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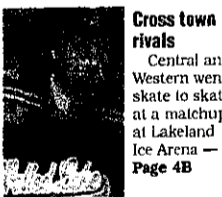
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Main Street store owners get court date

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Business owners in Novi's downtown Main Street development will see their day in court collectively. Local attorney and city council member, Kim Capello, filed a motion to consolidate his cases of Main Street business owners currently in litigation with Evergreen III over unidentified maintenance fees. Capello explained consolidating the cases is not like a class action suit. Main Street tenants will have the same trial, but all decisions will be separate. The motion filed was the most recent development in the court battle between several tenants and the property managing firm which ignited after eviction notices were served by Evergreen III and part owner and managing partner James Chen. Business owners including Brian Larson, co-owner of Larson Jewelry Design, were very upset to receive the notices, which told them to vacate their Main Street businesses in seven days. At the center of the legal battle is a dispute over common area main-

tenance fees (CAMs). Nancy Larson, who owns Larson Jewelry Design with her husband, said the whole thing started when they began receiving invoices for questionably high CAMs listed as one lump sum with no detail. Larson said after repeated requests for detail with no results, they stopped paying. Capello stressed his clients did not stop payment to their landlord altogether and were still paying rent and base CAM charges. "It is only the excess amount that is not being paid," Capello said. Capello also alleges that Chen and Evergreen III are sneaking construction costs into his client's charges and possibly charging them for gas and electricity which, according to their leases, should be free. Some of the businesses to receive eviction notices were Designer's Choice, Coffee Trader, Novi Jewelry, Agape and Real Estate One. The motion to consolidate was granted by Judge Brian W. Mackenzie of the 52nd District Court located in Novi.

Auditors say Novi has low millage rate

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Auditors from Plante and Moran, LLP, announced the City of Novi has the sixth lowest millage in Oakland County. This statement was one of the findings presented to members of the Novi City Council Nov. 26 by professionals of the Southfield based firm after concluding its audit of the city's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. According to a graph of the 2001 Municipal Tax Rate Comparison prepared by the firm's staff, Novi's approximate 10.5 mills ranked in the six lowest communities out of 30. Below Novi on the graph were Lake Angelus, Troy, Orchard Lake Village, Rochester Hills and Bloomfield Hills. The eight highest millages in Oakland County beginning with the highest belonged to Ferndale, Pontiac, Oak Park, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Lathrup Village and Walled Lake. In other findings, Chris Weber, auditor with Plante and Moran LLP, stated from 1997 to 2001, the city's largest source of revenue was property taxes. During the current year, that source increased by 8.1 percent. Weber attributed the elevation to an increase in taxable value and population of the city. The largest expenditure by the city through its general fund pertained to police expenditures amounting close to \$8 million.

City of Novi finance director and treasurer, Kathy Smith-Roy, said about 13.3 percent of the increase in police expenditures was due primarily to salaries. In a somewhat less positive note, Scott Janssen, senior manager with Plante and Moran, LLP, said the city will be receiving less money than prior years from revenues shared by the state of Michigan. Janssen attributed the decrease to the slowdown in Michigan's economy and anticipated future sales tax collection. State Shared Revenues account for one fourth of the city's general fund revenue. Smith said it would be a reduction of about \$300,000 and would not affect the operations of the city. After conclusion of the audit, professionals from the firm issued an unqualified opinion to the city. "Basically that is the best opinion you can receive," Janssen said. Janssen explained an unqualified opinion means the general purpose financial statements of the city are presented fairly in all material respects and are in conformity with accounting principles which are generally accepted in the United States. Partner of Plante and Moran, LLP, Joe Heffernan, said "the city has a good accounting system in place with a good set of internal controls of checks and balances."

City Council

In the spirit of giving



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Village Oaks' fourth-graders Sasha Topallan pastes a gift label inside one of the many books she and her classmates had a hand in donating to fellow pupils in Detroit.

Students give gift of reading

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Once again, Village Oaks Elementary in Novi will warm the hearts and minds of kids over the holiday seasons, as the school participated in its 14th "Gift of Reading" program. The entire school rallied around the statewide project led by the Detroit Free Press, with students and faculty donating over 450 new children's books - which will be distributed to Head Start pro-

grams, homeless shelters and projects for the children of drug addicts across Michigan. The books will be delivered to the at-risk children just before Christmas. "I like seeing little kids get books for Christmas," said Village Oaks fourth-grader Leah Topper. The program encourages people to donate new books with large type and many pictures that are suitable for children seven and under with limited reading skills. "I love to read and I want

someone else to pick up a book and love to read like I do," said Village Oaks fourth-grade student Michael Traylor. The annual book collection ran from Nov. 1-21, with students placing their donations throughout the month in a Dr. Seuss display near the Village Oaks front office. "I enjoy books even if they are big or small," said Village Oaks student Anagha Bharadwaj. "Some of these books are teeny, but they look

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Greg Rudd, left, and Jeff Jeffres have opened The Delivery Butler in Farmington Hills. The food-delivery service brings food from many different restaurants to residents in Novi, Northville, and parts of Livonia and Farmington Hills.

Delivery Butler combines door-to-door service with area restaurants

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Former Novi High track star Jeff Jeffres is up and running again. Instead this time he is off the track and on the road delivering a variety of meals to area residents. Known to many for his record-breaking high school athletic career, the 30-year-old entrepreneur is making another impressive showing as founder and self-described secondary owner of The Delivery Butler. The Farmington Hills based food delivery business - which kicked into full operation about six weeks ago - brings menu items from area restaurants to the doors of homes and businesses located in Novi,

Farmington Hills, Northville and Livonia. The business also delivers to hotel guests of participating inns that do not offer room service. "So far so good," said April Wajer, assistant manager of Courtyard by Marriott in Novi. "Guests really enjoy the wide variety of restaurant choices." Right now anyone in the delivery area may call The Delivery Butler and order from Big Apple Bagels, Rocky's, Bangkok Kitchen, Cooker Bar & Grill, Dragontown, Fatoosh, Ground Round, Rosa's Italian Chop House, Picasso Cafe, Library Sports Pub & Grill, Mesquite Creek, The Pasta Stop, Quizno's Subs, Steve & Rocky's, Flaming Shish and Wong's Kitchen.

The business promising to bring "restaurant cuisine and catering to your door," will be online by the end of December, adding Starting Gate, New Peking, Loving Spoonful, Novi Bistro and Cavanaugh's to its Internet menu guide. The plan is to carry two establishments per cuisine resulting in 30 restaurant choices. The minimum order is \$15 - \$20 for hotel guests - and there is a \$4.99 delivery charge and 15-percent-of-total-food-order service fee. "We have a no tipping policy," Jeffres said.

Business

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Denny's Restaurant spot for dine and dash

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Two females dined and dashed after eating \$24.23 worth of food at Denny's Restaurant on Novi Road. On Nov. 27 at about 4:30 a.m. two females, one with short blond hair and one with long black hair, ordered food, ate it and then ran out of the restaurant without paying. The manager of the 24-hour diner told police they fled the parking lot in a red Ford Escort. The manager told Novi police she wanted to know the names and could identify them. After running the plate, police tried to contact the person who was listed as the driver of the Escort, but the phone number was disconnected. The case remains open.

Police News

behavior a few days prior and the employee said, "this is why people go postal." The manager then told police after he was actually fired for violating work rules and being insubordinate towards supervisors, the former employee said, "just like I said the other day, this is the type of (stuff) that makes people go postal." The hotel manager said he filed the report after being told to by the hotel's corporate department. Police took the report and the case is closed.

That was a pole, officer

While conducting a traffic stop on Nov. 27 at about 6:15 p.m. at the Amoco Gas Station on the corner of Novi and Twelve Mile Roads, a Novi police officer noticed a suspicious white pickup truck pull into the lot and park next to him. While writing the ticket to the person he had originally pulled over, he watched the 32-year-old male get out and begin

to pull at the driver's side quarter panel which was dented in. The officer also noticed he was covered in mud. After the officer finished writing the traffic violation, Novi dispatchers notified him to be on the lookout for a possible drunk driver. The description of the vehicle and license plate matched the pickup so the officer parked his patrol car behind the truck. As he approached the driver, the officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants. The Warren resident told the officer he hit a pole earlier in the day. The officer asked the man if he had been drinking and he said he had one beer earlier. Based on the heavy odor of intoxicants on his breath and the fact he kept changing stories of where and how the previous accident occurred, the officer believed the subject had been drinking all day and asked him to perform field sobriety observation tasks. After unsuccessfully performing the tasks, the man was asked to take a preliminary breath test. The 32-year-old blew a .21 and was arrested by police. The Warren man told police "he only had a half of a beer and that his

business owner didn't want to press breaking and entering charges. However, he provided a written trespass complaint.

WALLED LAKE

Apartment torn apart

A man called police when he returned to his apartment and found it vandalized Nov. 24. He said someone went into the apartment between 8 a.m. Nov. 23 and 4 p.m. Nov. 24 and destroyed it. The officer noted that there was no forced entry. However, the door was not dead bolted. Windows, pictures, closet doors and personal belongings were broken and destroyed.

WIXOM

Home invasion foiled

Wixom police responded to an attempted home invasion at 1976 Roxbury Run in Wixom on Nov. 29. A woman told police that she was in her room when she heard a noise at the back of her house. As she investigated, she observed a white male attempting to open the sliding glass door in her kitchen.

Man found sleeping in car

The owner of Erin Industries reported there was a man sleeping in a car parked overnight in the lot Nov. 29. When police officers arrived, the man was still asleep in the car. The

Friends of Novi Parks out to prove settlement is illegal

By Victoria Saclocha
STAFF WRITER

Armed with attorneys, members of Friends of Novi Parks are determined to prove why the proposed Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership lawsuit settlement agreement is illegal.

The group's attorney, Scott Howard of Olson and Bodak, P.C., in Traverse City, said the city is holding this park land in trust for its residents prohibiting by Michigan state law the right to give it away without asking permission through a vote.

"We obviously will fight this," said Richard Helwig, Novi city manager. "This will run its course in court." The group says the city violated the Michigan Home Rule Cities Act by turning over city park land to the partnership.

Novi city attorney, Gerald Fisher, assured the city anticipated this type of review.

Fisher explained the city had already scheduled a hearing for the purpose of seeking a judicial ruling on the Home Rule Cities Act.

Although Fisher does not feel the Home Rule Cities Act necessarily prevents the city from conveying the land, he wants the court to decide.

The act states a city does not have the power to sell a park, cemetery, or any part of a park or cemetery, except where the park is not determined under an official master plan of the city.

Despite comments made by city officials declaring North Novi Park is not a park, members of Friends of Novi Parks feel the proposed land is clearly shown as a community park on the current city of Novi master plan and is also used for a number of recreational activities including bird watching, biking, hiking and cross-country skiing.

Andrew Mutch, member of Friends of Novi Parks and former member of Novi's Planning Commission said he sat on the master plan and zoning committee when the 1993 update of the city's master plan was adopted.

Mutch said the park was "absolutely" designated as a park on the city's master plan.

"I'm pretty familiar with every detail of that (the master plan)," Mutch said. "Yes, this is park land that we purchased with bond funds. We were aware it was park land and indicated on the master plan it was park land."

Mutch also said the city had staff at North Novi Park on a

regular basis.

"I find it very interesting that the person who leads the group is not a Novi taxpayer," said Novi city council member Lou Csordas, speaking of Mutch.

Csordas said he feels it is very unfortunate a small group of people acting in their own self interest have brought this situation about.

"I think what the group is doing by filing this injunction is good for the community," said Craig DeRoche, Novi city council member.

The request also states the city of Novi is violating the intent and purpose of the park bond proposal approved by Novi voters in 1993 which proceeds were used to purchase most of the proposed transferred land.

"The language of the 1993 park bond clearly limits the use of the property to recreational purposes," a Friends of Novi Parks press release stated. "Allowing this land to be used for non-recreational purposes would violate the language of the bond and state law."

Novi city attorney, Gerald Fisher, said the city consulted with top attorneys specializing in bonds to address components of the settlement relating to the bond issuance before drafting initial

language of the settlement agreement.

Another argument made by members is the proposed park land was purchased with Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, which do not allow transferring property purchased for parks and recreational purposes to a private developer.

"Before the Novi City Council passed this resolution on Oct. 15, we stated during public hearings and at council meetings that state law would be violated if city-owned park land was given away," said LuAnne Kozma, a Novi Parks and Recreation commissioner and

member of the Friends of Novi Parks. "The city council deliberately chose to ignore state law and approved the settlement anyway. We have been forced to go to court because we have no other recourse."

The Friends of Novi Parks filed a request for an injunction in Oakland County Circuit Court on Nov. 20 against the City of Novi in an attempt to stop the city from conveying city parkland to Sandstone. The hearing date was set for Dec. 5.

Friends of Novi Parks member and local attorney, Lynda Racey, is also representing the group.

Spur grapes

A manager from the Wyndham Garden Hotel contacted police on Nov. 30 at 3:45 p.m. to file a threats complaint after an employee firing incident. The manager told police a former employee made a comment about "going postal" after his employment was terminated earlier that day. The manager said the employee was warned about his

Wedding

The marriage of Jessica Slating and Kevin Mepek is announced by their parents, Dr. Richard and Mrs. Betty Slating of Novi, and Richard and Linda Mepek of Highland.



Slating - Mepek

A double ring ceremony was performed on Aug. 17 by Dr. Rev. Jennifer Soud at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Julie Kevanich was the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Becky Slating, Erika Slating, Brenda Rutka and Matreen Vermaulen. Best man was Steve Wiese. Groomsmen were Scott Mepek, Simon Mepek, Michael Jaworski, and Dennis Brunzell. Fishers were Rick Barnes and Jason VanGerichten. A reception followed the ceremony at the Plymouth Manor with 200 guests.

The bride graduated from Novi High School. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1999 with a degree in theater arts.

The couple will reside in Hollywood, Calif., where they both are pursuing their acting careers.

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School board elections could be moved with compromise

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

With school election changes pending in the Michigan Senate, educators and politicians are seeking compromises that would increase voter turnout while still maintaining school board stability.

The eight bill senate package that is currently making its way through the Michigan legislative process would move school board elections from June to the general election in November of every odd-numbered year.

Michigan lawmakers believe this consolidation would increase voter

turn-out for school board elections.

Educators say that might get more people to the polls, but with drop off at the end of bedsheet ballots in November already a significant problem, rescheduling school elections in the fall might not increase voter participation in these positions and only disrupt the educational process.

However, since the chance that the senate package will pass this year is higher than in previous attempts, educators are seeking changes to the bills, said Don Wotruba, director of Legislative Affairs for the Michigan Association of School Boards.

A compromise is being sought

that would allow future school elections to be held on the second Tuesday in February, May, August or November, with schools most likely opting for the May date.

"If we have to compromise, this would be okay," said Nov School Board of Education President Carol Elfing. "May is better than November."

Sen. Bev Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) has already agreed to drop provisions that would require school elections to be moved to November, according to her staff.

Educators oppose the November date because it falls in the middle of the school's fiscal year, causing major disruption to

planning.

"July 1 is when our fiscal year begins. It is when contracts begin," Wotruba said. "It's important boards be in place at that time."

Furthermore, with elections set for every two years, a majority of the board could change in each election, complicating the matters even further.

"We believe continuity is very important in education," Wotruba said.

Thus, the Legislative Affairs for School Boards is seeking an amendment that would change school board terms to six years, so no more than three seats

would come up for a vote in any one year.

Senators believe a May election would occur before residents leave town for summer vacations, making it easier for them to cast ballots. Limiting elections to four days of the year means all voters will know when elections will be coming in the future. Senators believe special elections set by school districts are often missed by voters who are unaware that elections have been scheduled.

Still, educators don't see how this is an improvement to a system that has been in place for almost 100 years.

"If people don't recognize an election in June, how is a change

to May going to help," Elfing said.

Hammerstrom has agreed to amend the package when it comes up for a vote on the senate floor.

"These are not bills we are ever going to support," Wotruba said. "But what are members said was most important was that we keep a summer election."

Mike Malott, who reports on local implications for state issues, contributed to this report.

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Delivery Butler has Novi restaurants on menu

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Based on customers' preferences, the drivers take off their shoes, enter the homes and set the table on their kitchen tables.

If the customer wants the meal at the door, then that is what will happen, Jeffress said.

Unforced drivers always check the food before leaving the restaurant for order accuracy and call customers when close to their home.

"It's a pretty cool job," said Michael Ashburn, driver for The Delivery Butler. "Everybody - residential customers and businesses - are excited and wish us good luck."

Novi resident, Jeff Mielke, raved about the food brought to his home from Conker Bar & Grill.

"It was hot, great and delivered right away," Mielke said.

The idea for the business came to the Eastern Michigan graduate while working as an outbound operations manager for FedEx Express.

Not only did he learn the principle of consolidation - which he based the delivery service on - but he also met the delivery service owner and president of The Delivery Butler, Greg Rudd.

Jeffress explained the principle of consolidation is so important because it provides the framework needed to deliver hot meals fast by having all restaurant and customer delivery areas geographically centralized.

Novi's Main Street is one of the concentrated areas drivers deliver from and is pictured on the back of the restaurant guide.

In fact, the first business Jeffress and Rudd signed was Mesquite Creek.

In the beginning, Jeffress said it was very difficult to get things going because neither he nor Rudd had any sales experience.

"It was incredibly challenging to get the first restaurant to join," Jeffress said. "Now they are calling us."

The two roommates started the business in a 250-square-foot office in their basement using two computers and one phone.

"We thought we could take over the world from our basement," Jeffress said.

Now they operate the business in a more than 1,200-square-foot office utilizing six computers, multiple phones and 12 fax machines with a 13-member office staff and seven drivers. The company also supplies each participating restaurant with a fax machine dedicated for placing orders.

"Greg and I love coming to work each morning," Jeffress said. "I'm totally committed to the project."

Jeffress said employees of the business are people he has known for 12 to 13 years.

"Greg and I couldn't have done it on our own," he said.

For more information about The Delivery Butler, call (248) 482-1100 or visit www.deliverybutler.com.

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Students donate books to Detroit children

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"pretty good."

Furthermore, the students made bookmarks with Christmas drawings and personal comments, which were placed inside each donated book.

On Nov. 30, the school's fourth-graders spent the afternoon putting the finishing touches on the bookmarks and stuffing them in their gifts.

"I liked giving the books," said Village Oaks fourth-grader Alexandra Provost. "I know people around the world can enjoy more books."

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The "Gift of Reading" program has distributed over 500,000 books to at-risk Michigan children since its inception.

"This project gets the students involved helping those less fortunate," said Village Oaks parent volunteer and "Gift of Reading" coordinator Sue Snyder. "It gives them a sense of pride that their help touches on the bookmarks and stuffing them in their gifts."

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Weddings

Allison Marie Farmer and Ryan Lee Maki were married June 23 at the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake. The Rev. Richard Elmer celebrated the nuptial Mass and double ring ceremony; the bride was given in marriage by her father. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Oak Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

The bride is the daughter of William and Adele Farmer of Northville. She is a graduate of Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree. Currently, she is a CPA with Ernst & Young.

Attending as maid of honor was Angela Gurski. Michelle Lickman, Carolyn Farmer, Nicole Hapanowicz, Lisa Rizak and Mindi Jeunson served as bridesmaids.

Allison carried an all white round garden bouquet of miniature calla lilies, white roses, scented freesia and larkspur, with touches of calyculia and lily.

The groom is the son of David and Janire Maki of Manatee. He earned his bachelor's degree from Albion College and master's degree from Marygrove College and is now teaching in the Huron Valley School District.

James Helminski served as best man. Groomsmen were Phillip Lickman, Jeremy Maki, Troy Maki, Matt Opalka, and Jim Jensen.

The couple went to Aruba for their honeymoon and now live in South Lyon.



Farmer - Maki

Gordon and Marcia Moore of Northville are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth, to Brian Richard Booth, son of Richard and Ann Booth of Troy.

The bride and groom were married on July 29, 2001 by the Rev. Robin Gilshire at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The bride was given away in marriage by her father.

The bride wore an ivory satin strapless gown with bustled A-

line skirt and sweeping train. Silver and pearl headband held an elbow-length illusion veil. Her bouquet was made up of Freesia.

Standing up for the bride was her maid of honor and sister, Lindsay Moore and Sydni Booth, sister of the groom.

The groom had two best men: Daniel Kelsner and Sean Deleur.

The couple honeymooned in Florida and the Keys.



Moore - Booth

Organizations Calendar

ACORD
Phone: (248) 349-1343

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Where: Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 4440 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48275
When: General meeting: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Couples meeting: Sundays at 4 p.m.
Contact: Sandy
Phone: (248) 342-8971

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS
Phone: (248) 626-0977

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN - NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH
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Contact: Barbara Wilson (248) 348-3959

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What: Bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally.
Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi
When: Every third Monday of the month
Contact: Bette Johnson
Phone: (248) 960-9559

AMERICAN LEGION NORTHVILLE - POST 147
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AMERICAN LEGION NOVI - POST 18 - AUXILIARY POST
What: Service group open to all eligible veterans of all wars and conflicts as prescribed by the U.S. Congress. Auxiliary is open to all female members of eligible veterans families.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi
When: Every second Tuesday for business and every fourth Tuesday for social event at 8 p.m.
Contact: (248) 344-8236; Auxiliary: (734) 981-5125

AMVETS
What: Provide services and assist with

obtaining benefits for veterans and their families of military service during and after World War II through present.

Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi
When: First Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-2825

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL Greater Novi Chapter
Where: Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi
When: Every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Contact: BNI regional office
Phone: (810) 323-3800

WYOM Chapter
Where: Leona's Restaurant, 29710 S. Wyom Road, Wyom, between Fenwick Trail and I-96
When: Every Friday from 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Contact: BNI regional office
Phone: (810) 323-3800

CALLING CARD
Contact: Sonja Lane
Phone: (248) 346-0628

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Contact: Marlene Kunz
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Phone: (248) 349-8553

DETROIT/OAKLAND CHAPTER - GENERAL MEMBERS CHORUS
Contact: Fran Durham
Phone: (248) 344-4613

FRIENDS OF MARYBETH STATE PARKS
Phone: (248) 349-8290

FRIENDS OF NOVI PARKS
What: The Friends of Novi Parks purpose is to support the protection, acquisition, and development of parks and open spaces within the city of Novi. Membership is open to anyone interested in recreation and parks in Novi.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi
When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-4064

NOVI BAND
Where: Novi High School or Novi Middle School, throughout school year
When: Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 932-9244

GOOFELLOWS
Contact: Bob Peterson
Phone: (248) 349-2357

HURON VALLEY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL
Phone: (800) 497-2698

KIWANIS CLUB
Phone: (248) 349-0611

KIWANIS EARLY BIRDS
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What: Promotes responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and action on selected governmental issues.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi
When: Membership meeting: third Tuesday of every month at noon and board of directors meet at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday
Phone: (248) 349-3743

NOVI HISTORICAL SOCIETY
What: Gives residents of the community a knowledge of their common heritage; fosters the collection and preservation of records and objects, and keeps historical materials to other historical societies or educational institutions have a curator. It is also the purpose of the society to establish a historical museum in Novi.
Contact: Kathy Match
Phone: (248) 349-6774

NOVI JAYCEES
What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund raising projects for major charities, St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities affiliated with the Jaycees.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi
When: First Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.
Phone: (248) 348-6684

MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION CLUB
Phone: (248) 476-0220

NOVI LIONS CLUB AND LIONESS CLUB

What: Serves the public through amateur radio service. It offers help during all emergency situations. The club also provides public center in Northville on July 4 and works with R.A.C.E.S. and the tornado alert system.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi
When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-4064

NOVI NEWS
What: The Lions' objectives are to help the blind, sight-impaired and blind physically and socially-challenged children and to help find cures for preventable blindness. Lionesses work with the Lions Club but also host their own projects and programs.
Where: Ran's Garden Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, Novi
When: Lions: every second and fourth Wednesday; Lioness: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.
Phone: Lions: (248) 348-0531; Lioness: (248) 349-9028

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION
Phone: (248) 349-8847

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS
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When: Once a month, September through May. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month.
Phone: (248) 349-2414

NOVI NEWS
What: A fraternal organization; the women's division of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.
When: Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m.
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NOVI ROTARY CLUB
What: A service-oriented club composed of business and professional people within the community. The Rotarians hold a variety of fund raising events every year.
Where: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile, Novi
When: Every Thursday at noon
Phone: (248) 380-6500

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE
What: Prevention program that relies on local citizens who volunteer their time and skills toward the goal of preventing juvenile delinquency. They are aided by a professional staff person in implementing programs such as Summer Teen Center, parenting classes, and Substance Abuse Prevention.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi
When: Committees meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Saven named Michigan code official of the year

By Victoria Sadocha
STAFF WRITER

Novi building official Donald Saven knows his staff when it comes to keeping Novi residents safe and secure in their homes, shopping malls, restaurants and just about every other building in the city.

In fact, he does such a good job serving as an official in the Department of Building and Safety, the Building Officials Conference of Michigan recognized his efforts by naming him Michigan's Code Official of the Year.

Saven was awarded the honor Oct. 18 during a ceremony held

at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs.

"It was certainly an honor," Saven said. "It was very flattering." Larry Letman, assistant chief of the Building Division of Michigan, said the award is bestowed upon someone in the state who has gone above and beyond the call of duty.

"Don is highly regarded throughout the state," Letman said. "He is someone I personally respect and is a great administrator."

The 51-year-old building official has been in the code enforcement industry for more than 25 years, spending about 20 with the city of Novi.

"I've had a history here," Saven said. "It's been really neat to

watch the city grow."

With the help of a staff Saven speaks very loudly of his ultimate responsibility is to make sure all structures, including residential construction, are safe and meet standards allowing accessibility for the handicapped.

His involvement also goes beyond enforcing codes.

"My interest is educational and promotional," Saven said.

Educating everyone involved in the building process, including developers, construction workers and code officials helps the process of permit approval run efficiently.

Saven said federal and state ordinances, laws, rules and regulations need to be complied with before



Don Saven

inform them of new codes and ordinances that effect them."

Morrone said Saven has always stayed on top of legislation going through the house and did what he could to make a difference.

"Personally, I see Don as a person who cares for everyone in every scope of the industry. He recognizes the needs for everyone and adjusts accordingly while maintaining the spirit and intent of the codes intact," he said.

Saven resides in South Lyon with "the love of his life," Kathy and has two children.

Some of Saven's accomplishments include serving as president of the Oakland County Building Officials and the Building Officials

Conference of Michigan.

He also taught seminars for his alma mater, Lawrence Institute of Technology; worked with the American Institute of Architects and the Designers Association in regulating Act 209 for new licensing laws; and was appointed by the state of Michigan to work on the committee to enact a new Michigan Energy Code along with the Builders Association.

"If it wasn't for the staff, this would not have happened," Saven said. "I have a great group of people here and I'm very proud of them."

Victoria Sadocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at vsadocha@nl.homecomm.net.

Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-6720.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Senior book lovers are reading "Tulip Fever" by Deborah Moggach for their December meeting. The group meets in the library meeting room on

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Music School gives area a sample of the talent

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Families gathered at Novi Meadows last Wednesday as the Novi Music School gave the eager crowd a musical tour of the stringed instruments.

"If someone is interested in string instruments, (this program) will show what it's like to play them and what you can expect from them," said Kurt Zimmerman of the Novi Music School, who conducted the evening's program.

"Also, it's so we can show off our students and what they can do," PLANS Pursuing Learning Advancement for Novi Students, a group of Novi parents and educators who support gifted and talented children, sponsored the event.

"We try to get kids sufficiently challenged and excited about learning," said Katie Bacon, co-president of PLANS.

The first stop on the musical journey: the cello.

Zimmerman introduced the audience to the instrument and warned of the difficulties many newcomers experience with the

bow.

"You have to be patient in the beginning," Zimmerman said. "Getting the bow to make the strings work can be a chore."

Novi Music School student and fifth-grader Dean Kim showcased the sounds of the cello for the crowd, treating them to a rendition of Beethoven's "Sonata for Cello."

"It's nice to expose kids to other kinds of instruments to see if there is any interest," said Jan Van Dusen, co-president of PLANS.

After the cello, the tour moved on to the viola, a less familiar stringed instrument, which is similar to the violin but one string lower.

"The viola gives you a nice, deep and dark sound," Zimmerman said. "There is never enough people to play the viola, though. There's always a shortage, so it's in high demand."

Novi Music School ninth-grader Leigh Rudner performed the "Allegro from Concerto for Viola" by Telemann, acquainting the audience with the instrument's sultry but graceful potential.

Other performances included Seitz's "Pupils Concerto #2," by

fifth-grader violinist Jonathan Lee and Kreiser's "Sicilienne" and "Rigaudon" by seventh-grade violinist Liz Lee.

The violins are the sprinters of the orchestra. They get all the really high, fast parts," Zimmerman said. "When you leave a concert whistling, most of the time it will be the violin."

Finally, the Novi Music School formed a seven piece chamber orchestra and closed the program with a holiday favorite, "Jingle Bells."

"If you play, keep practicing," Zimmerman said to the audience. "If you're interested, get a violin or a viola or a cello and start playing."

Both Van Dusen and Zimmerman hope a stringed chamber orchestra will be part of the Novi curriculum someday.

PLANS next event will be a gift wrapping fundraiser at Borders Books and Music in Novi on Dec. 23.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at aparlove@nl.homecomm.net.

Edgar scheduled for pre-trial

By Lon Huhman
STAFF WRITER

Suspended Northville city police officer William Edgar, who has been charged with two counts of allegedly sexually assaulting his former nine-year-old step-granddaughter, has been ordered to appear at the Oakland County Circuit Court on Jan. 9 for a pre-trial hearing.

At the circuit court arraignment in Pontiac on Nov. 28, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Soskice set Jan. 9 as the next pre-trial hearing date after Edgar was arraigned and his charges were read before the court. Edgar is pleading not guilty to the charges of first and second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a minor under the age of 13.

At the 52-1 District Court in

Novi, Judge Michael Botchik determined there was a sufficient amount of evidence for Edgar to stand trial and because of the type of charges, the case has now been moved on to the next level.

According to the 52-1 court file, the nine-year-old girl had made it known this past summer that Edgar had been improperly touching her each time she came to visit her family as well as other relatives. According to Edgar's attorney Christopher Andreoff, the hearing on Jan. 9 will be a disposition conference and there may be motions filed at the hearing as well as a future court date for a trial.

Lon Huhman is a staff writer for the Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 109 or by e-mail at lhuhman@nl.homecomm.net.

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Former planning members leave without regrets

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

After the mayor and city council voted to replace three planning commissioners at the Nov. 13, two former Novi planning commissioners are leaving their positions without regrets.

"I have been active, done a lot and accomplished what I wanted to accomplish," said former Novi planning commission chair Karen Piccinini, who served the commission for over three years.

The Novi City Council upheld Novi Mayor Richard Clark's new

appointments, replacing Piccinini, Philip Koneda and Andrew Mutch on the Novi Planning Commission with Owen Markham, David Ruyle and Tim Shroyer.

"Appointments to commissions are political appointments. Mayor Clark had the supporting votes he needed," Koneda said.

"If the outcomes of the election were different, the mayor would have tried to appease everyone on the council. Because of the election results, he didn't have to do that. It's all politics. We know that, but I'm not leaving

with any bitterness or animosity," Koneda said.

Piccinini said that one of the motivating factors behind originally taking the planning position was to set a positive example for her children.

"I wanted to teach my kids that you have to be active in your community," she said.

However, Piccinini is disappointed that Mayor Clark did not give the outgoing commissioners a courtesy call before choosing not to reappoint them.

"We did our job," she said. "If he wasn't going to reappoint us,

Koneda is proud of his commission's work, especially the Novi Road corridor study, the Grand River corridor study and the wetlands preservation enforcement.

"I look through the city and I see lots of things I'm proud of," he said.

Yet, with the many new planning commissioners on board in Novi, both Piccinini and Koneda are concerned about the commission's lack of experience.

"I can understand new people coming in," Piccinini said.

"Change can be good, but too much change can be detrimental." "I'm afraid of what could happen," Koneda said. "But the council and the mayor didn't think that."

Former Novi planning commissioner Andrew Mutch could not be reached for comment.

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"We had no prior knowledge. A courtesy call would have been gracious."

Philip Koneda
former planning commission member

he had an obligation to tell us." "We had no prior knowledge," Koneda said. "A courtesy call would have been gracious."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2001-166.01 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE, CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE 1, "IN GENERAL," TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. This Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, November 26, 2001 and will be effective December 11, 2001. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. precluding local time.

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CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE
PART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 611, 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. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is December 11, 2001.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 26th day of November, 2001. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, week days between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

To rezone a part of the SE 1/4 of Section 10, T.1 N., R.8E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-10-400-035 and -036, more particularly described as follows:
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Obituaries

Dorothy M. Robinson

Dorothy M. (Rocheleau) Robinson, 87, died Nov. 24 in Farmington Hills. She was born Nov. 7, 1914, in Detroit.

Mrs. Robinson also lived in Walled Lake for four years. She was formerly with the state of Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission. Her interests included raising Beagle hounds and hunting dogs and horse racing.

She is survived by a brother, William Rocheleau of Sandusky and sister, Ann Joseph of Farmington Hills.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, Nov. 29 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington, with the Rev. Fred Kietner officiating. Memorials to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 41835 W. Twelve Mile Road, Novi, MI 48377-9939 would be appreciated.

Franco Spadoni

Franco Spadoni, 34, died Nov. 28 in University Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was born Aug. 6, 1967.

He is survived by son, Dominic; daughter, Nicole; parents, Moreno and Egilda Spadoni; brother, Marco (Laural); and grandmother, Anna Fil.

Services were held on Friday, Nov. 30 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Harry C. Sommers

Harry C. Sommers, 80, of Mason, Ohio, died Dec. 2 at Bethesda North Hospital in Ohio. He was born Sept. 15, 1921, in Northville to Harry C. and Helen Sommers. Before retirement, Mr. Sommers was employed in the quality control

division of Ford Motor Co. He also was a former resident of Northville, South Lyon, Grayling, and Phoenix, Ariz.

He is survived by his wife, June H. Schroeder-Sommers; children, Dale Sommers and Judy Sommers; stepchildren, Barbara Clark Greene, Dorothy Tennant, and Corlies Davos; one sister, Elaine Each of Grayling; and 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at Castelfrime Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. Dr. Joseph Tabbi of the Family Worship Center of Assembly of God in South Lyon was the officiant.

Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

Executive session for city council held to discuss Sandstone

By Victoria Sadocha
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Novi city council held an Executive Session Monday to discuss pending litigation with Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership.

"It went fine," said Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark.

Clark explained he obviously could not discuss contents of the Dec. 3 session because the purpose of an executive session is to discuss confidential matters.

"The meeting was very productive," said Lou Csordas, Novi city council member.

Csordas said the meeting lasted about three-and-a-half to four

hours and members spent time "buttoning down last minute issues."

He also said members of the council reviewed settlement documents line item by line item with the hopes of having the lawsuit resolved by the end of the year.

Council member Craig DeRoche had requested the Executive Session during the city's Nov. 13 council meeting because he wanted a briefing as to what council members may say publicly about the proposed Sandstone settlement without creating liability for the city.

"A lot of good questions were raised about the definition of a park, arsenic and other issues,"

DeRoche said. "Council can't negotiate a lawsuit of this magnitude in public, but we should make sure the statements that we make are grounded in absolute truth."

DeRoche also said he requested the session to bring new council members up to speed.

"Yes, I found it helpful," said David Landry, new member of the Novi City Council.

Landry pointed out that meetings and discussions involving the city attorney are always helpful.

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Novi Briefs

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Winter 2001 property tax bills are due on or before February 14, 2001 in order to avoid late payment penalties. Citizens wishing to deduct their winter property tax payment on their 2001 federal income tax returns must pay on or before Dec. 28, 2001. A drop box for payment is located behind Novi City Hall through Dec. 31. For more information, call the treasurer's department at (248) 347-0440.

Novi Police Department receives alcohol enforcement funds

The Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County invited the Novi Police Department to be a cooperative agency and receive \$8,600 of a traffic enforcement grant the association was recently awarded. The funds will be applied to police officer overtime for hours spent enforcing alcohol driving offenses. According to a memorandum issued by Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer, 100 hours of overtime will be paid for alcohol enforcement action on eight different occasions beginning Dec. 21 through July 5, 2002.

The Sound of Music

Auditions will be held for the Novi Theatres' presentation of "The Sound of Music" 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 and 17. The musical will be performed March 8 through 10 and 16 through 17, 2002. Audition packets are available now at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

A Christmas Carol

Novi Theatres presents "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 7 through 9 at the new Novi Middle School theater.

Members of the theater promise to bring to the stage a straightforward, faithful and theatrically stunning adaptation of the Dickens classic.

Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and may be purchased at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. The Novi Middle School theater is located at 49000 Eleven Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Solid unions

Two Novi couples were commended at the Nov. 26 city council meeting for achieving 107 years of combined wedding bliss. Ernie and Eva Dawn Aruffo and Bob and Trudy Stone were presented plaques by Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) and Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford in celebration of their wedding anniversaries. The Aruffos were honored for 57 years of marriage and the Stones for 50. Both couples have been very active in city affairs.

Stop sign decision tabled

The decision as to whether a stop sign should be placed at Sunrise Boulevard and Mill Street has been tabled in an effort to find out more information. Members of the Novi City Council did not make a decision at the Nov. 26 city council meeting choosing instead to revisit the issue again Dec. 17. The decision to wait was agreed upon despite a recommendation from city engineer Nancy McClain, not to erect the sign. McClain made this recommendation because traffic analysis results did not meet the recommended warrants provided in the Michigan Manual of

Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Factors considered included traffic volume and speed. Council member Laura Lorenz said it was a quality of life issue and even though the total percentage of speeding cars may be lower than what is recommended for sign placement, the fact cars are speeding concerns her.

Safety Improvements

The Novi Police Department will have a more secure building after members of city council approved two significant safety improvements. One of the improvements was to finance the placement of additional fencing for the police

parking lot. The second improvement will replace bullet-proof glass panels of the 911 Dispatch Center and EOC-Training Center. The recommendation to replace the panels came from a security evaluation of the building.

Win a chance to Meet Santa

Santa returns to SWOCC studios for his annual Santa call-in program on Monday, Dec. 17. The live broadcast airs from 6-8 p.m. on Farmington's Channel 13, from 6-7 p.m. Monday-Friday; and INFO TV-12, from 6-6:30 p.m. daily. Entries must be in by Dec. 12.

Look for clues on Farmington's Channel 15, from 6:30-7 p.m. daily; Farmington Hill's Channel 6, from 4-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; Novi's Channel 13, from 6-7 p.m. Monday-Friday; and INFO TV-12, from 6-6:30 p.m. daily. Entries must be in by Dec. 12.

Comic Convention brings characters to life

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was like stepping into the Mos Eisley Cantina - except there were less aliens there.

The Motor City Comic Convention held at the Novi Expo Center Nov. 17 and 18 was more than a place to get comics - it was a place where one could mingle with people that held the same interests as their own.

"It wasn't too bad of a convention," said Scott Dawson, a 45-year-old General Motors employee who made the trek from Belleville to go to the convention. "There was quite a bit of stuff for those people who collect items from the different sci-fi and fantasy genres. There was also a lot of stuff for kids and for gamers."

The Comic Convention had everything from comics to toys and from T-shirts to paintings.

"I like a lot of the paintings and some of the art pictures," first-time convention visitor and Novi resident Christie Plourde said. "I saw some things that I had never seen before. It was interesting."

Even Plourde, who is not a collector herself, found something to purchase in some art prints depicting different scenes in space. "For the fans of sci-fi movies and television shows, there were actors such as Jeremy Bulloch, who played the menacing Boba Fett in Star Wars, as well as Ken Colley (Admiral Pelt in Star Wars), Garrick Hagon (portrayed Biggs, Star Wars) and Vaughn Armstrong (Admiral Forest on Star Trek: Enterprise). For those who may have more

early interests, the comic convention even had-on Prozac there to sign autographs - you might remember him as Timmy from the original Lassie series.

"You get a chance to meet all of the fans," Chase Masterson said. Masterson, of Star Trek: Deep Space Nine fame, was one of many actors and actresses signing autographs at the Comic Con. "It is always nice to see the faces of the people who watch the shows you are in."

The convention also offered the opportunity to meet many of the artists who are responsible for producing the comic books. "Fans are always eager to meet the artists they read," said illustrator Brian Rod. "There would not be comics if it weren't for the fans."

Some fans even dressed to mirror the characters in the comics they read or the movies and shows they watch.

"I didn't realize people take hobbies as far as some did," Plourde said. "The most interesting thing I saw was some people dressed up as comic and movie characters. They put themselves in the live of those characters. It was pretty interesting."

There was seemingly something for everyone. At one end of the convention there were the actors and artists waiting to meet their fans and to sign autographs. There were models such as Glori Ann Gilbert, who is an actress and live model for Poison from London Night Studios, and there were even vendors selling swords - everything from four-foot claymores to samurai

swords and daggers. Comic vendors selling current comics and golden and silver age comics were there as well as gothic photographers looking to sell their work.

For the newcomer, the convention must have seemed like a whole new world. Walking together in one aisle was Boba Fett, an Imperial Stormtrooper and a Tusken Raider. In another aisle there were Japanese models in pig-tails and a presented medieval clothing and armor and another had pretty much any T-shirt someone could think of. It was enough to probably frighten a few people not used to the convention atmosphere and enough to lure some others back again.

"I am probably willing to come back again," Plourde said. "It got

a little crowded at times, but it was pretty decent."

Others are sure they will be back. "Yes, I am (coming back)," Dawson said. "They will have several well-known television stars there from Star Trek and other sci-fi shows (at the next convention). Maybe there will be quite a few writers and artists as well."

The next convention at the Novi Expo Center scheduled for May 17-19, 2002.

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Middle School will challenge students' minds

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Novi Middle School is striving for an improved school climate this month, challenging students to broaden their horizons.

On Dec. 17-18, the school will be sponsoring Challenge Day, a workshop that addresses the issues of violence, racism, social oppression and drugs in school life, at the Novi Civic Center.

"It's a day that can change people's lives," said Novi Middle School seventh-grade teacher and Challenge Day coordinator Mary Anne Witznisky. "It gives you a whole new way to view how things can work in a society."

The national workshop uses a variety of innovative activities, including

breaking games and discussions to tear down the emotional walls that separate teens - uniting diverse groups of kids along the way.

"It's about kids helping kids, kids supporting kids and building a different kind of culture," said Novi Middle School seventh-grade teacher and Challenge Day coordinator Beth Little.

The events will be hosted off school grounds so the middle schoolers can let their guard down and enjoy the day's activities without feeling silly or judged.

"Middle school experiences a lot of peer pressure - taking it off campus will make the kids feel less scrutinized," Witznisky said.

The workshop aims to create an atmosphere that inspires students to share thoughts and emotions

with each other, overcoming the alienated youth stereotype and providing a fresh perspective for the future.

Furthermore, Challenge Day hopes to curb teasing and harassment in schools through empathy building exercises.

"Even the nicest kids are involved in those behaviors when the teachers aren't looking," Little said. "Kids will come back and spread what they learn through the community."

Little and Witznisky attended a Challenge Day in Saline and Toledo, Ohio, and wanted to bring it to Novi students.

"Our district really cares about creating the safest physical and emotional environment for learning and growing," Little said.

The two-day event will be funded by the Novi Youth Assistance, the Novi Middle School PTO, MEMIC and the Marriott Townplace Suites in Novi.

The Challenge Day program started in 1987 and has won several national awards from the juvenile justice system, the DARE Officers' Association and government officials. It is featured in the New York Times bestseller, "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul."

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Wixom ahead of govt. in storm water pollution prevention

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Wixom officials are gearing up to implement the Storm Water Prevention Initiative (SWPPI) plan, which is designed to clean up area waters.

City employees and representatives from other Middle One Rouge communities have been active in the implementation of the Rouge River Sub-watershed Management Plan.

Cities will soon be required to show their compliance with the City Phase II Storm Water General Permit, which is through the Michigan Department of Environment Quality (MDEQ). The city wanted to do their part by complying early. Therefore, they received a temporary permit in 1999.

Mayor Michael McDonald said the city has been concerned for a number of years with pollution in runoff water.

"We pushed the study long before the government got involved with the master storm drain plan," McDonald said. "All we are doing now is utilizing information from a five year period."

The city is implementing new government standards that they would have implemented anyway, he said.

One of the main objectives of the plan is to educate residents and business owners about how their chemicals can affect the Rouge River, storm systems, sewers, ditches, and other rivers and streams.

"The Federal Government wanted communities to be responsible with the way run off is illegally discharged," said Greg McCaffery, Wixom's director of Public Works.

The city will be holding workshops for businesses and others to teach them proper ways to dispose of chemicals.

"We need to better educate the public on ways we use and apply fertilizers in residential or community areas," McCaffery said. "We just held a community workshop for professional lawn care and management companies."

There are certain techniques to apply fertilizer pesticide and to cut lawns to stop contamination of water, he said.

"Officials will be reviewing current ordinances and codes as they relate to storm water, he said.

However, McCaffery noted the waste water treatment and collection system in Wixom is top of the line compared to some communities that need more work to meet standards.

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Novi Woods treated to Swan Theater

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Traditional tales of nature and discovery riveted the youngsters at Novi Woods Elementary on Nov. 27.

Wild Swan Theater, a professional theater company from Ann Arbor, performed its latest program "Tales of Wit and Wisdom" - a series of three short plays based on classic children's stories - for students and faculty in the sixth-grade school cafeteria.

"We bring theater opportunities to kids," said Sandy Ryder, co-owner of Wild Swan Theater, a non-profit company. "We hope to bring stories to life and make theater a part of kids lives."

Last Tuesday's show opened with the story of a young Native American boy, Gluscab, who searches for the source of the Earth's mighty wind.

"What makes the wind blow?" Gluscab - played by Wild Swan Theater co-owner and actress Hilary Cohen - asked his grandmother.

"A giant wind eagle that flaps his wings," said Gluscab's grandmother, who was played by Ryder.

"Stories spark kids' imaginations," Ryder said. In the end, Gluscab and the audience learn the value of the wind as nature's tool that ushers in the rain clouds and supplies the afternoon's cool breeze.

"We can create a whole world with simple props," Ryder said.

The Wild Swan Theater accompanies their plays

with mobile stage settings, backdrops, colorful costumes and live music, wrapping kids up in a fantasy world of myth and story.

"It connects the kids to their creativity," Ryder said.

In the second short play which encouraged audience participation, Reynard, an inquisitive fox, discovers his shadow and echo for the first time. The children sat on the cafeteria floor and rambunctiously mimicked the fox's voice and movements, simulating his shadow and echo.

The Ann Arbor theater company, established in 1980, entertains children throughout the year touring schools, libraries and museums across the Midwest, including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The program was sponsored by the Novi Woods Elementary PTO and recommended for partial funding through a grant by the Michigan Humanities Council in partnership with the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The Novi Woods PTO coordinates six assemblies a year for students.

"Most kids don't get to see live theater acts," said Kathy Forche, a Novi Woods Elementary PTO member. "This was a good opportunity for that."

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Superintendents look into idea of starting school later in day

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools and Novi Community Schools' superintendents reported bus schedules would be the biggest hurdle to overcome if they were to implement later high school start times.

Walled Lake has three bussing tiers. The first tier of busses pick up the high school students, the second tier picks up middle school students and the final tier picks up elementary school students.

"If we go to two tiers, we would have to increase bus service," said James Geisler, superintendent of Walled Lake schools.

Although beginning a two-tier system is not a realistic solution, the three tier system could be flipped around to make the new concept work, he said. Bus drivers need an hour to pick up and drop off students from each school start time schedule.

He has been having casual conversation with other educators about starting high school later. Now he is interested in getting more dialogue started with the rest of the school community.

Middle school students would be the most likely candidates for starting their school day earlier than everyone else, he said.

Novi has more of an obstacle to overcome than other school districts, according to Emmett Lippe, superintendent of Novi Public Schools.

They have five bussing tiers, which is two more tiers than other districts.

"Transportation is a hurdle," Lippe said. "It makes it more of a challenge. We'll be moving a little slower in this effort. We will move with caution looking into this. We don't know if it has possibilities for us but we will take a look at it."

However, he believes starting school later may benefit students. He plans to have informal dis-

cussions with Jennifer Cheal, Novi High School principal, and students to talk about the issue.

"Sleep research is very convincing," Lippe said.

However, they will have a difficult task ahead since they will be getting mixed opinions from the school community. Some local parents see the benefit of later high school start times, while others don't think it would help matters.

Susan Kerney, a parent of two Walled Lake Consolidated Schools students, supports later high school start times.

"I'm all for this," Kerney said. "I think my younger child would be more ready to get up and get ready earlier than my high school student. To me, I think it would be a very positive thing for our kids."

Rachel Alexander, a parent of a freshman at Western, pointed out that it would interfere with their family routine if school started later in the morning.

She said her son gets home from

school early enough to do homework before he has to go out again for band. If he didn't get home until after 3 p.m., he would only have a couple of hours at home until he had to leave for school again.

Alexander makes sure her kids go to bed early enough to get plenty of sleep.

"Getting up early is bad for everyone," Alexander said. "But going to sleep earlier makes it better."

A later starting time would also interfere with time spent with her son.

"I send him off to school practically when I go to work," Alexander said. "Otherwise, I wouldn't see him in the morning if he gets up later."

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Forum on school district start times raises questions

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Four members of a suburban Minnesota school district say their high school students are getting more sleep and Walled Lake and Novi district kids could be getting more winks in too.

Eleven Oakland County districts, including Walled Lake, hosted a forum on high school start times at Walled Lake Central High School Nov. 28.

Research on adolescent sleep cycles conducted by medical schools has commanded school districts to consider changing start times later in the morning. School districts in Minnesota, which made the change, are glad they did because their students

have shown positive results by starting school later.

Dr. Marshall Blondy M.D., who has a pediatric practice in Livonia, said studies show teenagers need more sleep but obtain less sleep than younger children.

"These kids are still in a sleep mode when they are expected to be in school," Blondy said.

He also noted there are more fatal car crashes in the morning involving teenage drivers who are driving to early morning classes.

Blondy performed an informal study by asking teenage patients if they would function better if school started later. About 80 percent of teenagers agreed they would learn better at 9 a.m. rather than 7 a.m.

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Ladies from the town ask Ebenezer Scrooge for a donation to their charity in which he emphatically replies "No!" during rehearsal of the upcoming production of "A Christmas Carol."



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(Left) Members of Novi Theatres' Senior Variety Series including Santa Claus - present "Silver Belles & Beaus in Concert" next weekend in the Novi Civic Center. (Right) Dressed in his night-shirt, Ron Dzwonski, stands still in his bedroom thinking and listening for ghostly sights and sounds during rehearsal of the members' upcoming play.

Novi Theatres brighten holidays with two Christmas productions

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Members of The Novi Theatres bring Christmas spirit to the stage with two holiday productions for all to enjoy.

This weekend, those looking for a traditional portrayal of the meaning of Christmas may enjoy The Novi Theatres' adaptation of "A Christmas Carol."

The two-hour production promises to provide a straightforward and faithful portrayal of the Charles Dickens classic.

This year marks the first time the production will include adult actors and actresses bringing the well-known characters to life.

Ron Dzwonski portrays the title role adding to his resume of Novi Theatres performances which include the lion in "The Wizard of Oz" and the butcher in "Fiddler on the Roof."

Other fine performances add to the authentic set, rich costumes

and ghostly sound effects making the play a must see.

Performances will be Dec. 7 through 9 in the new Novi Middle School Theater, located at 49000 Eleven Mile Road.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and are available at The Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department in the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road.

The following weekend, The Senior Variety Series will present "Silver Belles & Beaus in Concert" at the Novi Civic Center.

The fourth annual variety show is sure to live up to its expectation of providing fun and frolic through the seniors' songs, dances and comedy routines.

Holiday carols to be performed include "Joy to the World," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Deck the Halls" and "The Little Drummer Boy."

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Some clever variations of classic favorites will also be performed such as "All I Want for Christmas is a New Upper Plate" and "The Christmas in Killarney."

The entire production will be accompanied by newcomer David Crowder on piano and chorists who will also be performing.

Tickets for the noon Friday, Dec. 14 performance are \$15 including lunch and \$12 for the 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 matinee including refreshments during intermission.

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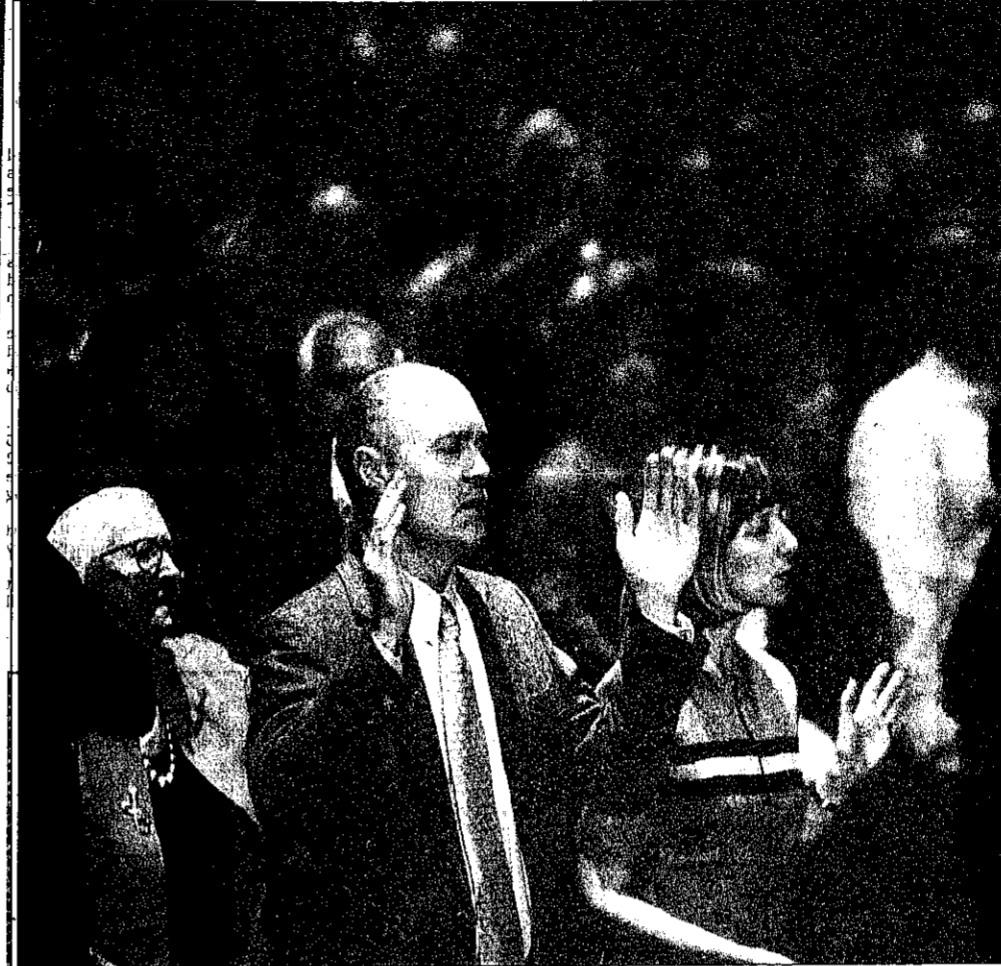


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Members of Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi pray during a recent Sunday service.

Is religion on the rise?

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

At a time of despair, Americans turned to church, looking for answers to why so many lost their jobs, homes and savings. The Religion News Service, religion played a major role in the healing process in the weeks following the devastating events as churches, mosques, and synagogues across the country saw crowds normally associated only with major holidays.

The report said many hope a lot of good comes out of the national resurgence including a new sensitivity toward Islam, a spiritual sense of purpose and perhaps even the dawn of a major religious event in America.

"It did have an effect on church attendance," said John Budde, pastor of Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook Road, speaking of

the Sept. 11 tragedies. "The first week we all described it to be like Easter, it looked like an Easter service."

A Gallup poll conducted by the Gallup Poll News Service counted, showing Sept. 21-22, 47 percent of Americans said they attended church in the last seven days compared to 41 percent the last time the poll was taken in the middle of May.

Between 1,000 and 1,500 Americans were polled.

According to Harris Poll results, large majorities of the public say they have coped with their feelings by praying more than usual and attending memorial services.

Budde said the following weeks there were not as many churchgoers, but attendance was still up a slight amount from before Sept. 11.

The highest attendance Budde saw was noon Friday, September 14, the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the victims of

the terrorist attacks, when the church was completely full.

"It shows how much people were turning to prayer," Budde said.

On Sept. 11, Faith Community Presbyterian Church of Novi on Ten Mile Road, hung a hand-drawn banner over its sign reading people to come in and worship.

"We had a tremendous response to that," said Joe Kofka, Faith Community's business manager and treasurer.

The church gathered \$2,600 in freewill offerings to benefit the victims.

"Attendance went up drastically right after, then went back down," said Bethany Crowley, office manager of Oak Pointe Church on Grand River Avenue.

Crowley said the church dedicated its Sunday service following Sept. 11 to the tragic events.

Spokesmen from Meadowbrook Congregational Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church-Novi both reported seeing new faces in

Residents seek out religion for answers to life

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, churches across the country saw the number of people attending services grow.

But why did people turn to religion after that fateful day? "People are looking for answers and asking God why," said Father John Budde from the Holy Family Church in Novi.

Often, when faced with tragedy, one question will continually come to mind: How could God let this happen?

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comfort in fellowship.

"Comfort is a big thing," Rev. Hunt said. "And being in a worship setting provides a sense of community."

When President Bush called for the National Day of Prayer on Sept. 14, more than 600 people showed up for the noon service at the Holy Family Church.

"It lets people know they're not alone and that we're all in this together," Father Budde said.

Furthermore, when faced with crisis, people are naturally turned inward, re-evaluating what is important and what is peripheral in life.

"Crisis forces us psychologically to go deeper into ourselves than our accustomed everyday ways," said Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge religion professor Jim Cook. "Religion works best at these depths."

As people are jarred by tragedy from the hassles of rush hour traffic, bad hair cuts and a slow Internet, they realize everything that is taken for granted and draw tremendous strength and character in these emotional depths.

"Tragedy turns you towards values, family and relationships with God," Father Budde said.

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We are a free country. I love the U.S.A. The flag represents freedom in America. America is so beautiful. I love America and more than you probably.
Desti, 3rd Grade

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Erin, Age 10

America is fair. It's a great place to live in. I love my home sweet home & if I were President I would say every school has Pizza Hut every day.
Clara, Grade 3

I love America because it's my home. I can play & be free. I'm thankful for my family & friends. I like freedom.
Trevor, 3rd Grade

America is a great place to live a happy life. We have freedom so we can do lots of things. We can all live where we want to. We can build stuff where we want to. I like the nature.
Jocelyn

What I love about America is that we have freedom. We get to go to school.
Sean, Age 9

We can treat everybody that comes in. I say Gold. The staff includes Dr. Lee Gold, Board Certified in foot surgery and specialist in sports medicine as well as laser surgery. Gold has practiced medicine for 17 years. Dr. Gary Hollander, whose specialty is Internal Medicine, and Dr. Carl Johnson, a Board Certified Family Physician complete the staff. Other visiting physicians include an allergist.

One thing I love about America is our colors are red white and blue. My second thing is that our state stone is the peltosa. Our state gem is the gossesite. My third thing is that we all have someone to look up to.
Jessica, 3rd Grade

I love America because we have freedom everywhere & because now we've been donating money for the disaster that happened in New York on Sept. 11th.
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What I love about America is that it is free and anyone can live here, that we are united, we can go anywhere, and that there are no slaves.
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I love America because it is a free country. You can go to school and get a good education. The right to pick & choose your job.
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I am proud to be an American because it is a free country. Everybody is nice. I love it! I love it because there are nice doctors and people. I am glad that we can vote for our president.
Cara

We are free. I love the way we have come together since the World Trade Center attack. America is a safe place, we welcome people with open arms.
Chelsea, Age 11

The reason I love America is because our country is safe & you can be whatever you want to be.
Kevin, Age 11

I love America because I know there is no bogeyman in America because I have seen the world. I know I am safe in America. I love that you can get a good meal.
Kyle, Age 10

We have a good government that saves other countries. We are a country that is free to do anything for a good reason. I also like that we get breakfast, lunch & dinner.
Spencer

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Kyle, Age 10

On Sept. 11th it was a sad day. There were a lot of lives lost. We will always wonder why. We keep our flags flying. We are the land of the free, wherever we live, will be free.
Brian, Age 10

What I love about America is that we never give up & we have freedom & we never lose strength. Our country is the BEST!!
Kolin, Age 10

I love America because people can be free and because we have laws so people can be safe. You can play sports. If you want or basketball or any other sport you want.
Nick

A lot of nice people. I love my house & having food. I love the freedom that I have. It has a lot of beautiful stuff.
Sean

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Aaron, Age 10

We can pick our jobs, and we are treated fairly. Also all races and religions are about each others differences. I love America.
Mary, Age 10

I really love America because it has a lot of nice people. I like liberty & freedom. We can have choices of what to do & what to wear.
Mark, age 10

Because we're free. Also because we can make our own decisions. We get enough to eat. We don't have to do child labor. We can rebuild buildings that have fell.
Dacia, 3rd Grade

Most of people are nice, not afraid like the terrorists. Also because I was born here and the flag has all of my favorite colors. America will always be at 200%.
Matt, Age 10

What I love about America is that we never give up, we work as hard as we can. I love that we have the law of freedom. Everybody should have the right to go to school. Our country will never lose its strength, bravery, liberty and freedom.
Lee, Age 10

I like the military the best because they don't just know how to fight, they help them out. I also like America because we are free and we have nice homes.
Austin, 3rd Grade

I love a lot of things about America. I love the flags. The right to be happy, our President, he makes great decisions & speeches. I will never leave this country.
Catin, Age 10

I love about America is that it is my home, America is my future. I love America & I hope you do. To God Bless.
Alyx, Age 11

I love the wildlife in America. The birds, the foxes, the bugs. The trails that go in the woods. I also love how patriotic the United States is.
A.J., Age 11

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Medical center can treat all who enter

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

You don't have to travel far to find quality medical care, says Dr. Lee Gold of Pontiac Trail Medical Center in Walled Lake. It's reassuring to know that a wide variety of services are available right in your own neighborhood from geriatrics to family care.

"We can treat everybody that comes in," says Gold. The staff includes Dr. Lee Gold, Board Certified in foot surgery and specialist in sports medicine as well as laser surgery. Gold has practiced medicine for 17 years. Dr. Gary Hollander, whose specialty is Internal Medicine, and Dr. Carl Johnson, a Board Certified Family Physician complete the staff. Other visiting physicians include an allergist.

HEALTH TIP

Podiatrist Dr. Lee Gold notes that the American Diabetes Association recommends that all diabetics have a regular foot exam.

Although they eagerly welcome patients, the staff suggests two important ways to reduce cold and flu are washing hands and yearly flu shots.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Drs. Gary Hollander, left, and Lee Gold take a look at an x-ray of a foot in their Pontiac Trail Medical Facility.



The staff at the Pontiac Trail Medical Facility in Walled Lake, from left, Dr. Lee Gold, nurses Debbie Karen and Lisa, Physician Assistant Kerri Koshkarian, and Dr. Gary Hollander.

"We pride ourselves in being able to fulfill this community's medical needs," said Dr. Hollander.

As a specialist in Internal Medicine, Dr. Hollander treats a number of health conditions and specializes in diabetes and geriatrics.

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of those who are homebound. Surgical supplies can also be purchased here.

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at 620 North Pontiac Trail, across from the Dairy Queen. Most medical insurance are welcome. Call (248) 624-4611 for appointments. Walk-in visits are welcome also. Members of the staff are affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak and Huron Valley Sinai Hospital.

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There are friends to be had at Livingston County eatery

By James Dunlap SPECIAL WRITER

In Livingston County, much of the area along Grand River at Latson Road east of Howell was fields and open country a few years ago. As the local "hot" spot, this was soon to change in a big way. Mega-retail stores, strip malls, and chain restaurants popped up like dandelions in springtime changing the area into one of the county's major commercial areas. At about this time just east of this area, a parcel of land was purchased by veteran restaurateurs, Dino Tomet and Rick Wilson. With a building design and utility officials, local sub-contractors, and a myriad of other support personnel resulted in a building constructed to a degree of detail no chain restaurant would ever attempt to duplicate. Viewed from the outside, the now completed T.W. & Friends Italian American Grill has a feel of permanence and solidity about it that seems to say, "We are part of this community now. We're here for the long run." In spite of its distinctive plum colored roof, the building looks strong enough to be a tornado shelter and if any building this size could be called an edifice, this one would be it. Walls of concrete block and brick lead to massive oak masses which peak at a spectacular 38 feet and in turn, support large contemporary chandeliers and a ceiling made of Douglas Fir. The large, carefully placed windows indicate someone gave some thought to providing the pleasantly diffused light that permeates the main dining area for the evening dinner hours and the combination of wood, brick, tile and soft colors on the interior works well to fit the theme of the restaurant which is casual yet classy. So would Rick and Dino

allow a first class restaurant in their first class building? Not likely.

T.W. & Friends is an Italian-American eatery so it follows that the menu would reflect this theme. More than anything, the emphasis is on freshness in virtually everything they serve. The volume is high, as Friends averages 600-700 meals per day on weekends which works well for a restaurant whose philosophy is to serve only fresh ingredients. Because of this volume, turnover on virtually everything that is served is about three times a week so its understandable that fresh meat, seafood, produce, and dairy products are brought in nearly every day.

The proof is in the pudding as they say, so on a recent Friday night four of us

yet to be served. A bit of advice for some of those who may plan on dining at T.W. & Friends in the near future: skip lunch.

My choice, the Grilled Double Chicken Breast is the House Specialty at \$14.99. The smashed red skin potatoes seasoned with garlic and parmesan and the crisp zucchini complemented the obvious fresh chicken very well. Moist and juicy, its contrast with supermarket chicken was evident from the first bite. In spite of its excellence, there was no way I was going to finish off a full pound of chicken breast at this point, but the thought of retaining some for the next day seemed appealing.

It seemed appropriate that everyone order something different, and we decided that the combination of both

large spot of red wine on my new yellow shirt.

Dino Tomet and Rick Wilson have done an exceptional job in creating T.W. & Friends. In less than one year, Friends has established itself well enough to be considered a "destination restaurant" and done its share to raise the standard for dining excellence in Livingston County. No place is perfect, but if they have missed the mark in anything worth noting, we haven't discovered it. The already noted atmosphere and food are exceptional, and a special salute goes to our waitress, Christina, who was prompt, efficient, and knowledgeable and to the bus staff that cleaned and supplied our table when appropriate. And of course, our compliments to the chef, Robert Hindly who now runs the busy Friends kitchen with expertise gained from his many years of experience cooking at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn.

Is T.W. & Friends appropriate for every occasion? Of course not, but what restaurant is? The atmosphere is festive and lively, a common theme among eateries of this sort but the noise level is never excessive and booths and tables are spaced sufficiently to keep conversations private. Friends provides a suitable atmosphere for business conversations as well as families with young children who may occasionally act like, well, young children. It's an easy drive from almost anywhere, and once you arrive there is plenty of well-lit parking.

Has their effort all been worth it? Their legions of repeat customers, built up in a span of just one year, and traveling from places as far away as Rochester, Fenton, Lansing, and Monroe would surely give a resounding, "Yes" to that question. To visit, take westbound I-96 through Livingston County to Howell exit 141, merge onto Grand River, and look for that aforementioned plum roof almost immediately on your right. It's worth the drive.

REVIEW RESTAURANTS

turned out to T.W. & Friends for a repeat visit, our first having been last winter.

We started off with a large plate of Calamari, lightly battered, with remoulade sauce and a plate of Bruschetta, a tomato topped serving of Italian bread seasoned with garlic, basil, olive oil and shredded Parmesan cheese. They were very generous, delicious, and notably the salmon left no heavy aftertaste, a testament to its freshness and the careful selection of seasonings which enhance rather than overpower.

None of us were members of the Clean Plate Club that night - too much food, and like many others, we left carrying our styrofoam containers with enough food for a great snack for watching football the next day. My only regret of the evening was leaving with a

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Novi kicker player of year

By Sam Eggleston
 and Steve Bell
 SPORTS WRITERS

With the talent levels of the top soccer players in the HomeTown East coverage area, picking the cream of the crop was not an easy job.

As with every All-Area team we choose though, it must be done. Following are the top players in the field of soccer and the best of the best in the HomeTown East:

Dave Wendland

Northville senior
 Wendland collected 10 goals and eight assists as one of the top leaders on and off the field for the Mustangs this season. He was a consistent offensive factor in many of the Mustang victories and his above average speed found him to be a threat for most defenses. Coach Klimes noted Wendland's greatest assets was his tremendous work ethic and his refusal to give up no matter the situation.

Peter Klausler

Northville senior
 Klausler, a defensive midfielder for the Mustangs, may not have made his mark on the scoreboard, but he definitely made his mark on Northville. Klausler's ability to create opportunities for the Mustangs made him a key asset throughout the season as well as his ability to be a top transition player.

"In the sense of awards like goals and assists, Peter didn't have too many," Klimes said. "He made his presence known in all other aspects of the game. He just didn't play a position where you have the opportunities to score."

Alan Holdorf

Novi senior
 Holdorf, a senior for the Novi Wildcats, collected 17 goals throughout the season on the Wildcats' way to pretty much controlling the KVC. Though his speed is less than average, his soccer skills more than make up for it.
 "He has a great touch on the ball," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "He has a hard shot, he is accurate and a good dribbler. He is probably our most skilled player."

Holdorf's skill and dedication to the sport of soccer makes him a quality selection as the

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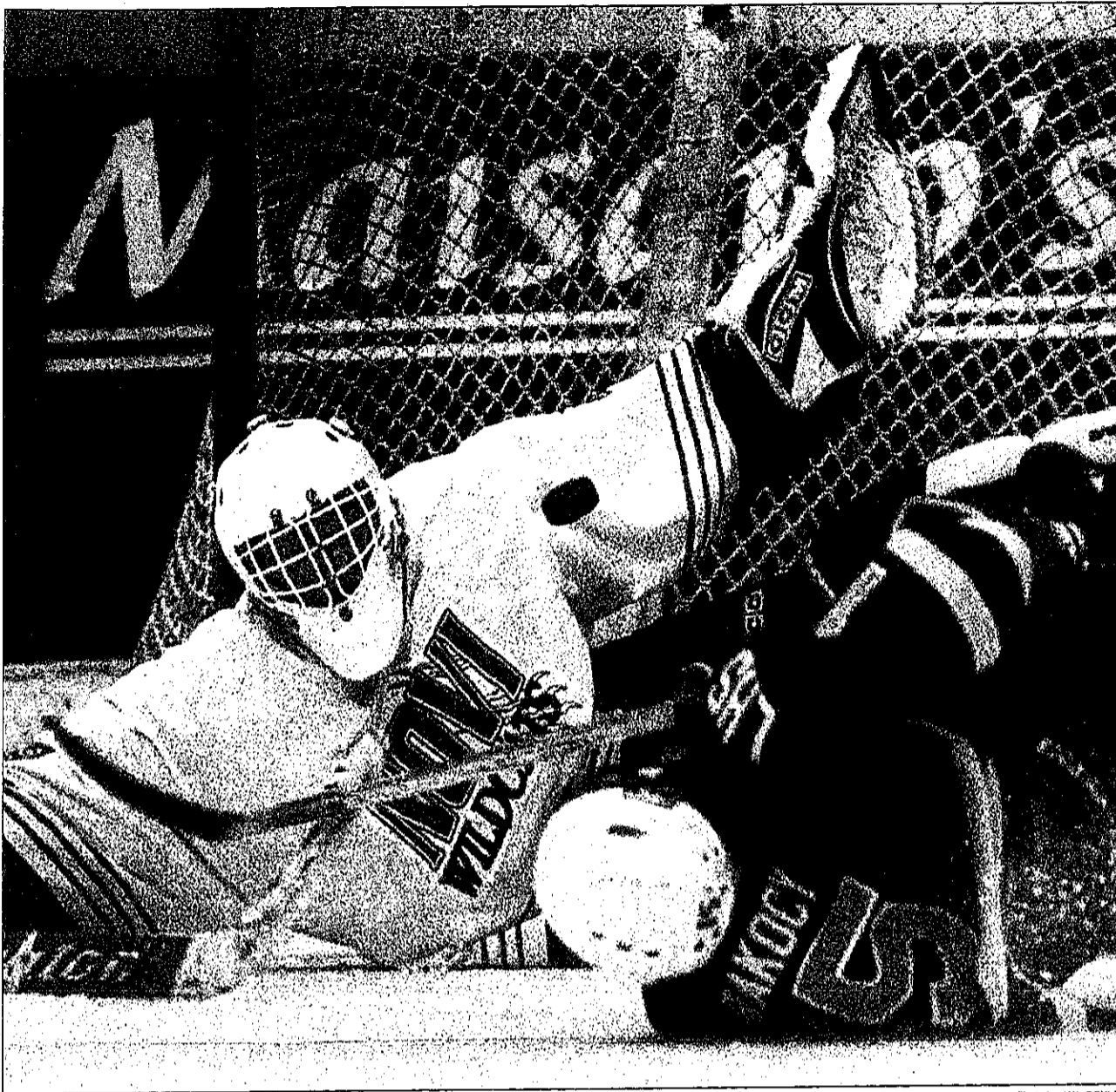


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Lakeland's attempt to get the puck into the back of the net is brickwalled by Novi's goaltender Friday. The Wildcats won the contest 7-2.

Wildcat hockey collects two KVC wins

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

Take a blade of steel and strap it to the paw of a Wildcat and you have one dangerous combination — just ask the Lakeland Eagles and the South Lyon Lions.

The Eagles were the second Kensington Valley Conference team to feel the sting of a 7-2 loss to the Novi hockey team on Nov. 30. The South Lyon squad felt the same sting, but to a more severe degree, as the 'Cats scored quick and often in a 10-1 stomping Nov. 28.

The Wildcats used decisive scoring, solid defense and brick-wall goaltending to ensure victory against the Eagles.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was captain Robbie Harrell, who collected his second hat-trick in as many games with his puck-handling ability and dead-eye shooting.

The Wildcats were fierce from the opening faceoff, with Harrell scoring two unassisted goals just minutes apart from one another in the first period.

Lakeland, who would not be denied, collected two goals in the first period to tie the game up —

but the Wildcats were more than determined. Harrell scored once again, collecting the only goal of the second period to pull the 'Cats ahead 3-2 and the Novi squad didn't look back.

Robby Overfield collected two goals of his own in the third period, just one shy of a hat-trick, while John Murray and Brian Jausi notched a goal apiece to cap the game scoring and to put the KVC contest on ice. The 'Cats will have the task of taking on the University of Detroit squad on the road Saturday at 4 p.m. before hosting the Milford Redskins in a

KVC match up Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

NOVI 10, SOUTH LYON 1

It looked to be a game that could go in a bad direction for the Wildcats as the Lions notched a goal just 15 seconds into the game — but Novi wasn't about to let them find the back of the net after that.

The 'Cats, led by Harrell as he scored four goals on the night, pounded their way to their first victory of the season and their first KVC win on the year.

The Wildcats also found

Overfield putting in three goals for the hat-trick while Garret Malott added two goals and Murray edged one past the Lion goalie for the score.

Bryan Ellis played a solid role on defense, providing several opportunities for the offense as he carved three assists for himself. Mike Kara and Jordan Collins gathered two assists each. Notching an assist apiece were Ray Kennedy and Justin Collins.

Dan Morrison played well between the posts for the Wildcats, stopping several shots on the night on his way to clench the victory for Novi.

Northville may be tough game

Wildcats have challenge ahead of them

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

When these two teams play, sparks fly.

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats boys basketball teams will be gearing up to face one another on the hardwood Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in hopes of showing each other who the big dogs in town are.

Northville will bring to the court decent speed and top-notch ball handling ability combined with good height and dedicated shooting while the Novi Wildcats will bring pretty much the same with the addition of probably a little more speed and jumping ability.

The rosters of both teams practically read like an all-star athlete lineup comprised of fall sport program participants so the level of pure determination and desire to walk away victorious is going to be quite high.

Though the game is a non-conference contest for both teams — I would hate to see the charged

energy of a game if they were both Kensington Valley Conference schools — but it no doubt means a lot for both sides.

The Mustangs, coached by Darrel Schumacher, will have to look to control the temp of this contest if they hope to earn the W over the Wildcats.

Novi, under the guidance of Pat Schluter, will look to neutralize any advantage the Mustangs have in the post and will be early enough into their season to try a few different things if one doesn't work out right away.


This game, being a cross-town rivalry and all, should be one of the best in the area.

I am not expecting it to be a blowout in any which way — or in favor of either team.

Nor, out of loyalty to both squads, am I going to pick a winner for this game — I made that mistake once and I won't do it again.

Like I said, close game — maybe it is just too close to call at this point.

GAME OF THE WEEK



Novi Wildcats HOCKEY

vs

Northville Mustangs

Tuesday, December 11
 7:00 at Novi

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Grapplers seek titles

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

Concentrating on the same ideas.

The Novi Wildcats wrestling squad will be shooting to achieve the same goals for the 2001-02 season as they do every season — win the Oakland County meet, the Kensington Valley Conference meet, the District meet, the

Regional meet and — of course — the State meet.

"We are trying to win our fifth consecutive league title and have a solid lineup that is very experienced," coach Brad Huss said of the Wildcat wrestlers.

There are going to be plenty of meets to test the experience and abilities of the Novi Wildcats.

"We are ranked second in the state and we know everyone is gunning for us," Huss noted.

Even with most teams looking at Novi as the team to beat on

their schedules, the Wildcats will have plenty of talent eager to throw their weight around with hopes of proving they deserve their second-place ranking.

With the likes of Craig Hearn (junior, 103-pound division), Scott Bergeson (sophomore, 112), Eric Hanson (sophomore, 119), Josh Churella (junior, 125), J. R. Muldoon (senior, 130), Brian Ong (senior, 135), Dan Cash (senior,

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Wildcat cagers want shot at KVC crown

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

It's going to be tough, but the Wildcats are up to the challenge.

The Novi High School Wildcats boys basketball team will be ready to face the challenge of the Kensington Valley Conference this season with plenty of speed, shooting ability and determina-

tion to lead the way.

"The KVC is going to be tough this season," Novi helmsman Pat Schluter said. "Everyone in the conference got their entire teams back from last season. Brighton is stacked and South Lyon returned 11 players from last year."

That may look as though it stands in the way of the Wildcats goal of winning the KVC themselves, but Novi lost only three

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Volleyball	12/8 S. Lyon Invite A 9 a.m.
	12/10 Northville A 5:30 p.m.
	12/13 Hartland A 6 p.m.
Wrestling	12/7 Davison A 1 p.m.
	12/8 Round Robin H 9:30 a.m.
Hockey	12/8 U. of Detroit A 4 p.m.
	12/12 Milford H 6:30 p.m.
Basketball	12/7 Lakeland H 7 p.m.
	12/11 Northville H 7 p.m.
Swimming	12/8 EMU invite A 1 p.m.
	12/13 South Lyon H 7 p.m.

Holdorf top soccer star

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HomeTown East's soccer player of the year.

Mike Crawford
Novi senior
This Wildcat midfielder collected 12 goals and six assists on the year. Known for his brutal strength, Crawford punished more than one opponent with his aggressive play and strength. Crawford won many balls in the air and used his strength to win a lot of 50-50 balls for Novi.

Vince Slovian
Novi senior
Slovian may not have had the opportunity to collect a ton of goals as a defensive midfielder for the Wildcats, but his goals and assists proved he was more than capable of doing so if needed.

"Vince is our best marking player," O'Leary said. "We knew we could put him on the other teams' best player and he would basically shut them down."

Brandon Davis
Novi senior
The Novi Wildcats' leading point scorer, Davis collected 12 goals and 14 assists for 26 Novi points. Considered by his coaching staff and fellow players as the biggest threat offensively on the team, Davis used his athleticism to create scoring opportunities for his teammates as well as for himself.

"Brandon Davis is just a natural athlete," O'Leary said. "He is good at pretty much every sport. He may not necessarily be the greatest soccer player, but he is just a great athlete."

Kris Janssen
Lakeland senior
Janssen was a four-year varsity player for the Eagles and one of

the school's best players — he finished with Lakeland records for goals and assists for a career and for a season. This year, he had 21 assists and nine goals.

"Vince is a great all-around playmaker with tremendous ball skills and passing ability," Lakeland coach Mark Janssen said.

Steve Ming
Milford senior
For the past two seasons, Milford coach Larry Lorenz has called Ming his team's "Rock of Gibraltar." Would-be scorers got a lesson in geology whenever they tried to get past the big foot of Ming anchoring the Redskins' defense. The senior was first-team all-conference, all-district, all-region and honorable mention all-state. He was also only the seventh recipient of the Milford High School Soccer Award for Merit, given for outstanding effort, cooperation, attitude, achievement, skill and citizenship.

Robert Bills
South Lyon senior
With his three goals and seven assists, Bills accounted for half of South Lyon's offense. So it makes perfect sense that he was named the Lions' team Most Valuable Player. Bills was a first-team All-KVC selection and made the all-district team.

Keith McCaffery
Milford senior
Basketball fans disappointed that Michael Jordan's return to the NBA hasn't satisfied their need for an all-around athlete could get a better fix by watching a Milford game with McCaffery in net.

The senior's goals had all kinds of ups and could get to and punch out half you'll never expect him to. Like Ming, McCaffery got all-state mention and also made the

all-district team and All-KVC first team. He was named the Redskins' Most Valuable Player.

Mike Klansing
Lakeland senior
Like Janssen, Klansing is a four-year starter whose career coincided with Lakeland's rise to respectability in the KVC. Klansing was one of the quicker, strong players in the league. He was named the team's top playmaker.

"He provided great senior leadership," Lakeland coach Mark Janssen said.

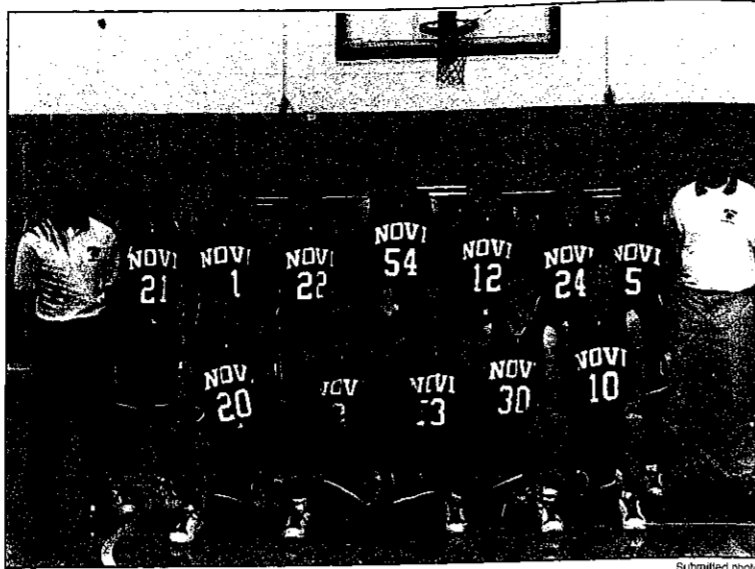
"Mike played defender/stopper and was the most important person in stopping the opposition attack and starting the counter attack."

Honorable mention:
Josh Martens Milford senior
Joe Klebick South Lyon junior

Sean Flattery Lakeland junior
Zach Jara Lakeland junior
Walt Jambek Milford senior
Ryan Baker Milford senior
Kevin Tucker Lakeland soph.
Randy Teeple S. Lyon junior
Dwayne Beck S.H. Lyon junior
James Hannah Northville freshman.
Pat Kelleher Northville junior

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Steve Bell is the sports writer for the Milford Times and the South Lyon Herald.



The Novi basketball team is ready to go full force against a very tough KVC this season.

Seniors will play big role

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seniors in graduation this season and have only four senior this season — a promising young team.

"We returned six players from last year's varsity," Schluter said. "Our first game against Walled Lake-Western is going to show us a lot. We lost there last year and we weren't supposed to. They will be coming at us this time."

The Wildcats will utilize seniors Brandon Davis, Jamie Schram, Trey Simpson and Brian Swift throughout the season while looking to the supporting roles of juniors Jeff Bowdell, Chase Chandler, Shaun Dicken, Matt Emmerteker, Chris Lewis, Adam Noble, Evan Rodriguez and Eric Van Tassel to fill in the gaps.

"Last year we were the best Class A team in the state academically and we hope to do that again. Defensively, our goal is to hold opponents under 45 points."

Pat Schluter
Basketball coach

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Next Level Athletes

The following individuals are athletes who have taken the time, the dedication and the sacrifice to take the step to the next level in play in the sports they love:

Johnny Eagle, Sophomore, Rose Hulman — Johnny Eagle, a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, is a returning guard for the Engineers. Eagle is said to provide added depth to the backcourt and has the versatility to play multiple positions. After a year of development as a freshman, when he appeared in five games, Eagle looks to make a more significant contribution this season.

Ryan Rzepka, Freshman, Oakland University — Ryan "RZ" Rzepka, a 2000 Novi High School graduate, is Oakland University. Rzepka started as a marking back for the Golden Grizzlies Varsity Soccer Team. The Golden Grizzlies are a Division I program and are a member of the Mid-Conference. After Red-Shirting his freshman year, Rzepka took the field with a vengeance this past season. Rzepka started and played every minute of every game for the Golden Grizzlies. In the first game of the season against Marquette University, Rzepka scored his first collegiate goal with a header set up by a corner kick. His goal was the deciding goal of the game. Rzepka was selected to the All-Tournament Teams for the ProRehab Classic Tournament in Evansville, Indiana and the Conference Tournament in Tulsa, Okla. Oakland finished the season as Conference Champions and recorded a 9-7-3 record. Ryan is currently studying Finance and has a 3.81 GPA.

Patrick Lemay, Sophomore, Shippensburg University — Patrick Lemay, a Novi High School graduate, is in his second year as a grappler for Shippensburg University. Lemay, who is coached by Donald Tabar and assistant coach Chris Reese, will be wrestling in the 157-pound weight class.

Matt Ochab, Freshman, Albion College — Matt Ochab, a 2001 graduate of Novi, was a four time letter winner and a captain of the 2000-2001 Novi High School Men's Swim Team. He is a member of the Albion Britons swim team. Matt swims the 1,000 and 500 meter events and is a part of the 400 freestyle relay team. During the Kalamazoo College Olive and Albion meet, Matt placed third in the 1,000 meter and second in the 500 meter events.

Lauren Yagla, Freshman, Kalamazoo College — Lauren Yagla, a Farmington Mercy graduate from Northville, placed in three events in her first competition on the Kalamazoo College swim team — all three of the places were second-place finishes.

Next Level Athletes includes former athletes from the readership area of the Northville Record, Novi News and the Lake Area Times. Athletes who would like to submit information about an athlete can do so via e-mail at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net or mail information to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record, Novi News and the Lake Area Times. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

Wrestlers gearing for wins

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140), Chris Stallard (senior, 145), Alex Burch (senior, 152), Andrew Becker (senior, 160), Vince Slovian (senior, 171), Scott Kortlandt (senior, 189), Matt Kolich (senior, 215) and Joe Harris (senior, heavyweight division). The Wildcats will have more than a little talent to throw at their opponents.

Though the Wildcats have no captains to speak of, all seniors bring more than enough experience to the mat to guide and teach the younger members of the team throughout the season. All of the seniors will be responsible for playing the role of a captain for the Novi wrestlers this year.

Kelly Modetz, Sophomore, Miami University — Kelly Modetz, a 2000 graduate of Northville High School, is a returning member of the 2001 Miami University Varsity Synchronized Skating Team. The 2000 team placed second at the US Nationals and placed ninth at the World Championships in Helsinki, Finland. The 2000 team captured Miami's first International Gold Medal by winning the Prague Cup help in the Czech Republic. The 2001 team has started strongly by winning the Gold Medal at the recently held Dr. Porter Invitational Competition.

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

Carmen Simpkins will not get in your face and scream and shout. She will not grab attention by any crazy antics on the volleyball court. What she will do — consistently making tough plays and act as a leader for teammates to look up to — will draw attention to herself without trying.

"She lends by example and level of skill and play," said Novi volleyball coach, Julie Fissette.

Simpkins has been playing volleyball for about seven years. She is one of three seniors on Novi's volleyball team and will be playing senior this year.

Simpkins wants to go to Central Michigan University. She is undecided on a major and doesn't know what she wants to do in college except that she wants to play volleyball.

"I'm 98 percent sure on Central Michigan. I'm looking to walk on or play volleyball there," Simpkins said. She has been in contact with the coach at CMU who is waiting for the season to get underway to look at Simpkins. Simpkins will also be sending film to CMU.

She has had some close friends and family help her with her volleyball career. Simpkins lives with her father, Joe, mother, Lucy and sister, Jessica.

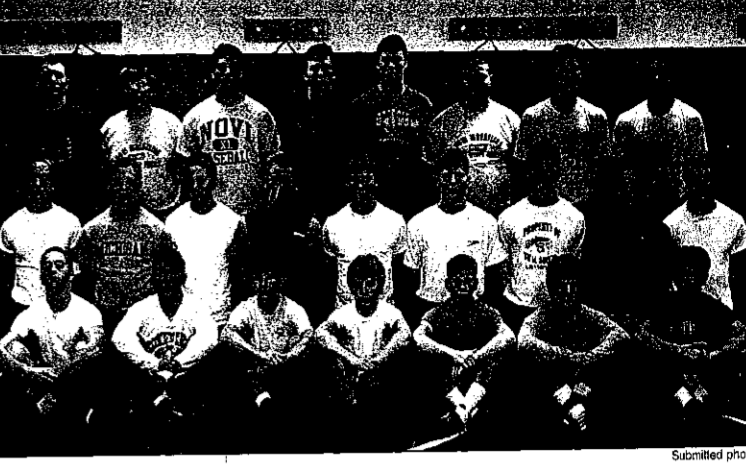
She also has a sister, Ann, who lives in Missouri and works as a sixth grade teacher.

"They're very supportive and rarely miss a game," Simpkins said about her parents. Her parents have helped put her through camps and other volleyball leagues in the off-season.

However, her parents aren't the only people she draws inspiration from. Simpkins also looks up to professional volleyball player and part-time model Gabrielle Reese.

"She's very intelligent and athletic. She's a good role model," she said about Reese. Simpkins has also read Reese's book.

Simpkins, like Reese, is very athletic. She works at the Sports Club of



The Novi Wildcats varsity wrestling team is raring to go for the title once again this season.

"I am confident that our senior leadership will help us to achieve our goals," Huss said. "We do not have any captains."

The Wildcats will have opened their wrestling season when they

look on cross-town rival Northville on the mat Tuesday before the Novi News event to print before heading to Hartland against the Hartland JV today at 4 p.m. The Wildcats will hit the

road again tomorrow when they visit Davison at 1 p.m. The first home match will be Saturday when Novi hosts a round-robin tournament at 9:30 a.m.

"It works," Simpkins said about her car. In her car, Simpkins enjoys listening to a variety of music.

"I pretty much listen to everything anywhere from Dave [Matthews Band], to Linkin Park, to Limp Bizkit," she said. "Yet, one artist stood out as her favorite."

"I'd have to say my favorite is Jewel," Simpkins said. She also enjoys one actor and his work. "Dumb and Dumber" is her favorite movie and Jim Carrey is her favorite actor.

"I think he's hilarious," Simpkins said. However, slapstick comedy is not the only thing she enjoys.

Simpkins is taking Physics, States Government and Politics, AP English, and Business Law classes. Her favorite class is Business Law and she enjoys Mr. Akouri, a Novi High teacher.

Simpkins is looking forward to her final year of volleyball and a possible future at the collegiate level. Since moving to Novi, she has become an asset to the school and volleyball team.

She knows how to relax, have fun, and meet all of her volleyball.

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Sport shorts

Baseball/Softball Holiday Camp
Put One In The Hole Over Deck, 215 E. Main St., Northville will conduct its fifth annual holiday camp for players ages 7-16. Instructors will include former professional and college ball players to help individuals with hitting, fielding, and catching. The camp dates are Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 27-29 and Wednesday through Friday, Jan. 2-4, 2002.

Softball Catchers Clinic
Put One In The Hole Over Deck, 215 E. Main St., Northville will conduct softball catchers clinic on

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Sports shorts

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DOWNTOWN DECORATIONS
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Central's Doug Brunner looks to take a pass in the neutral zone during last Friday's tilt against Walled Lake Western at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

WLW cagers look strong

Some of the best cagers around play for Warriors

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western basketball team is one thing for sure — talented.

The amount of talent this squad brings to the floor will look like a Division III college came to town each and every night the Warriors take the court.

I am expecting, though I cannot be positive, the Walled Lake Western Warriors to be the best team in the Western Lakes Activities Association this season barring any unusual circumstances or injuries.

They have it all - experience, skill, speed, height, shooting ability, ball-handling ability, a top-notch coaching staff and one of the best guards in Oakland County.

I expect the Warriors to win quite a few contests this season on shooting ability alone, tie that in with speed and rebounding — not to mention defense — and you have one deadly combination on the hardwood.

With a bench that runs as deep as Westerns' — five men deep with five on the floor — the Warriors will be able to come at opponents with what seems like two different squads that can be shaped into two different weapons.

The defensive end of the floor will find opponents trying to pass around long arms, quick hands and even quicker reaction times.

The Warriors, in my book, are the team to beat in the WLAA. I don't think there will be a game they play that they don't show

GAME OF THE WEEK

W Walled Lake Western Warrior

BASKETBALL

what their abilities are.

I am counting on watching the Warriors climb to the top of the WLAA on their way to making some noise in the Western Division as well as making some noise in the state tournaments.

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Western tops Central

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

In every contest, there is a loser. The Walled Lake Central Vikings had hoped that they would not be the ones taking on that role as they skated against city rival and Western Lakes Activities Association opponent Walled Lake Western — but they were.

The Vikings fell 8-0 in the WLAA matchup.

"It was one of those games where everything you saw went wrong," Hogan said.

"Western was the better team that night. We completely bombed in that game."

The Vikings skated evenly with the Warriors until the very end of the first period when the Western squad snuck the puck into the back of the net with time expiring to take a 1-0 lead.

"The first period was pretty even," Hogan said.

"My hat is off to them for their ability and their intensity."

The Warriors' intensity just grew and grew — assisting them in scoring two more goals in the second

"We have Stevenson at home this week. They are a perennial favorite and league champs. We have a lot of respect for them and we know they are going to be a big challenge. Sometimes the largest challenges brings out the best in a team."

Jim Hogan
Central hockey coach

period before crushing the Vikings with lightning quick goals in the third to cap the game scoring and to secure the win.

"They scored five goals in the third," Hogan said.

"They showed they wanted the game more than we did, I think. At the time, it seemed there was nothing we could do right."

Looking back on the game, Hogan could even laugh a little now.

"I am smiling now," Hogan said. "It was tough to take that night though. We have to regroup and retell as it were."

Putting the pieces back into place is first and foremost on Hogan's mind for his squad — but the shadow of tomorrow's game is looming above the Vikings as well.

"We have Stevenson at home this week," Hogan said of the Friday contest scheduled for 8:20 p.m.

"They are a perennial favorite and league champs. We have a lot of respect for them and we know they are going to be a big challenge. Sometimes the largest challenges brings out the best in a team."

Hogan also noted that a program cannot turn its entire season around in one game.

"It is going to take time," he said. "This team is still learning. I still think we have a bright future. Maybe we were a little over anxious to see the turn so soon."

Hogan said optimism is still high on his squad.

"We are certainly are keeping our optimism for the road as we barrel down it," Hogan said.

"We will have to make the adjustments for success this year, and I think we can even do that with the tough teams we play this season."

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WL Central volleyball team returns top starters

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Central Vikings girls volleyball team will have plenty of talent, height and experience to make this season more than interesting.

"This may be the best team I have ever had," 19-year helmsman Mike Lindstrom said of the 2001 Viking spikers. "I had to cut kids this season that would have started on most teams in this league."

The Vikings, who will be led by returning senior starters and team captains Allison Summerhill, who recently signed

a letter of intent to play volleyball for Oakland University; Stephanie Koslowski, who was selected for All-Division last season; Amy Rathsburg on the senior front; and Brigit Sheridan joining the other seniors as captain.

Returning juniors include All-Division selection and basketball stand-out Katie Radamacher and Kelsey Cross, who is back as the center for this season. Other juniors are Kansas Raby, Raquel Florino, Tarrin Miller, Jackie Fishcer, Laura Byerle, Chelsea Russette, Maureen Sheridan and April Starin.

"I think we will definitely be in contention for the league,"

Lindstrom said. "This is a little early in the season to tell for sure, but this could be the best team I have had."

Quite a statement, considering the Vikings rolled to the final four in the state tournament two of the past three seasons.

"We have good size and height," Lindstrom said. "I think in Oakland County we are one of the top-two teams. I also think there is a good chance we could be ranked this season."

The Vikings will have plenty of talent to check themselves against when they visit Brighton Saturday before hauling to Portage Northern High School for what Lindstrom considers one of

The Walled Lake Central Vikings volleyball team has a slew of talent to throw at their opponents this season. Led by a crew of returning starters, the Vikings will have the first challenge of the season when they visit the always tough Bulldogs of Brighton Saturday.

the best tournaments in the state.

"There is going to be a lot of top

teams there," he said. "It will really let us see where we stand right now."

In the Western Lakes Activities Association, Lindstrom thinks that along with the Vikings, Churchill and Plymouth Salem may be two tough teams. Lindstrom also noted that the Novi Wildcats, though not in the WLAA, will be a tough team to play against.

The Vikings will have their first home game Dec. 17 when they host Franklin.

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HOCKEY SCHEDULES

Walled Lake Western Hockey

Date	School	Place	Time
December			
8	Salem	Home	8:20 p.m.
14	Lakeland Invite	Away	TBA
15	Lakeland Invite	Away	TBA
22	Canton	Home	2:20 p.m.
January 2002			
5	Northville	Away	6:30 p.m.
12	Churchill	Home	5:20 p.m.
18	Stevenson	Home	8:20 p.m.
25	Farmington	Home	8:20 p.m.
26	South Lyon	Home	11:20 a.m.
February			
1	Salem	Away	7 p.m.
6	Stevenson	Away	6 p.m.
8	Royal Oak	Home	8:20 p.m.
9	Northville	Home	5:20 p.m.
13	Canton	Away	7 p.m.
16	Central	Home	2:20 p.m.
21	Farmington	Away	7:30 p.m.
23	Franklin	Home	2:20 p.m.

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Date	School	Place	Time
December			
7	Stevenson	Home	8:20 p.m.
12	Franklin	Away	8 p.m.
21	Mott	Home	8:20 p.m.
26	Howell Inv	Away	TBA
28	Howell Inv	Away	TBA
January			
4	Salem	Home	8:20 p.m.
5	Farmington	Home	8:20 p.m.
11	Churchill	Home	8:20 p.m.
16	Stevenson	Away	8 p.m.
17	South Lyon	Away	6 p.m.
19	Pontiac Notre Dame	Home	5:20 p.m.
25	Catholic Central	Away	7 p.m.
26	Northville	Home	2:20 p.m.
31	Farmington	Away	7:30 p.m.