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Novi High School teacher Gary Kelly, top left, prepares to depart for the Capitol Building in Lansing with students involved in the high school's Hamburg, Germany exchange program.

Exchanging cultures

Novi, Hamburg students share experiences

By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER
Novi and German high school students are helping each other to gain new experiences in communities and schools an ocean away from home.

Some residents propose boundary change to park

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER
If citizens fighting to keep proposed settlement acres of North Novi Park do not succeed, they have begun devising a backup plan.

Pumpkins used as math tool

By Angelo Parlove STAFF WRITER
Halloween festivities and math lessons met headlong in a mess of pumpkin guts and seeds on Oct. 26.

Library millage up to voters

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER
Members of the Novi Library Board say the Novi Library millage proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot does add up.

Fuerst Farm dedicated with historical marker

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER
road, tells the story of Jacob and Rebecca Fuerst who purchased the farm in 1918.



The Fuerst Farm was recently recognized as a historic site by the National Registry of Historic Places.

# Kim Capello

FOR CITY COUNCIL

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## Suspects steal leaf blowers from Home Depot

A shoplifting attempt goes bad for some thieves at Home Depot on Grand River Avenue in Novi. A male witness at the scene filed a report with the Novi police stating he observed a man in the garden center attempting to throw a backpack Ecco gas blower over the fence. The witness said the man hit the top of the fence and fell back into the garden center. According to the report, a customer walked around the corner, the 30 or so years of age suspect ran back into the store. The witness told police he climbed up and looked over the garden center fence and saw an older man picking up two boxes containing Ecco gas blowers. The witness yelled to the man, "Hey, what do you think you are doing?" The man yelled back that he was going to return the blowers and then proceeded to place them in the trunk of his Lincoln.

### Police News

Another female witness followed the older man inside of Home Depot and saw him exiting through the rental door and entering the Lincoln which was waiting in the parking lot. According to the report, the vehicle was seen leaving at a high rate of speed westbound in the eastbound lane of Grand River Avenue.

### FRIEND OR FOE?

On Oct. 18 at about 7:30 a.m., a 19-year-old Redford resident filed a felonious aggravated assault report against his former friend - stating the friend pulled a gun on him in the parking lot of a Beck Road business. The Redford resident told police he had received a

call from the former friend telling him to go into the parking lot of the business. He said once outside, the former buddy pulled out a small semi-automatic pistol and pressed it into his chest. The gun handler made a remark and then left the area. The complainant told police he had gotten into a verbal fight with the same person the night before.

### TOO MUCH FUN

A 37-year-old man was arrested for drinking and driving after driving his car into a guardrail and almost falling into a ditch. On Oct. 13 at about 1 a.m., a Novi police officer was on routine patrol when he observed a white pick-up truck traveling northbound on Meadowbrook Road south of Ten Mile Road. The officer observed the truck cross the center line and then travel northbound in the

southbound lane for about 50 feet before returning back to the northbound lane. Once in the correct lane, the truck veered off the roadway all the way to the right before hitting a steel guard rail along the east side of Meadowbrook Road. The truck kept going and crossed the center line one more time while the officer was running his lights and siren before pulling over to the side of the road. The driver did not have his drivers license on him and while giving his name, the officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants. According to the report, the officer asked him if he knew why he was being pulled over and the driver replied, "I had too much to drink." He told police he was drinking at Chedders and was on his way home to Detroit. The officer stated in the report that the driver did not know

where he was. After being asked to exit the vehicle, the driver stumbled out of the truck and started walking in a weaving motion almost stumbling into a ditch. The officer had to help the man onto ground level where he failed all of his field sobriety tests. He blew a .159 and was taken into custody by the police.

### WHO ARE YOU?

On Oct. 25 at 9:30 p.m., in the area of Novi and Nine Mile Roads, a Plymouth resident was pulled over and arrested for the possession of a controlled substance. A Novi officer was traveling northbound on Novi Road from Nine Mile Road when he noticed a vehicle traveling southbound with one headlight out. After also noticing the vehicle's passenger side brake light was out, he signaled for the driver to pull

over to the side of the road. The driver produced his proof of insurance and registration, but did not have a drivers license in his possession. The officer then placed the 27-year-old under arrest for "no ops on person" (no drivers license) and advised him he would be detained until his identity could be confirmed. After a request, the driver gave his consent for the officer to search his vehicle. In the center console, the officer found a bag containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana and a pipe typically used to smoke the suspected substance. The officer advised the man he was also under arrest for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. After arriving at the station, the contents of the bag tested positive for marijuana and weighed 17.7 grams.

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# Park preservers want boundaries to change

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cerns regarding future park land resulting by the Department of Natural Resources.

They are afraid if this land is conveyed, the city will lose future grants from the department.

A revision to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund would prefer 95.1 states applicants who have sold or otherwise conveyed to another use dedicated park land will not be eligible for state consideration unless they replace the land with comparable park land or apply proceeds of that sale to their local match, over and above their required match amount.

The revision also states that applicants who have done the same with their dedicated park

# Voters will decide library's fate

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its own entity having its own governing body, paying its own bills and is responsible for its own operation including bill paying and hiring of employees.

City Manager Richard Helwig declined to comment on whether the millage proposal because it is a voters issue. He did say city officials did support putting the issue on the Nov. 6 ballot for the citizens to decide.

Mutch and Chambers both stressed the library needs more space to increase its book capacity to an acceptable level.

In the end, Chambers said 1.9 books per capita compared to 3.1 in Farmington, 3.2 in Plymouth and 4.2 in Bloomfield Township.

They stated the library also needs more space for quiet study areas, meeting rooms, employee and volunteer work space, child development and program areas, tutoring space and internet and other computer-related training classes.

"I went into the library one day and they were holding classes in the (employee) workspace area because they didn't have the room," Chambers said.

When first beginning to define the language of the proposal, Chambers said everyone worked very hard.

"It was higher than 1.2 mills and a lot of tweaking was done," he said.

Many experts were consulted including the city's treasurer and finance director and the city's bond consultants.

Chambers said everyone involved agreed the amounts and wording were necessary for what the library wanted to achieve.

As far as the time frame, being in perpetuity is concerned, Chambers said it is necessary to continually fund the operations of the library for its entire existence.

There could have been two issues on the ballot, one bond for constructing and a separate for operations of the library, but it was recommended that Nov place it on the ballot as one stand alone pro-

# German, American students reap benefits of swap

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formal English education.

"I think we get more out of the program, because we improve our language skills better," said Hamburg exchange student Nils Neubert.

However, this roadblock did not discourage the American students from participating in the program.

"The Oakland Intermediate School District provided start-up money with an equity grant, covering the air travel expenses for the Nov students.

"The parents and students, as well as the teachers on both sides of the Atlantic, have found this to be a great learning experience and a transmission of cultural understanding," Kelly said.

However, after the events of Sept. 11, the second Nov-Hamburg cultural exchange has been temporarily postponed.

"Right now, there is a wait-and-see attitude on student travel," Kelly said.

# Fuerst Farm gets historical marker

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In 1927, Casswell Simmons of New York purchased 140 acres of the land from the federal government in what was then Farmington Township.

In 1930, the first Novi Town meeting was held in the Simmons home, which remained on the property until the current house was built in 1931. The basement of the current house, contains the ruins of the Simmons house and incorporates salvaged doors and trim of the interior.

The farm had many different owners until the Fuerst purchased it in 1978.

President of Preservation Novi, Kathy Mutch, said about 250 attended the Sept. 30 event, held not only to dedicate the marker,

but also to recognize the efforts of the volunteers who have given their time to the property over the years and the members of Preservation Novi.

"It was an opportunity to recognize the people who have volunteered to preserve the site," Mutch said.

One of the refreshments served during the festivities was kettle corn.

Mutch described it as a sweet and salty snack, not to be confused with caramel corn, that is, of a German origin as were the members of the Fuerst family.

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# Jack o' Lanterns help kids learn

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"It's another fun part of Halloween besides dressing up," said Novi Woods Elementary second-grade teacher Barb Ray.

"The kids gathered in small groups around their classrooms and determined the dimensions of their pumpkin. They used scales and tape measures to figure its precise weight and width.

"This is good exercise in co-operative learning," said Roberta Lazar, a second-grade teacher at Novi Woods Elementary. "The kids learn to work together in a team."

Parent volunteers carved the pumpkin faces for the children, with plenty of suggestions from their helpers.

"My brother likes to carve pumpkins like Fac-Man," said Mitchell Laybourn, a second-grader.

Next, the kids reached into their opened pumpkins and removed the guts with their bare hands, separating the seeds from the pulp.

rating the seeds from the waste.

"This is real goopy," said second-grader Jack Sinkovitch.

Finally, the pumpkin seeds were counted.

"I guessed there is 140 seeds," Sinkovitch said, as he prepared his seeds into piles of ten on his desk.

Parent volunteers supplied the day's activities, bringing in pumpkins, scales, scoops and knives.

"This is a nice way for parents to get involved in the classroom," Lazar said.

Furthermore, the parents helped the students solve their math problems, helping them operate the scales and calculate the pumpkin dimensions in inches and centimeters.

"The kids get really excited when their parents come in," Ray said.

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Ferne Dietz, 78, died Oct. 29 in Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan. She was born on Dec. 20, 1923 in Hicksville, Ohio to the late Hubert and Ethel Levy.

Mrs. Dietz was a homemaker most of her life. She was a former resident of Garden City and Northville.

She is survived by a daughter, Paula (Dave) Benham of Novi, and two granddaughters; Erica and Catherine Benham.

Mrs. Dietz was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Dietz. Grave services will be in Six Corners Cemetery in Hicksville, Ohio. The local arrangements were by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

**MARY A. MARCIUM**  
Mary Ann Marcium, 51, died October 27 in Northville. She was born March 21, 1950 in Pontiac. She resided in Commerce Township.

Mrs. Marcium is survived by her husband, Frank; daughter, Brittany Hurd of Northville; son, Brook Hurd of Oak Park; stepchildren Amy, Frank, and Laura; sister Karen (Joel) Phillips of Lansing; brother Laurence Capo of New Jersey; mother Marion Capo of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Marcium was married for 22 years and was Director of Professional Development at Lawrence Tech University. She was a member of the Women's Business Conference and the Detroit Economics Club.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 3 at noon at the Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions can be made to the Giving Tree Foundation.

# Events

**Single Millage Dance**  
Friday, Nov. 2, from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Novi, Novi Road and I-96, use exit 162.

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The ballroom is non-smoking and the attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes). Admission is \$6.

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**Rose West Rose Society**  
Roses-West Rose Society will have a meeting and social hour on Friday, Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. This is free and open to the public. Speaker and slide program by Bill Blok of Grand Rapids on "Latest Roses."

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- Served on the Novi Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Committee
- Served on the Novi and Community Development Committee
- Served on the Novi Property Task Force Committee
- Participated in Neighborhoods for Novi - 1996; Novi Homeowners Council - 1987; Citizens for Responsible Development - 1989
- Served as President of subdivision Homeowners Association - 1985-1987; Vice President - 1984 - 1985; Board Member - 1987-1990

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- New City Manager
- In-house engineering & planning staff proposed by new City Manager to save your tax dollars & increase accountability
- Risk management practices and hiring consultants
- Cablecasting all City Council meetings (including budget meetings)
- Strengthening our wetland protection law
- Improving water quality within the Rouge River watershed
- Household hazardous waste collection days (initiated by Laura)
- Senior Citizen housing
- "Kroger shopping center" at Grand River/Beck
- Balanced development that addresses traffic, site drainage and preservation of woodlands and wetlands
- Encouraging developers to pay for traffic lights and improvements (such as Taubman paying for the "Twelve Mile gap")
- Placing the question of a golf course at North Novi park on the 1999 ballot

**LAURA STRONGLY OPPOSED:**

- Last-minute pension increase for previous City Manager
- Construction of taxpayer-subsidized Ice Arena without your approval (currently almost \$81,200)
- Tax abatements/contributions for Novi Expo Center and Tower Automotive
- Unnecessary spending (such as "electronic sign" at civic center or "fountain" at corner of Novi/Grand River)
- Spending your tax dollars on a golf course study for North Novi Park
- Rezoning for shopping center at Eight/Beck, Ten/Beck or E. Wixom/Grand River
- Rezoning that impact adjacent residents and city services
- "Fountain Walk" mall next to West Oaks

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# Clark promises to continue open govt. if re-elected

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Mayor of the city of Novi, Richard J. Clark, promises to continue taking his form of open, responsive and inclusive government to the citizens if re-elected to a second mayoral term.

"I've kept my promises," Clark said. "I believe the residents feel they have a voice. The government belongs to the people and we have to listen."

Some of the ways Clark feels he has accomplished a more accessible government is by holding open office hours on Saturday mornings and by televising most all of the city commission and board meetings.

In addition to city council meetings, residents may watch Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, Parks and Recreation meetings and Planning Commission meetings just to name a few.

"This is what government should be," Clark said.

The Saturday morning meetings have been very productive for Clark.

He said a lot of citizens come in to discuss issues they did not want to voice at city council meetings.

"The new city manager has been excellent on following up on citizen

concerns too," Clark said.

Before leaving his downtown Detroit office at the end of the day on Monday, Clark said citizens will leave messages on his voicemail thanking him for clearing up a complaint they voiced on Saturday and telling him the city already took care of it.

It is one of Clark's goals to make sure everyone feels they are a part of this community.

"Every group, business owner and resident has equal importance," Clark said.

One of the mayor's short term goals is continuing to increase the quality of the community.

The 22-year resident plans on accomplishing this by maintaining Novi's high quality schools, great residential neighborhoods and by providing services residents want and need.

A high quality Novi also means being able to move the residents throughout the city safely and effectively, which to Clark means

improving roadways.

He said the road bond helped and there will be major improvements at many of our major intersections.

For example, Clark stated work will be done at the intersection of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook and Ten Mile Roads.

The mayor also supports widening Grand River Avenue because he feels it will take a tremendous traffic burden off Ten Mile Road.

"I'm going to do everything to seek funding to continue widening Grand River Avenue from the bridge east to the city limit," Clark said.

He also feels another solution to relieve traffic congestion in the Twelve Oaks Mall and Town Center area, especially during the holidays, is moving the Novi Expo Center to the Taft Road and Grand River Avenue location.

"I have supported the relocation of the Expo Center from day one," Clark said.

The new location will benefit the center by placing it near the new Beck Road and Interstate 96 interchange and the Expo Center itself will benefit by being a newer, more functional facility, he said.

Clark also feels the new location will benefit existing Novi business-

es because people who come to the center will want to experience surrounding shops and restaurants.

As far as Sandstone goes, Clark said, "I knew going into this (serving as the mayor of Novi) it was there and I would probably have to deal with it."

Clark served six years on the Novi Planning Commission, including two years as chair, before filling the 1995 city council vacancy - staying on council until 1997. He was elected as mayor in 1999.

Practicing law as a trial attorney for 33 years, Clark said he has a feel or sense or grasp on what can and does happen with lawsuits.

He said no one wanted to give up the acreage, but all the members of the council had to try and produce a decision that would benefit the entire community of 50,000 people.

"We just can't risk being on the brink of bankruptcy," Clark said.

Clark also believed it would be grossly unfair to put the burden of increased taxes on all of the citizens, especially seniors.

"It was a really hard choice," Clark said.

The mayor assured if insurance proceeds are received, the city will look for new park prop-

erty and everyone can rest assured it will be tested for arsenic before being purchased.

Mayor Clark said he made promises to Novi residents three years ago during his first campaign which he has kept and will continue to keep in the future, if re-elected.

"This is what the city needs

and what residents deserve," he said.

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# The Importance of Being Ernest

Novi High School Fall Play 2001



Chris Sandberg, Erin Chupinsky and Aswini Hardikar go over their lines during a Thursday afternoon rehearsal for their Oscar Wilde play.

By Angelo Parlova  
STAFF WRITER

The wit and words of Oscar Wilde will be dazzling Novi audiences next week. The Novi High School will present Wilde's most famous play, "The Importance of Being Ernest," on Nov. 1-3, with performances beginning at 7 p.m. in the Puerst Auditorium. "It is full of situational humor and overt jokes," said student director Joe Schlenke, a senior at Novi High School. The play tells the story of two bachelors who pretend their names are Ernest to win the affection of two Victorian ladies, Gwendolyn and Cecily. Both women are determined to marry a man named Ernest.

"When all four come together, there is much confusion and comedy," said Novi High School drama teacher and director Heather McKaig. "The Importance of Being Ernest" uses extravagant characters to satirize the everyday affairs of the English aristocracy. Wilde makes observations and social comments on the elements of deceit in the turn-of-the-century society.

"The energy of the cast is incredible," Schlenke said. "They really bring out the humor for the audience." Furthermore, Wilde's sophisticated dialog and style hasn't deterred the high school cast from giving the play their own unique brand of craziness.

"We add more physical comedy to make it more attainable for a general audience," said sophomore actress Lauren Lopez. The play takes place in England during 1894. Thus, the costumes and set decorations were designed to simulate the classic Victorian time period.

The women are clad in long dresses, while the men grace the stage in traditional vests and suits. "We looked at professional play programs and period books to get ideas," said costume director Lindsay Keling, a senior at Novi High School.

The production crew is using a dark red backdrop, as well as a chandelier and seascapes, to give the set a more authentic atmosphere. "Algernon is a flamboyant and rich character," said art director and senior Meg

"The energy of the cast is incredible. They really bring out the humor for the audience."

Joe Schlenke  
student director  
NHS Senior

Grgurich. "We tried to show off his wealth through color, dark woods and detail," she added.

The play's two male leads, Algernon and Jack, are wealthy fellows who are only interested in their own leisure.

Senior Chris Sandberg portrays the vain Algernon Moncrieff. "He is full of himself and thinks everything he knows is great," Sandberg said. "But Algernon realizes his arrogance unlike Jack." Wilde's comely straight man, Jack Worthing, is played by junior Matthew Britten. "Jack is a conservative guy who is always trying to figure out Algernon, who is outrageous," Britten said.

Much of the play's humor results from this odd pair of British friends who try to relate to each other, unraveling a string of antics and confusion right down to the play's classic twist ending.

"It's a better ending than the Sixth Sense," Britten said.

Rehearsals have gone smooth and McKaig has high hopes for this fall's performances. "The students have really been on top of things by being here and being prepared," McKaig said.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. They may be purchased at the Novi High School main office.

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Erin Chupinsky (Cecily) rehearses with the "Importance of Being Ernest" cast.

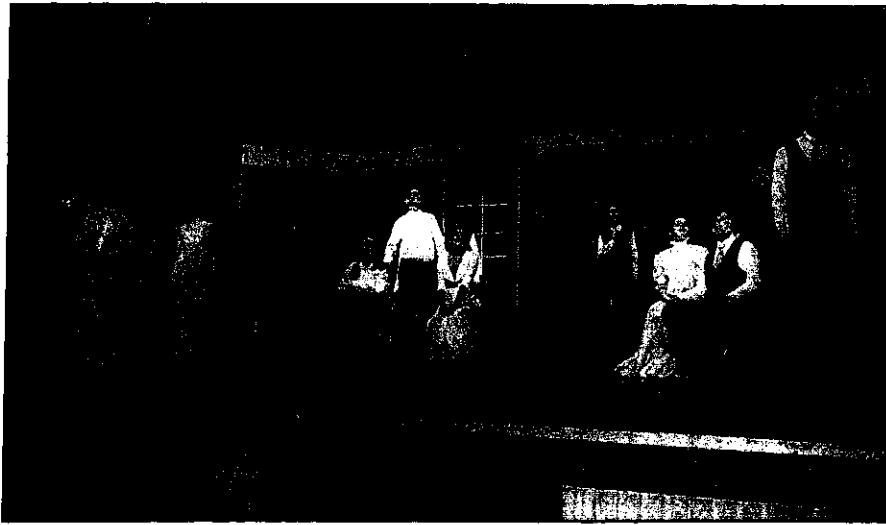
## IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST CAST

**CAST**  
Algernon: Chris Sandberg  
Jack: Matthew Britten  
Gwendolyn: Samantha Perry  
Cecily: Erin Chupinsky  
Lady Bracknell: Ashwini Hardikar  
Miss Prism: Pratikhi Varshney  
Reverend Chasuble: Todd Wasik  
Mr. Gribby: Steve Sridaga

Gomez: Ryan McPhee  
Hemolone: Lauren Lopez  
Elroy: RJ Latrese

**Production Crew**  
Director: Heather McKaig  
Assistant Director: Elizabeth Bertolini  
Student Director: Joe Schlenke  
Assistant Student Director: Cody Surles  
Lighting Directors: Matt Loper and Joe Schlenke  
Assistant Lighting Director: Teresa Acevedo  
Set Design: Keighly McAllen and Jameson Shroyer  
Costume Director: Lindsay Keling  
Art Director: Meg Grgurich

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The cast takes blocking instructions from director Heather McKaig.



Novi High School "Importance of Being Ernest" cast rehearse a scene from their upcoming production. From left is Samantha Perry (Gwendolyn), Chris Sandberg (Algernon), Corey Reiter (Merriman), and Matthew Britten (Jack).

# Novi City Council Candidates



Kim T. Capello



Victor Cassis



Richard J. Clark



Gordon M. Fuller



Edward G. Kramer



David B. Landry



Laura J. Lorenzo

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, voters will choose three candidates for Novi City Council and one candidate for Mayor of Novi. Write-in Candidate Chuck Tindall wished to voice views on the Sandstone settlement. Only. Please see related story on "A9."

## What do you propose as a candidate for Novi City Council?

I propose to be the voice of Novi families which means solving traffic problems, improving city services like water and trash and focusing on Parks and Recreation.

I propose to provide to the citizens of Novi my drive and persistence in developing a long-term strategic plan for the city of Novi. As a business owner, volunteer and city official, I will fulfill the needs of the citizens and bring about a strong level of fiscal health for Novi.

I propose to serve the citizens with an open, responsive and inclusive form of government where every citizen has a voice and plan on continuing to increase the quality of the community.

I propose to improve communications with Novi citizens and restore the credibility of the council by setting clear and achievable priorities. In the economic downturn, it is vital that Novi consolidate its gains and carefully consider new initiatives.

I plan to move the city forward in a fiscally responsible manner by making timely decisions in a time frame that is positive and constructive.

I propose to plan and coordinate the future development of Novi so it is a destination city where families come to raise their children or start a business. Development and planning is the key issue in the next five to 10 years in Novi.

The biggest issue I see facing Novi is how we grow and what type of land use we plan for. Land use determines your tax base, your traffic generation and your population. I envision a community that can pay for itself and stand the test of time.

## Do you support the library millage?

Yes, I do support the library millage proposal.

The library is a quality of life issue. I do support the library bond and I voted to put it on the ballot for the citizens to decide.

I do support the Novi Library Millage Proposal.

While in general I support libraries, and I will vote for the millage myself, I would have liked to have seen more information regarding the proposal provided to the citizens.

I personally support the library and although I do support it, I believe it is the decision of each individual to choose if they are for it and if they are for it now.

I believe it is a personal issue. Personally I do support the proposal, but it is for the voters to decide.

## What is your opinion of the Sandstone settlement proposal?

If we were going to settle we should have done it a year ago, and the manner in which it was presented gave me a lot of concerns.

As a businessman I feel the settlement with Sandstone was a necessary evil, and I wanted to stop the city from possibly developing a poor credit rating which would be financial suicide. Anytime we wanted to do a project like the library or roads, the judgment would be over us. You can not gamble with the life of a city.

No one wanted to give up the acreage, but all the members of the council had to try and produce a decision that would benefit the entire community of 50,000 people. We just can't risk being on the brink of bankruptcy. I also believe it would be grossly unfair to put the burden of increased taxes on all of the citizens, especially seniors.

I support the mayor's efforts at finding a settlement, but the lack of information on the settlement terms themselves and the ongoing impact of the eventual development is worrisome. I want more information and more hard accounting to come from the city council on the eventual settlement.

The whole situation is distasteful. The potential judgment values are astronomical and the city only had two resources to work with, resident's wallets and city resources. If we let the issue go to appeal, we would have no choice. I propose the idea of putting a small bond issue in front of voters interested in park and to purchase additional resources.

It is unfortunate the lawsuit occurred, but I did. I disagree with the dollar amount of the estimated property tax citizens would owe if the park land was not conveyed. I believe it would have taken at least another two years to settle and by then, the judgment would have more than doubled resulting in residents paying a much higher amount.

I regret the circumstances. It was a very hard decision because I do value natural resources. I did regret that we had to make a decision without placing a decision on a ballot, and letting everyone vote for it, but time was not on our side.

## How do you propose to address traffic in the city?

I will strive to get our fair share of road improvement funding from the county, state and federal levels. No longer can we ask the taxpayers to reach into their pockets.

I want to reduce the traffic burdens of our growing community. I will continue my pursuit of federal, state and county grants to make sure that happens.

Traffic in Novi has been a problem for a really long time. I'm going to do everything to seek funding to continue widening Grand River Avenue in order to take traffic off Ten Mile Road. A high quality Novi means being able to move residents throughout the city safely and effectively.

I agree with Mayor Clark's assertion that the city is not in the business of building roads for developers. That means developments should not be approved if the infrastructure is not already there to support them. Novi has an opportunity to grow more slowly and carefully so that only increase the value of undeveloped property for its owners.

Traffic needs to be addressed in the city's developmental stage. Going back to the 1950s, traffic has always been the number one issue with city residents and I will address those issues.

I propose to address traffic in the city of Novi through proper planning and development. One way to relieve traffic is to develop Grand River Avenue. The decisions made in the next five to seven years will determine what our city looks like and how the community will work.

I propose to address traffic in the city of Novi by making efficient land use decisions. Land use determines the type of traffic in Novi. Land use determines if we will be a city of 74,000 or 174,000, which relates directly to traffic.

# Walled Lake City Council Candidates



On Tuesday, Nov. 6, voters will choose three candidates for Walled Lake City Council and one candidate for Mayor of Walled Lake.



Casey Ambrose



Diane Carter



Helen Foss



Rebecca Gulyas



Monica Lesnau



William Roberts



Ray Swett

## Activities, boards, commissions

Chairman of Downtown Development Authority. Member of St. William's Dad's Club and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. Also a member of the ordinance review.

Current member of City Council, Downtown Development Authority, Urban Design Committee, Real-estate Committee, Editor and Writer for the city's newsletter, "The Informer". Also on the Stewardship Commission and has been on other commissions at St. William's Catholic Church.

Current member of City Council, Michigan Municipal League, Women in Municipal Government, Woman Officials Network, Urban Design Committee, Friends of the Foster Farm House, Commerce Township Historical Society, and chairman of the Korean War Commemorative.

On the board of review and a member of the Walled Lake Jaycees.

Walled Lake Development Authority (DDA) vice-chairman (1998-2001), Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Commissioner (1995-2000), president of the Woodland Hills Homeowner Association since 1995, Lakes Area Community Foundation, Friends of the Foster Farm House, Great Lakes Bearded Collie Club and numerous other committees.

Current Mayor of Walled Lake, DARE, Michigan Municipal League, National League of Cities, Michigan Association of Mayors, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and other civic and community organizations.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation, Urban Design Committee and the Ordinance Review.

## What should be done with dilapidated buildings?

There's a dangerous buildings ordinance in place. Before we had to face a lot of legalities.

We have a dangerous buildings ordinance and a whole procedure to go through. If it's not brought up to code, it will be demolished at the owners' expense.

They should not be allowed to exist. They need to be disposed of in a legal manner. There are systematic ways to notify the landlord after officials deem buildings dangerous. The owner has a choice to make improvements or the building will have to come down by a legal process.

We may have ordinances but it took a long time to get the Bundo property torn down. Maple Video is a dilapidated building. I think business owners are afraid to do anything to fix up their business because they are afraid their taxes will go up.

The city has been taking care of dangerous buildings when the city sees the need. I've been on the ordinance review committee and touched on these issues. The city government works very well.

There are fewer dilapidated buildings today. The city recently updated the Dangerous Buildings Ordinance, which is according to state statute.

They're not safe. They need to be torn down. The owners have to bring them up to code or they will get torn down.

## What would you do to promote a healthy lifestyle in the area?

Encourage and promote a work/live concept such as Waterpoint Towers. The whole idea is to get people into the downtown and keep them there.

We have bike paths that go all the way to Twelve Oaks Mall. We upgraded parks and they continue to be upgraded. We can't force people to use them. The city has public transportation for seniors but it would cut down on traffic if everyone was included. It would make people happier.

It's the council's job to oversee and encourage to make this a better city. There are activities in the city such as the Memorial Day Parade, Hoe Down, and Market Day. We've been fortunate to get grant money to develop parks and a bike path.

We need incentives for businesses to come into the city and we need to advertise new businesses.

We need to focus on drawing people and encouraging people from surrounding communities to our events.

He worked on the project to put a safety path through Sims Park and he would like to see it utilized more. He continues to put in safety paths parallel with Walled Lake Drive and connect sidewalks to make it a more walkable community.

I have a vision. I would like to see another park reserved for walking and jogging and outdoor recreation. I'd like to expand our recreational facilities.

## If you were given a piece of land, cost was no factor, what would you build on it?

Activity Center for teens and adults.

I think a dinner theater would be a good idea.

I love theater so I would build a theater.

I would build a hockey rink.

I wouldn't build anything. I would talk to the schools and residents and find out what they want.

The city of Dearborn built a beautiful activities center, which would be a benefit to Walled Lake. However, it would depend on where the parcel was located in the city. It would also be advantageous to preserve the land.

Expansion of the park system.

## Achievements

Awarded by the city for his achievements, for being a good will ambassador and for making a difference in the community while as the chairman of the Downtown Development Authority. Helped get Walled Lake accepted into the Oakland County Mainstreet Program.

Maple Road extension project. Editor of city newsletter, and created a youth activities center, which she would like to see in the city again.

Helped with the building of a new monument in front of the Walled Lake Municipal complex. She is an original member of a group that helped create the Walled Lake Library. She was selected to be the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 2001 Memorial Day Parade.

As a member of the Board of Review, it is her responsibility to examine residents' taxes to make sure their taxes are equitable compared to their neighbors.

She did by-law work for the different organizations she was on and she was able to get corporations to donate to the Foster Farm House. She also worked on the city's Web site.

Helped get \$4.4 million in grants for the Maple Road extension. He was also instrumental in starting the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and he was able to get a contract to provide transportation services for senior citizens.

As a member of the Downtown Development Authority's Urban Design Committee, he is able to come up with ideas that are later presented in the city. As a veteran of the Korean War, he served as a member of the Veterans Memorial and Korean War Comparative Committee.

# Wixom City Council Candidates



On Tuesday, Nov. 6, voters will choose three candidates for Wixom City Council and one candidate for Mayor of Wixom.



Kevin Hinkley



Rick Johnson



John Lee



Theodore McCoy



Michael McDonald



John Momberg



Ron Nordstrom

## Activities, Boards and Commissions

Wixom Tax Abatement Board, Parks and Recreation and active in Wixom Clean Up Day and Wixom Haunted Woods.

Served on City Council from 1995-1999. He is the former member of the planning commission and former president of his homeowners association. Current Wixom Historical Society Trustee.

Current member of City Council, Long Range Planning for the Library, Tax Abatement Committee.

Current City Council member, was on the Wixom Water Study Committee and was appointed to the Library Board twice in the 1990s. He was also a member of Parks and Recreation before he took office.

Current Mayor of Wixom, Michigan Association of Mayors, Michigan Association of Planning Officials and the Library Planning Commission.

Current member of City Council, President of Detroit Homeowners Association, Director of Wixom Parks and Recreation (5 years), Commission member of Parks and Recreation (3 years), Wixom City Council (16 years), Deputy Mayor (11 years). Current committee membership of Community Endowment, Tax Abatement, Land Acquisition, Internal Roads and Main Arteries, Wage and Salary, Historic Preservation and Habitat.

Planning commission, president of his homeowners association and he is an alternate with the construction board of appeals. He has also been involved in Big Brother/Big Sister Association.

## How do you view the city's phenomenal growth?

The taxes are one of the lowest in Oakland County and that attracts business and people to live here. People want to live here for the open, green space in the rural setting.

Wants to encourage controlled growth in the city including the downtown area.

It's allowed exceptional opportunities and while it's allowed us to do these things, funding will have to be sought to keep taxes low. We're almost built out now. It will be in another three to five years, and we will not be able to depend on new construction for funding.

The city has grown 55 percent since 1990 and it needs to continue to develop responsibly.

He said the city has grown tremendously and the city needs to support the growing population by finding jobs for people graduating from college and high school within the city.

I view it with mixed emotions. Some people I represent want to be the last ones to move in the city and others don't mind the growth. He said light industry has made a reasonable tax base for residents.

I think with the growth of the industrial parks it has helped to reduce the tax rate. At the same time residential growth and that has increased the tax base and we are able to maintain a low tax rate. It's the third lowest in Oakland County. So as long as we can keep enticing business we can maintain the same services while allowing us to keep the low tax rate.

## What would you like to see for the future of Wixom?

I want to maintain small government and improve existing roads and improve upon facilities within our parks. We need to develop our downtown.

I would like to see Gilbert Willis Park have expanded facilities. He would like sledding, skating and softball areas to be lit up at night for residents. He is concerned with maintaining a tight budget to keep taxes low and preserve the high level of public safety and services that people expect.

He wants to create a downtown village center area and he would like to see the project through to completion by being re-elected. By buying up key properties, the city can choose a developer to create the area the way officials and residents want.

He is excited about the prospect of creating a downtown village center area. He pointed out that the mayor has a responsibility to the future of Wixom to provide a sense of leadership and vision for the city. If the vision is not provided, the city will not be able to meet future challenges.

He wants businesses to have less overhead, such as landscaping requirements, so business owners will have less of a financial burden. Most of all he wants the city to continue to be a nice place for families to live. He wants to continue to offer events and activities in the city for children and adults.

I would like to see the downtown developed. However, he pointed out that the slowing economy may have an impact on the speed that the downtown gets developed. He would like it to become a walkable downtown and be the heart of the community.

The city should continue to promote industry for the tax base south of Pontiac Trail. However, he doesn't want industry to interfere with residents on the north-side of the city. The city needs to increase activities for children and families. Residents need to be better informed about parks and services.

## Why do you want to serve the community?

I developed a five year parks and recreation plan and I have worked on various other projects and events. I take something by living here. So if I can give something back by working for the community I feel I will be fulfilled by doing that.

The job of a council member isn't always fun, however, I enjoy meeting people and want to help address their issues and needs.

I have always felt a strong affection for Wixom. Wixom is really home. It's not just a place where I live. I enjoy working with the community and I enjoy working toward the future while maintaining our small town community.

I would like to believe that my involvement on city boards, commissions and on city council or in the future as mayor, will help to raise Wixom to a better place for my having been there. He also said he believes in giving back to the community he lives in.

He wants to continue as mayor because he loves it. He said it has been a great experience and he wants to continue to serve.

I've served the community 25 of the 30 years I have been here. I have a lot of ideas and I would like to see some of my ideas implemented. I see ideas I have had come to fruition and it makes me feel good. However, he added that he could not have gotten projects accomplished without the help of other people.

I have a young family. There's a lot of young families in Wixom. It's a voice that needs to be heard. I want to help mold the city.

## Achievements

Involved in Parks and Recreation five year master plan.

While on council, he was involved in the bond issue that eventually brought water to Wixom. He was on the wage and salary committee while on council where he supported and a more objective, equitable and performance based evaluation system for city employees.

Proud to have worked on a project that brought privatized water and waste water plant to Wixom. Also proud that he was able to be a part of the Civic Center project, which provides an identity to city offices and the community.

He is proud he was able to help get Detroit water into the city. He wants to continue to work on the project that will eventually create a downtown village center area.

Active with the city manager by having developers put water mains in the city to save residents tax dollars later on. He has worked on numerous other projects while mayor.

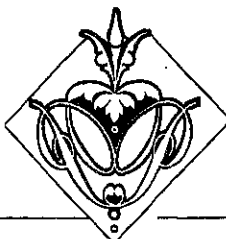
While on council, he was involved in land acquisition for Gilbert Willis Park, Gunner Mettala Park and the Wixom Habitat. While on Parks and Recreation, he and the assistant to the mayor created the first master plan for the commission. He is also involved in getting improvements to the Wixom Civic Center as well as the acquisition of the Historic Gibson House.

While on planning commission he has been able to help plan the future downtown village center area. He received the Wixom Outstanding Citizens Participation Award and other projects.



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**Workshop focuses on  
 "Raising Strong and  
 Confident Daughters"**

By Angelo Parlova  
 STAFF WRITER

Novi mothers and fathers with adolescent daughters gathered on Oct. 29 to discuss raising media savvy and empowered young children.

Guest speaker Carole Lapidus, a social worker from Ann Arbor, appeared at the Novi Instructional Technology Center presenting, "Raising Strong and Confident Daughters."

"This workshop raises parent awareness, helping children to make better choices," said Novi Meadows sixth-grade teacher Lisa Fenchel.

Lapidus addressed the effects of the media on adolescent girls struggling to find themselves in today's pop culture.

"One of my biggest concerns is how sexualized this culture is around the image of girls," Lapidus said.

Lapidus questioned the messages that magazine ads communicate to children, which often emphasize physical images and sexual body language instead of personal skills and talents.

"The way women are portrayed is very exploitative and very demeaning," Lapidus said.

Furthermore, she discussed the use of computer imagery to enhance facial features and skin tones, creating composite images of beautiful women in fashion ads.

"Girls compare themselves to a non-reality," Lapidus said.

Thus, over 80 percent of the fourth-grade girls in America, who are trying to keep up with the glamorized thinness in ads and entertainment, say they are on a diet.

"Prepare your daughters to be media savvy, getting girls to look at (images and messages) differently," Lapidus told her audience of parents and teachers Monday night.

The workshop encouraged parents to believe in their daughters and their abilities, building a strong foundation for life based on skills, goals and education.

"Help them find a niche that they are confident in," Lapidus said.

"Raising Strong and Confident Daughters" is the first of two lectures at the ITC by Carole Lapidus this fall. She will return to Novi on Nov. 8, along with Dr. Dan Meier, to present "Raising Strong and Gentle Boys."

The workshops were made possible by a grant from the Novi Education Foundation.

Angelo Parlova is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at aparlova@ht.hometown.net.

**Walled Lake Schools  
 ban air travel trips**

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
 STAFF WRITER

The national tragedies of Sept. 11 has caused Walled Lake Consolidated School officials to cancel all student international trips and national trips that require air travel.

Bill Hamilton, assistant superintendent of curriculum, said other national trips where students can travel by bus or by car will be reviewed on an individual basis.

"Right now we believe it's in the best safety interest of our students and staff," Hamilton said.

About three to six international student trips are planned each year within the school district, he said.

Teachers will be immediately notifying parents about the cancellation of planned trips and they will work with travel agents to return any fees that have already been paid, he said.

Many of the students who travel abroad are in high school and they are involved in the world languages program. The music program also takes international trips.

"Our vocal groups go over seas quite frequently," Hamilton said.

**"Right now we believe it's in the best safety interest of our students and staff."**

Bill Hamilton  
 assistant superintendent of curriculum

Students, teachers and parents are disappointed that the trips have been canceled. However, they understand that it is necessary since the Sept. 11 disaster.

Eighth grade students look forward to their class trip to Washington D.C. every year. However, their trip has been halted.

"We're looking at other alternatives to take its place," Hamilton said.

School officials approved many trips to Chicago this year. However, the students will not be able to see

some of the usual Chicago attractions.

"We cautioned teachers to stay away from the Sears Tower and the Hancock Building," Hamilton said.

"Because of their size, they might be targets."

However, upper elementary students will be able to visit the science center and other cultural activities while they are in Chicago.

Hamilton said he is saddened that the district had to make the decision not to allow classes to take trips which would require air travel.

It was a painful decision for school officials to make, he noted in a memo to all school principals.

However, he doesn't want the district to go overboard by not allowing any trips whatsoever.

"We're trying to take caution without eliminating all field trips that we typically participate in," Hamilton said. "I think we are trying to use common sense and good judgment."

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

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Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process.

Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

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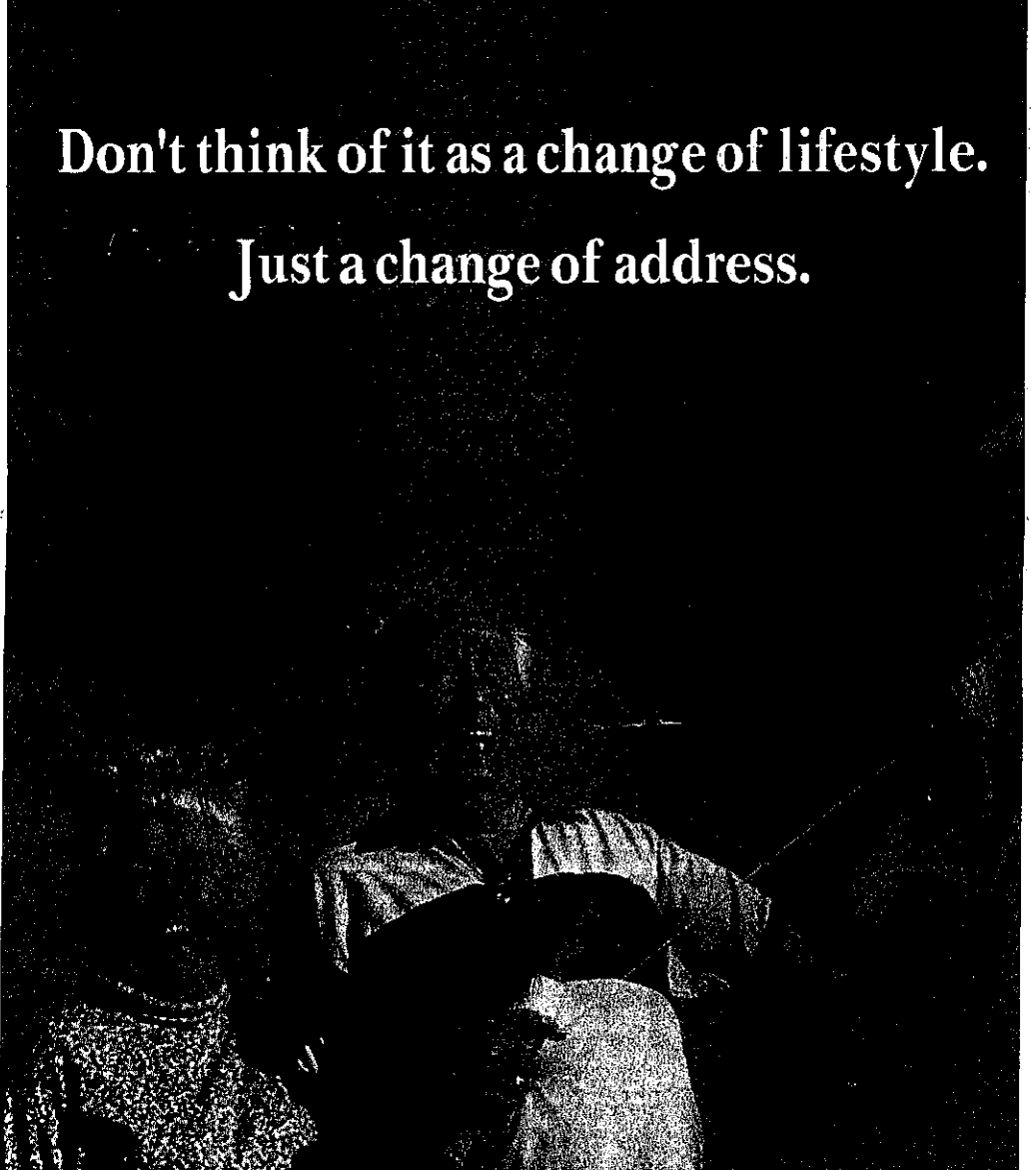
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## Madrigal Dinner tickets on sale

A taste of the Renaissance dinner theater will be served up at the Novi High School next weekend.

The Novi High School Choir department is hosting their annual Madrigal Dinner on Nov. 10 at 8:30 p.m. and Nov. 11 at

1:30 p.m., with students performing traditional medieval songs and dances.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and the community to step back in time," said Don Daniels, the choir teacher at Novi High School.

Reserved tickets are \$30 each and will be on sale from Oct. 31 through Nov. 5. Tickets may be purchased at the high school office.

However, no tickets will be sold at the door.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan. All interested persons will be heard at this hearing.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the City Clerk at 248-347-0456.

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Novit High School band will be traveling to the state finals this weekend in Pontiac.

## NHS band heads to Pontiac

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

The Novit High School Wildcat Marching Band is headed to the Pontiac Silverdome on Nov. 3 to compete in the state finals. "It will be a light competition and prove to be very exciting," said Linda Bissi of the Novit High School Band Boosters. The band is scheduled to perform at 6:30 p.m. Last year, Novit finished fourth. "This will be a good opportunity to move up a few places," Bissi said.

Recently, the Novit High School Wildcat Marching Band has been and practice. On Oct. 20, it took top honors at the Great Lakes Invitational, which is sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Band Boosters. Competing against 25 other marching bands, the Novit students took first place, capturing the Grand Champion trophy for the highest overall score, as well as the Best General Effect and Best Music capture awards. Furthermore, Novit performed at the Huron Valley Invitational at Lakeside High School on Oct. 27, placing second and bringing home the Best Music capture award. "Thus, the stage has been set for the year's last competition in Pontiac this weekend. "We are neck and neck with the top three bands," Bissi said.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novit News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at [aparlove@h.novitnews.com](mailto:aparlove@h.novitnews.com).

## In Brief

**RESIDENT WINS FOR SAFETY**  
Wearing helmets and other safety gear has paid off big for seven Metropark visitors, each of whom won a Schwinn mountain bike in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks "Wear The Gear" safety program conducted this summer on its paved trails. Winners include Adam Paulk, 9, of Novi who went to Kensington Metropark to in-line skate during a Novit Children's Activities in a Responsible Environment (CARE) field trip. These winners, along with 1,400 other bikers and in-line skaters throughout the Metroparks, were eligible in a drawing for seven mountain bikes and other prizes after they were "caught" wearing the appropriate safety gear while using one of the Metroparks' paved trails.

**CRAWFORD NAMED TO NAC STEERING COMMITTEE**  
Oakland County Commissioner Hugh D. Crawford (R-Novi, Northville, Walled Lake and the township of Novi) has been appointed to the National Association of Counties' (NAC) Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee by NACo President Javier Gonzalez. Commissioner Crawford is a member of the Board of Commissioners' Public Services and General Government Committees.

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS EMERGENCY BACK-UP GENERATOR**  
The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for EMERGENCY BACK-UP GENERATOR 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, November 15, 2001. Proposals will be opened and read twenty-four (24) hours after bid deadline. Bids shall be addressed as follows:  
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# "Weakest Link" will hold auditions in Novi

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

This Saturday, Novi residents and members of the surrounding community will have the opportunity to see if they are the Strongest Link.

The "Weakest Link" game show, made famous by staunch moderator Anne Robinson, is holding an open audition Nov. 3 at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi.

Doors open at noon and contestant producer, Laura Chambers, suggests arriving early to beat the rush of aspiring contestants lining up at the door.

"The anxious ones get there early," Chambers said.

She explained each person will receive a number which determines what group they will audition with. Chambers anticipates about 400 to 500 people will audition resulting in four or five groups consisting of about 100 people each.

Once a group is called into the room, the entire tryout process lasts about one-and-a-half hours.

The first step is filling out an application which is followed by a 20-question general knowledge test.

The questions will be asked aloud and each group member will write their answers on a piece of paper.

Next, applicants will be required to speak in front of the group.

"We really look at that,"

Chambers said.

She further explained if a person is energetic and enthusiastic, they have as equal of a chance of being called for the show as someone who does very well on the test.

"Both are weighted pretty equally," Chambers said.

After the scores are compiled from the first round, anywhere from twenty to thirty people are picked to move to the next round. And yes, the test is graded on a curve.

The second round takes the condensed group into a smaller room for a video-taped version of a practice show.

All tapes made during the day are then shipped to Los Angeles for show producers to watch and scrutinize.

Chambers said the producers watch so many audition tapes which is why the energetic and interesting people really shine.


She said people with interesting professions usually have a pretty good chance of being considered, so they should definitely come to the audition.

"We've had everything from rocket scientists to dog walkers," Chambers said. "The dog walkers usually did better."

Chambers said the show will not be taping again until February, so applicants may wait awhile before finding out if chosen as a future contestant.

The show currently airs at 8 p.m. Sundays and Mondays on WDIV-TV Channel 4.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2001 at 4:30 PM at the City of Novi Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for, Mike and Gity Salari, 47639 Aberdeen Drive (Case #01-08).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Services, Attention: Woodland Review Board, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 PM, Thursday, November 8, 2001.

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The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturday, November 3, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Persons qualified to vote for Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2001. This ballot must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

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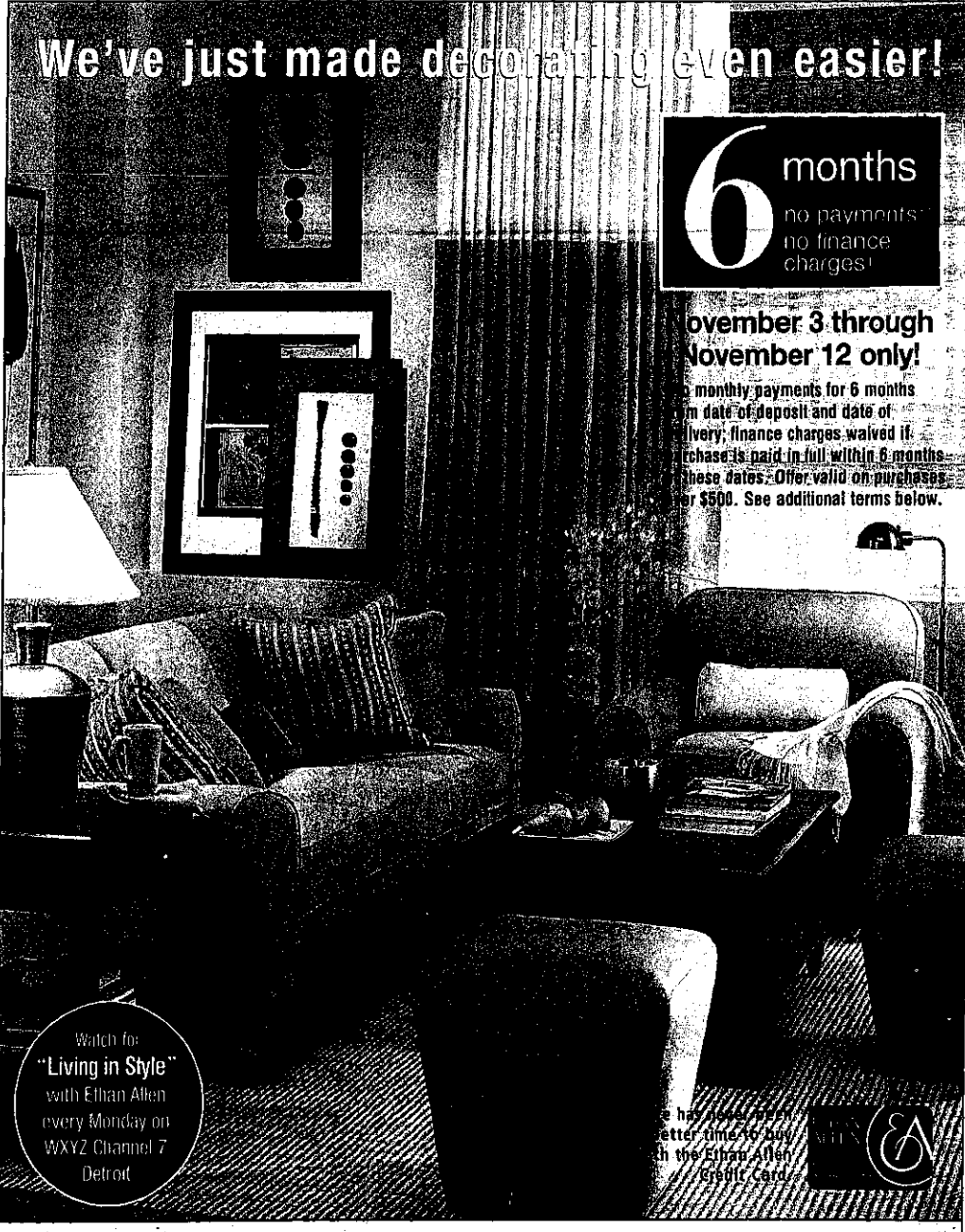
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# Novi harriers running states

## Tim Moore may be tops

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

And they are off to the races — the state finals race to be more precise.

The Novi Wildcats boys cross country team will be making the trek to the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn Saturday, Nov. 3, as will top girls runner Nina Schmitt.

The 2001 season marks the fourth year in a row the Wildcats have earned the right to compete in the Michigan State Finals Cross Country meet.

Coached by Robert Smith, the Wildcats will have the advantage of experience, wisdom and — of course — speed on their side.

The Novi harriers, as well as many other runners, will follow the lead of senior stellar runner Tim Moore as they take to the course.

No doubt you can expect a tough run from this season's Wildcats, they have been running their hearts out all season long and there is nothing that is going to stop them from running to their fullest potential Saturday.

The 'Cats have a slew of talent at their disposal including Todd Foren, Mitch Erickson, Eric Joseph, Mark Moore, Tim Kava and Spencer Ornes. The single girls runner, Schmitt, will no doubt give everyone a tough run to compete with.

The dedication these runners have to their sport is unrivaled by much of the sporting world.

They are out in the cold rain, the harsh winds and, if need be, they will be out in the depth of snow to run the sport they love so much.

Expect the Wildcats to put on quite a show for their fans, their friends and the Novi faithful in their quest to bring home the state championship.

There is no doubt that a few teams — like Milford — are going to give the Wildcats a run for their money but with the heart and the dedication this team

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brings to the course, expect the race to be closer than many might think.

Smith has this team prepared for this race — there is no doubt in my mind and there shouldn't be any doubt in anyone else's either.

He is a determined coach who strives to see his runner succeed in every aspect of cross country — something they have not let him down in yet.

The race is on a Saturday so those looking to cheer the Wildcats on in their chance to bring home the state title should make their way to Brooklyn to cheer these harriers on.

If heart and dedication have anything to do with who comes home the victors, the Novi Wildcats are practically a shoo-in.

I expect the Wildcats will not let their faithful down and am making my guess a Novi state title while Schmitt will no doubt make some noise representing the Novi green and white.

# Netters named to All-Coverage

The All-Coverage team is a player or a team named to each flight as the person(s) Sam Eggleston consider the best player(s) in their respective category.

No doubt some fans, parents and some players will think the wrong person was chosen for a particular flight but what was seen on paper, in terms of stats, and what was gathered from the coaches is how Sam Eggleston selected the All-Coverage teams.

Congratulations to all of the girls and their accomplishments. Your seasons were well done and played with determination, skill, sportsmanship and a love for the game of tennis.

Here it is — the Novi News/Northville Record All-Coverage Girls Tennis team:

**Lauren West** — A well known face and a well known name in the Northville tennis community, West has been a consistent factor for the Mustangs throughout the season. West, a senior first singles player for the Northville girls tennis team, is one of the team leaders and someone coach Sandy Woolfall said "is a solid tennis player."

**Melissa Roemer** — Notching two very exciting wins during the Conference Tennis Tournament and collecting an All-KVC first-team position at two singles is a top-flight accomplishment for most tennis players and a compliment to Roemer's abilities. A thorough tennis player for the Novi Wildcats, Roemer has collected win after win and has proven herself to be the superb tennis player her numbers have shown her to be.

**Carolyn Vermeulen** — Senior third singles player, Vermeulen is a solid performer who has the ability to keep her opponents reeling through most of a match. Her win/loss record shows not only her ability, but her determination to notch victory after victory. Vermeulen, who is a senior for the Novi Wildcats, collected an All-KVC spot with her impressive domination of the third singles bracket.

**Anna Switzer** — A sophomore for the Novi Wildcats tennis squad, Switzer collected an impressive run of wins in the KVC-title race. Switzer defeated both Pinckney's Alexa Turke and Brighton's Megan Fischer in fourth singles to get key points for the 'Cats and an All-KVC spot — not to mention a birth onto the All-Coverage team.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Melissa Roemer returns a serve from Northville's Allison Long.

2001 ALL-COVERAGE TENNIS TEAM			
SINGLES			
First Singles	Lauren West	Northville	
Second Singles	Melissa Roemer	Novi	
Third Singles	Carolyn Vermeulen	Novi	
Fourth singles	Anna Switzer	Novi	
DOUBLES			
First Doubles	Lauren Farris and Sarah Poirier	Northville	
Second Doubles	Emily Holt and Laura Vaughn	Novi	
Third Doubles	Megha Vadula and Gaisi Frask	Novi	
Fourth doubles	Megan Bensette and Amanda Retzbach	Northville	

Lauren Farris and Sarah Poirier — The first doubles duo from Northville were pretty much unstoppable through the majority of the season. The teammates, both seniors on the Mustang squad, have the

ability to keep their opponents running and fighting to stay in a match. Farris and Poirier are two of the top Mustang tennis players and coach Woolfall notes Farris and Poirier "are a good team that works very well together, which is very important as a doubles team. They have been a strong point on this team all season."

Lauren Vaughn and Emily Holt — Vaughn, a sophomore, and Holt, a freshman, made a deep impression at second doubles for the Wildcats — showing the future of Novi tennis is

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# All-Coverage football team selected Soccer comes to end

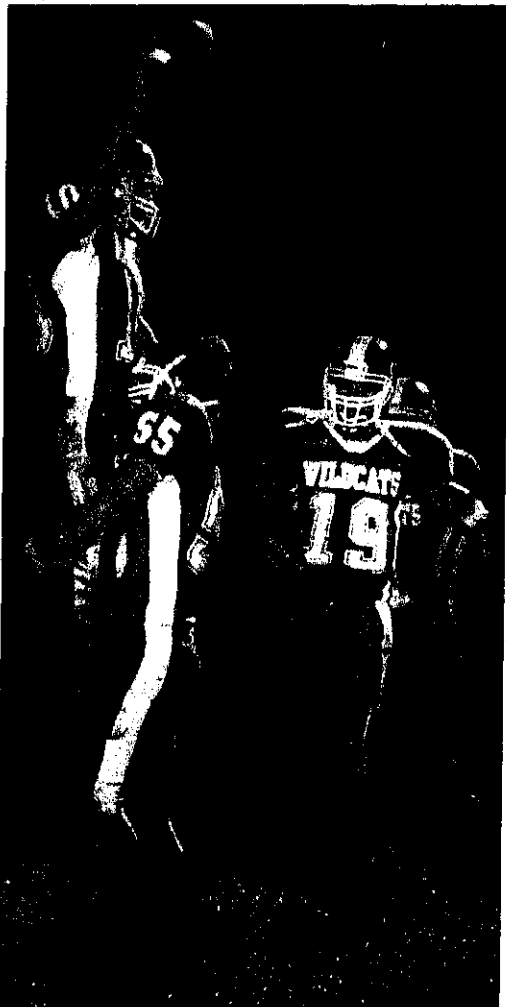


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

After scoring his second rushing touchdown of the 2001 Baseline Rivalry Game, Matt Gorman is hoisted into the arms of left tackle Mike Vehlewald.

It isn't easy to pick an All-Coverage team from the pool of talent Walled Lake Western, Novi, Northville and Walled Lake Central has to offer.

The 2001 All-Coverage Football Team includes the players have had the opportunity to be covered in the sports pages of the Novi News, Northville Record and the Lake Area Times. Following are the players sports writer Sam Eggleston chose as the cream of the crop in his coverage area:

**OFFENSE**

**Matt Gorman, SR, Quarterback, Novi** — Matt Gorman is one of the premier athletes in the Kensington Valley Conference. His position, though listed as quarterback, should be jack-of-all-trades. Gorman can run the ball, throw the ball, catch the ball and play defense like there is no tomorrow. He was relied on by his teammates and the coaching staff at Novi to be their leader on the field and he did exactly that.

**Drew Herpich, SR, Quarterback, Northville** — Dealing with the problems of an undersized offensive line is one thing, breaking a school record while doing it is another. Herpich not only set the Northville school record in most touchdowns scored in a single game, he set the standard for Northville Mustangs to follow while on the football field — never give up no matter what the score is.

**Matt Cornelius, JR, Running Back, Northville** — Matt Cornelius had the job of being the work horse of the Mustang gridgers. When the going got tough, Cornelius got going. A strong runner with a good field presence, Cornelius is a back who is not afraid to lower his shoulder and let his would-be tacklers feel the Mustang might. This junior runner is a sign that the Mustang backfield is going to be strong again next season.

**Jake Ray, SR, Running Back, Novi** — The battling bruiser of the backfield is the description that would summarize Jake Ray's senior season. Being the man responsible for running the ball up the gut or making the first block so Gorman could be just parts of Ray's job description — not to mention being the 200-yard rusher that brought the Baseline Jug back to Novi.

**2001 ALL-COVERAGE FOOTBALL TEAM**

Northville Record/Novi News/Lake Area Times  
2001 All-Coverage Football Team

**Offense**

Center	Brian Doyle	SR	Novi
Interior Lineman	Josh McFarland	SR	WL Central
Interior Lineman	Brandan Burtis	SR	WL Western
Interior Lineman	Nick Clark	SR	Northville
Interior Lineman	Jared Dietrich	SR	Novi
Tight End	John Sowders	JR	WL Western
Wide Receiver	Tyson Frantz	SR	Novi
Wide Receiver	Bill Adkins	SR	Northville
Wide Receiver	Maxx Morris	SR	WL Central
Quarterback (tie)	Matt Gorman	SR	Novi
Quarterback (tie)	Drew Herpich	SR	Northville
Running Back	Steve Bell	SR	WL Western
Running Back	Matt Cornelius	JR	Northville
Running Back	Jake Ray	SR	Novi

**Defense**

Down Lineman	Peter Busciglio	SR	WL Western
Down Lineman	Mark Batchik	SR	Northville
Down Lineman	Matt Kolich	SR	Novi
End/OLB	J.R. Ducat	SR	WL Central
End/OLB	Jim Wolbers	SR	Northville
Linebacker	B.J. Opong-Owusu	SR	WL Western
Linebacker	Scott Kortlandt	SR	Novi
Linebacker	Adam Dilley	SR	Northville
Defensive Back	Chase Chandler	JR	Novi
Defensive Back	Tim Downing	SOPH	Northville
Defensive Back	Mike Pisha	SR	WL Western
Specialist (tie)	Mike Hildebrandt	SR	WL Central
Specialist (tie)	Brandon Davis	SR	Novi

**Honorable Mention: Novi** — Drew Doll, SR, Linebacker; Matt Murray, JR, Interior Lineman; Adam Haberman, SR, Running Back; Fred Napier, SR, Running Back; Andrew Becker, SR, Down Lineman; Trey Simpson, SR, Defensive Back; Matt Gorman, SR, Defensive Back; Jake Ray, SR, End/OLB; Doug Ray, JR, End/OLB; Josh Buck, SOPH, Linebacker; **WL Western** — Steve VanNortwick, JR, Running Back; Greg Hay, SOPH, Linebacker; Mike Larges, SR, Interior Lineman; Jon Michaud, SR, Quarterback; **WL Central** — Ryan Traller, SR, Quarterback; B. Lange, SR, Interior Lineman; Mike Schultz, SR, Running Back; Eric Lindstrom, SR, End/OLB; Mike Crowe, JR, Linebacker; L. J. Cotter, SR, Down Lineman; Scott Long, SR, Running Back; **Northville** — Brandon Scott, SR, Wide Receiver and Defensive Back; Robert Cameron, SR, Tight End; Matt Smith, SR, Linebacker; Matt Foster, SR, Linebacker; Matt Watzka, JR, Linebacker; Tim Downing, SOPH, Running Back.

**Steve Bell, SR, Running Back, WLW** — Walled Lake Western's premier runner is the exact role Steve Bell stepped into this season. Combined finesse running with battering ram power made Bell one of

the toughest runners to take down in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Coach Mike Zdebski feels Bell is "The best all-around play-

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By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats soccer team ended their season with a loss in the state playoffs October 22.

The Wildcats fell to cross-town rival Northville 3-1 — the second loss to the Mustangs this season.

**Soccer**

"It was a tough loss versus Northville," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "In the first 15 minutes we played great soccer. We passed the ball around at will and were out shooting them 5-0 with one missed breakaway and a goal by Mike Crawford and an assist from Brandon Davis."

O'Leary said the game went downhill for the Wildcats from there.

"Then we went back to our old ways, of having individuals try and do too much for the team," he said. "It was a strange season in that regard. We were either all on or all off. Taking a few players out never got us out of that style of playing too individualized."

Even with the season-ending loss to the Mustangs, O'Leary said the Wildcats have something to be proud of.

"But we are proud of our accomplishments," he said. "We were the first team in Novi history to win back-to-back KVC championships."

Graduation is not going to be kind to the soccer team.

"As far as next year, we will lose nine seniors including our entire starting midfield and forward line," O'Leary said, adding not all is lost for Novi. "We will be returning our entire starting defense and both goalies. So obviously scoring goals could be difficult, but we should be sound defensively."





## Warriors collect playoff victory

### Bring on the Chiefs

By Jason Schmitt  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Walled Lake Western players fought off temptations to look ahead to a possible second-round playoff matchup with Plymouth Canton, one of just two teams to beat the Warriors this year.

Their fans did not. Moments before the whistle blew to signal the end of the third quarter of Western's game against Detroit Redford Friday night, fans in the frost-filled stands on the home side were waiting to see if Canton could get by a pesky Novi team and into the district finals.

Their team had just taken a 34-0 lead thanks to a 37-yard touchdown run by senior Steve Bell. The score was Bell's third of the game and put the finishing touch on what was clearly a dominant 34-12 win in the first round of the state football playoffs.

Thanks to a close 9-7 victory by the Chiefs, Western will have its chance for revenge tomorrow at Canton High School.

Canton shut out the Warriors 18-0 back on Oct. 5.

Against Redford, Western took control at the line of scrimmage. And it seemed to pay off on both sides of the ball.

Both teams had trouble early in the game, however. The Warriors fumbled twice on their opening drive, losing the second after moving the ball deep into Husky territory.

Redford couldn't hold onto the ball either. They fumbled twice, the second of which was recovered by Mike Pisha on the 24-yard line. Eight plays later, Bell ran it in from three yards out to make it 6-0 with 3:55 left in the first quarter.

A possession later Steve VanNortwick got in on the action. After Western's defense held Redford and forced it to punt, VanNortwick scored on the first play from scrimmage. The junior tailback broke free for a 35-yard touchdown run to give his team a 12-0 lead. Quarterback Jon Michaud's screen pass to Bell on the two-point conversion made it 14-0 with just over a minute to play in the first.

After the defense held the Huskies on its next two possessions, Western's special teams contributed to the effort. Bell took a rolling punt, beat the first defender left and used a few nifty moves to score on a 60-yard return. The punt, which was on a line, took three bounces before Bell decided to pick it up.

"It took a good bounce and there was great blocking on the play," a modest Bell said after

"These guys (Steve Bell and Steve VanNortwick) have done a great job for us all year. They compliment each other really well. And the best thing about them is that they are very team-oriented and unselfish. They don't care who gets the ball as long as we get the win."

Mike Zdebski  
Head football coach

the game. "Actually the blocking was great the whole game."

Both the offense and defensive lines did their jobs. And it showed statistically.

VanNortwick and Bell combined for 209 yards on 32 carries. Redford junior workhorse Quintell McCollough managed just 54 yards on 16 carries. The junior was helped off the field just before halftime, but came back in the second half.

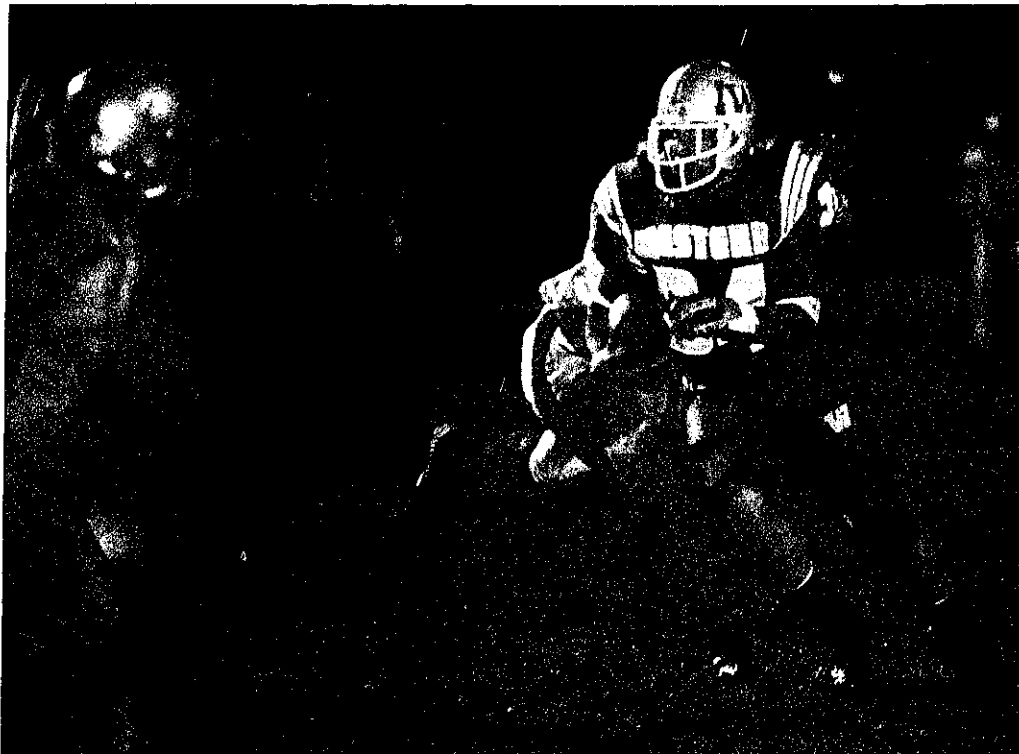
"I told the guys it was going to come down to running the ball and the team that did it better was going to win this game," Western head coach Mike Zdebski said. "I think we ran the ball real well tonight."

He was particularly pleased with the efforts of Bell and VanNortwick, who helped each other throughout the cold evening.

"These guys have done a great job for us all year," the coach said. "They compliment each other really well. And the best thing about them is that they are very team-oriented and unselfish. They don't care who gets the ball as long as we get the win."

VanNortwick scored his second touchdown of the game just under four minutes into the second half. After the defense stopped a fake punt, VanNortwick took the ball up the gut from five yards out to make it 26-0 Western.

As much as Bell credited his offensive line for the great blocking, he said the way the defense played was a big key.



(Above) Steve Bell weaves his way through the Detroit Redford defense as he and the Walled Lake Western Warriors trotted to victory against the Huskies. (Below) Bell finds his way into the endzone for a score. The Warriors will have the daunting task of defeating the Canton Chiefs, a team that has already beaten the Western squad once this year.

"The defensive line did a great job and our defense gave us excellent field position all night long," Bell said.

Despite the early ball-control problems, Bell was quick to dismiss poor field conditions at the start of the game as the reason why.

"The field was good. Actually, I couldn't believe how good it was," he said. "We knew we were going to have to beat the cold though." Zdebski said he tried to keep his team warm by holding his pregame workout indoors.

"Once we were out here, there was not much we could do," he said. "We had a couple of mishaps early, but we shook out of it."

The Warriors capped off what was a successful showing by Western Lakes Activities Association in the first round of the playoffs. Harrison, John Glenn and Canton all picked up wins. Northville was the conference's lone victim, falling to Portage Northern 48-16.

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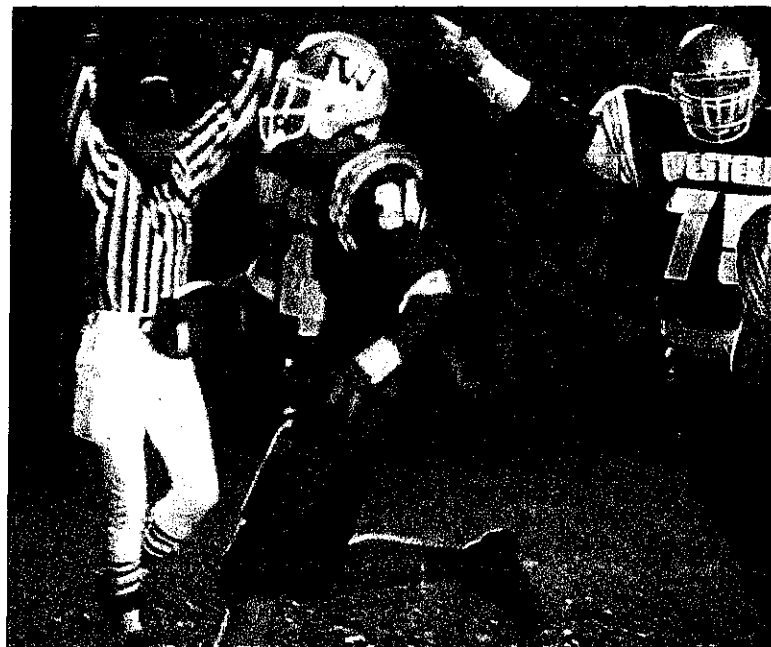


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## This one might be tough Western can't stop 'Stangs Northville holds Burgess to zero

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Now this is going to be the game to see.

The Walled Lake Western Warriors, who beat the Detroit Redford Huskies 34-12 Friday (see related story this page), will be taking a little trip to play the highly touted Canton Chiefs, who defeated the Novi Wildcats 9-7 (see related story, page B1).

The Warriors, led by Coach Mike Zdebski, will be looking to advance to the next round in the Division I playoffs if they take on running back Dane Kobus and the Chiefs.

Walled Lake Western has a slew of talent and a wide assortment of weapons to bring to the fray as they unleash the beasts in Steve Bell, Steve VanNortwick, Mike Pisha, Barima Opong-Owusu, Jon Michaud, John Sowders, Greg Hay and Peter Busciglio on the Chiefs.

The Warriors have the ability to run over you, through you, around you and beyond you on their way to scoring touchdown after touchdown as well as put the points on the scoreboard with an aerial attack.

Bell and VanNortwick are a steady duo in the backfield and will be looking to haul the ball through the massive defensive line the Chiefs rely so heavily upon. The Warriors will have the options of pounding either back or looking to steady quarterback Michaud when it comes to tossing the ball to Sowders to let him rampage his way over the goal line.

On defense, the Warriors will fol-

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low the crushing linebacker crew that includes Hay and Opong-Owusu. Hay, though only a sophomore, has come up with the big plays for the Warriors when they needed him to and his ability to meet the run head on has prevented teams who like to run the ball — much like Canton — from succeeding with their game plans. Opong-Owusu is a leading force for the Warrior defense with his field presence and excellent awareness. A quick responder to the pass, Opong-

Owusu has the uncanny ability to read a play as it unfolds before him and react in turn.

Pisha, who is a staple in the Western secondary, has the ability to break up the pass as well as the power to punish anyone who may catch the ball. His foot speed and quick reaction time make him a difficult defender to beat, especially on the long ball. Busciglio is going to be a difficult defender for the Chiefs offensive line to deal with. His strength and quickness make him a difficult target for an offensive lineman to wrangle as well as a nightmare for the running back or quarterback who has to head his way.

The Chiefs will use the running power of Kobus with hopes he will be able to break the long run for the score.

On defense, the Chiefs rely on Kobus in the backfield with his speed and awareness making him an ideal defensive back while the 700-pound duo of Derek Johnson, who tips the scales at 340 pounds and stands 6-foot-one with decent foot speed, and Will Stinson, who is another mountain at 360 pounds with a vertical measure of 5-11.

The Warriors will have to be flexible and adaptable if they hope to walk away with a win against Canton, a Western Lakes Activities Association squad the Warriors took on and lost to once already this season.

I am pulling for the Warriors to take another step toward Pontiac and pick them to pull out the tough win, 17-16.

By Sam Eggleston  
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The Walled Lake Western Warriors could not get the ball moving when they needed it against the Northville Mustangs October 25.

The Warriors, who run a stifling zone press defense, were forced to change their ways against the running offense of the Mustangs and fell in a game that would decide the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title winner, 36-32.

"We scouted them several times this season," Northville's head coach Pete Wright said about the Warriors' press.

"We managed to get them out of their zone press by being able to pass over the top and create several three-on-two opportunities. We got them to go back into a man press."

The Warriors fell behind 18-11 at the end of the first half and could not make up the deficit as they fell to the Mustangs after outscoring them 21-18 in the second half.

The Warriors followed the scoring lead of Lauren Talbot, who poured in nine points in the losing effort, while Tracey Winkler added eight. Katie Rousseau had

four points. Bridget Hannosh added three and Mighan Marhugh, Steacey Pisha, Dianna Houghton and Michelle Marin added two each.

The big surprise on the night was the Mustangs' ability to hold stellar guard Kristen Burgess to no points on the night.

"Western's best player is Kristen Burgess," Wright said of the guard who holds the Walled Lake record for most three-pointers in a game, season and a career.

"Maggie (Ossola) defended her all night and Burgess ended up with zero (points)."

The Warriors will have returned to action Tuesday (after the Lake Area Times went to print) when they revisit the Mustangs for a chance for revenge in the WLAA playoffs.

**WLW 40, Farmington 33**

The Warriors relied on the scoring ability of Talbot, who poured in 10 points, to defeat the Falcons October 16.

The Warriors were trailing 21-17 at the halftime buzzer but managed to come back to claim victory.

"They did a nice job of breaking our press and attacked it early on in the first half," Walled Lake Western head basketball coach Darrin Jennings said.

"Their game plan was excellent and we had to make some adjustments at halftime."

The Warriors' Winkler pitched in seven points in the winning effort while the Falcons followed the lead of Julie Kimmel with 11 points.

**WLW 54, Churchill 42**

The Western cagers showed their versatility and depth against the Chargers, starting their bench players October 18.

"We started a majority of our second stringers," Jennings said. "It really showed the depth of our team. We can go with any kids and come out on the floor and score."

The Warriors did indeed score, taking a 12-4 first quarter lead before climbing to a 28-13 halftime advantage.

The Warriors followed the steady lead of guard Burgess, who poured in 10 points, while Marhugh added nine points in the win.

The Warriors defense held Churchill to a dismal 23-percent from the floor and collected 20 steals.

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