on life like their coach then they are going to be just fine — Thor, Odin and even Loki would be proud fellas.

Keep up the hard work.

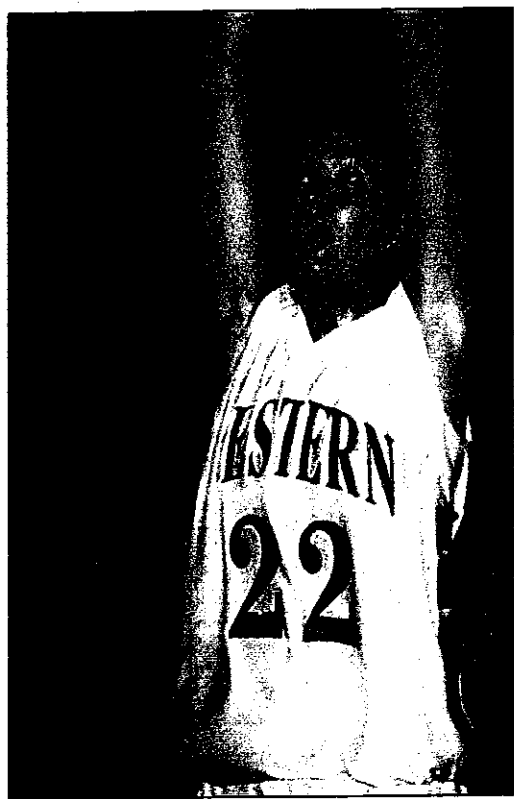


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Katie Rousseau stretches for a block during a recent game.