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Your Toybox

Veteran toy retailer Bruce Weiner brought his passion to Novi three weeks ago, and he aims to serve his new community with the same zeal he has been offering metro-Detroit customers for the past 13 years.

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'All shook up'

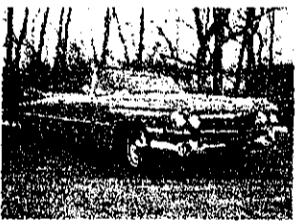
Do not be alarmed if you see Elvis in Novi. The jump-suited legend is just one of the hall-of-famers featured in the Novi Ice Arena's Fourth Annual Ice Revue. A tribute to musical legends is the theme of this year's program sanctioned by the U.S. Figure Skating Association and presented by the Skating Club of Novi.

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City sponsors unique mediation program

Free training will give volunteers tools needed to solve disputes

By Victoria Sadlocha
 STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi is offering residents a unique opportunity to help others in the community solve ongoing issues before incurring nagging legal costs and time-con-

suning courtroom battles. Through the Oakland Mediation Center, city officials are sponsoring free training for area residents interested in becoming mediators in the recently announced City of Novi Mediation Program. The 40-hour mediator training workshop will empower the participating volunteers with the necessary tools needed to solve others' disputes.

"The city is sponsoring 10 people so they can mediate when disputes arise in the city," said Nancy S. Klein, executive director of the Oakland Mediation Center. "The

objective is that anyone having a problem in the city could try mediation first."

Klein said after completion of the program, volunteers will be ready to sit down with disgruntled parties and them come to an agreement on a wide variety of problems, including neighborhood disputes such as barking dogs, property line disagreements and broken-down vehicles; disputes between consumers and merchants when either party is located in the city; subcontractor disagreements; and educational controversies.

After the training program is complete, representatives from the mediation center will help in the beginning until everyone is comfortable with the process.

"It is a voluntary process which has benefits to both the person who initiated the complaint and the respondent," Klein said.

The executive director explained that the advantage of having two parties involved in a dispute resolve their own problems is tremendous. Often the relationship between both sides is resolved, too, which rarely happens in court because of the adversarial position

those involved are placed in.

Other benefits of mediation include a quicker process than going through the court system, and because both parties decide on the settlement, they are more likely to follow its requirements.

Klein said in her past experience about 75 percent of the cases sent to mediation settle.

And what makes this program so special is, if successful, Novi will be the only city in the state where disputes from every agency are sent to mediation first.

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Petland of Novi owner Bob Thorne holds Scottish Terrier "Scottie" as it licks the face of laughing Karissa Barr last Friday morning at Walled Lake's Tutor Time.

Photo by John Holder

PUPPY LOVE

Novi pet store owner finds success in his heart

By Victoria Sadlocha
 STAFF WRITER

Novi pet store owner Bob Thorne is more than your average proprietor.

The 49-year-old entrepreneur is also a role model for how to succeed in business with dignity and self-respect.

How is this accomplished?

To Thorne the answer is simple. All it takes is a commitment to the community and a focus on the fundamental reason of why you are doing what you are doing.

For Thorne, the underlying principle of his Petland store is the animals.

"The animals come first and everything else follows," he said. "It is not about taking customers' money and sending them out the door."

Thorne stresses a no-pressure atmosphere at his Twelve Oaks shop so no animal will ever go home with an owner who may regret their decision at a later date.

"I tell all my employees, Taking the ani-

Hot dogs, anyone?

Petland of Novi's top-selling dog is the dachshund. The long, furry pet is a favorite of all the store's puppy shoppers.

In second place is the puggle. A puggle is a cross between a pug and a beagle. According to Petland owner Bob Thorne, the puggle is most commonly bred in Wisconsin and generally crosses are healthier breeds of dogs.

Ready-and-waiting Petland animals receive their care from the VetSelect Animal Hospital of Novi, one of the few certified animal hospitals in the state.

The Twelve Oaks located store also sells kittens, birds, rabbits, reptiles and fish and a wide variety of pet supplies.

Thorne said.

The store owner has also implemented other store policies to protect the pets in

his store.

For example, Thorne's store offers a return policy even though many other pet stores do not.

"If ever you cannot take care of a pet that you purchased from us, I'll find it a home," Thorne said. "This prevents animals from being in a shelter."

The store owner told a story of a call he received from a woman who purchased a dog from the Novi pet store about two years ago, well before he had taken ownership, but was unable to keep the pet because she had a baby who was severely allergic.

"The next day, I found the dog a home," Thorne said.

The store, located near the Sears entrance, also adopts animals on a space-provided basis.

Other pet-friendly policies include stressing the importance of education and training.

"Our prices are based on education,"

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Novi Library creates a buzz about bees

By Victoria Sadlocha
 STAFF WRITER

What houses about 50,000 workers, 300 drones and one queen?

A honeybee hive, and area children learned this tidbit and many more amazing honeybee facts during the Novi District Library's "The Honeybee and the Art of Beekeeping" Spring-Break

program held last week.

Dyanne Tracy, Ph.D., and her assistant Nancy Schliebe entertained the interested crowd of children April 4, introducing them to many aspects of beekeeping and providing a fresh honey sample at the end of the presentation.

"It was good," said Novi Meadows student Allyson Berenguer after the program.

The 11-year-old student was chosen out of about 50 kids to try on an official beekeeper's uniform.

"It was pretty warm inside," she said. Berenguer's favorite part of the protective suit was the hat.

Hats worn by beekeepers are either zipped closed or tied tightly around the body to prevent honeybees from entering.

Other parts of the uniform include shoulder-length gloves, secure boots and zipper-tight coveralls.

Also demonstrated during the program were many beekeeping tools, such as a bee brush used to dismiss the insects from somewhere they are not supposed to be, a hive tool used to

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Students learn nature's wonders

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Earthly celebrations ringed at the Novi Expo Center Wednesday, with metro-Detroit students sharing the wonders of the natural environment.

Taschem Productions of Walled Lake hosted the first annual "Evo-Fest," an educational program that featured ecology, science and the dreams that inspire their progress. The event aimed to show students the gentle balance of the earth's environment and instill them with knowledge they can take with them as the next generation of global caretakers.

"We make a footprint on Earth and [Evo-Fest] shows what we can do to reduce that footprint," said Brian Starns of Taschem Productions.

More than 3,000 students from metro-Detroit, including Novi and

Walled Lake Schools, participated in a series of educational activities and exhibitions by Michigan and national companies designed for fourth- to ninth-grade kids.

Some afternoon highlights included students making a handprint in a bag, with students exploring the elements of decomposition. The event also introduced the visiting children to methods of reforestation, including the lumber production and replanting of Michigan forests, and the humane treatment of animals, with students exploring the relationship and interaction of humans with their environment.

"We wanted a field-trip opportunity that would provide interactive experiments for students to do," Starns said.

Companies participating in "Evo-Fest" included the Detroit Zoo, The Detroit Garden Center, the Cranbrook Institute of

Science, the Discovery Channel Store and General Motors, which presented a video on the technology advances of alternative energies and fuels for automobiles.

Taschem hopes to use "Evo-Fest" as a model for similar events across the country, joining government agencies, educational facilities, private businesses and community service groups for one educational event, Starns said.

"Evo-Fest" was partly funded by the Novi Expo Center, Suburban Landscape Supply of Walled Lake, Monroe Collision and Bob Sellers Pontiac in Farmington Hills. The program was scheduled for a second day at the Novi Expo Center on April 11.

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Police Report

CHECKIN' OUT

Walled Lake police are investigating fraudulent checks that were cashed by two women at Fifth Third Bank in Walled Lake March 25.

The bank's manager told police two black women came in to cash checks that were found to be fraudulent. Two hours later the women went to the Commerce Township Fifth Third Bank and attempted to cash checks there.

The teller said she would have to call and verify the checks. That's when the women took off.

A vigilante cell phone user assisted the Novi Police Department in catching a Novi man with marijuana. A 21-year-old Twelve Oaks security guard called the Novi Police Department on April 6 at about 11 p.m., and reported he witnessed the passenger of a 1995 red Ford Probe light blue he believed to be a marijuana pipe. A Novi Police officer was dispatched to the area of Meadowbrook and Grand River

and located the car. The Ford was driving 45 mph in a 25 mph zone, so the officer activated his lights. The cell phone user pulled up behind the officer to act as a witness for what he believed he saw earlier. After approaching the vehicle, the police officer observed a clear plastic bag containing a green leafy substance. The driver allowed the officer to search the vehicle and no other suspected drugs were found. The 18-year-old Novi passenger admitted the pot and blue marble pipe were his and was arrested. At the station, the substance tested positive as marijuana and weighed about 5 grams.

BAD DAY
For one St. Clair Shores man, April 2 was not the best day as he spent time in the hospital and two different police departments. On April 2 Novi police officers were called to assist the University of Michigan Ann Arbor Police Department with lodging an inmate the Ann Arbor officers had arrested on a Novi warrant. When the officers arrived to pick up the 42-year-old male, it had been determined he had a blood alcohol content level of more than .30 and was taken to the hospital instead. The St. Clair Shores man was released from the hospital later that day and dropped off to the Novi Police Department by the Ann Arbor campus police.

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ROCKERS ON A ROLL
Twenty-two bags of cocaine "rocks" amounting to three grams, were confiscated from a car in the Walled Lake Villa Parking Lot. The officers noticed two male passengers jump out of the car, which they knew was driven by a 20-year-old woman without a valid driver's license. Another passenger, an 18-year-old man, told police they could search the car because there wasn't anything to hide. However, the police uncovered the cocaine while searching the car. The police are awaiting warrants.

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A different way to spend spring break

Central Michigan University student and Novi resident Kay Hinz spent her spring break vacation this year working with drug-addicted mothers in Philadelphia. Hinz assisted at the Genesis II, Canton Village, a facility that works to help women and their children overcome drug addiction and other related issues. Genesis II, Canton Village volunteers assist

in outings with children, tutor both adults and children on various subjects and help with general maintenance of the facility. "It was a great experience to meet wonderful people and expand my knowledge of the people in the world," said Hinz, a junior at CMU who is majoring in art and graphic design. Hinz is the daughter of Novi res-

idents Paul and Nancy Hinz. More than 100 CMU students participated in alternative spring breaks from March 2-10, working with people across the U.S. with such social issues as drug addiction, hunger, domestic violence, poverty and homelessness, as well as Habitat for Humanity, an organization that builds homes for low-income families.



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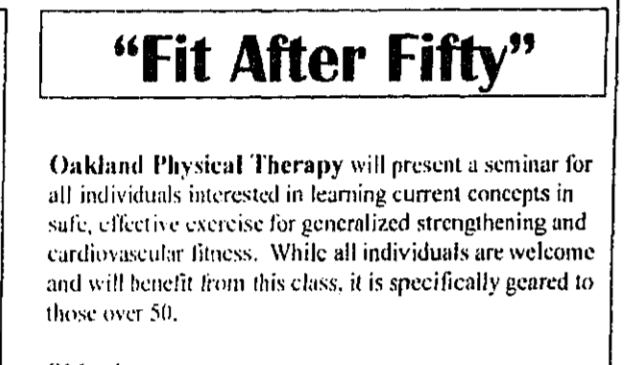
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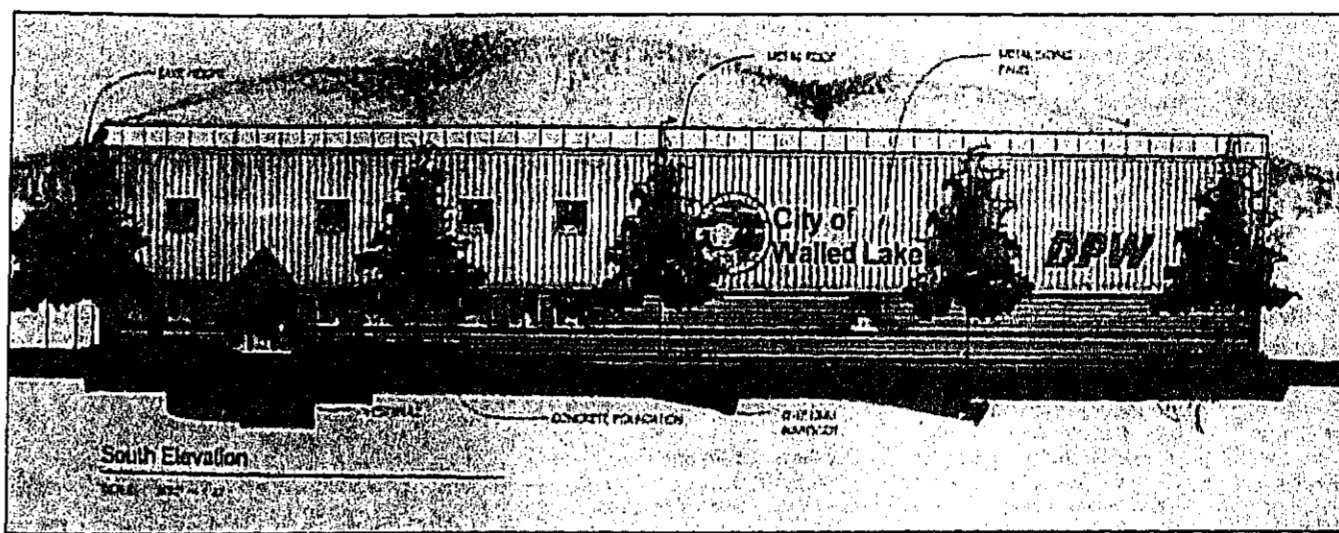
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NEW DIGS



Ground broke on new DPW facility

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake city officials got the dirt flying last week as they kicked off construction on the new Department of Public Works building.

City council members and city administration broke ground on the project at 6:30 p.m. April 2 before the scheduled city council meeting.

Steel will soon be brought in to start construction on the planned \$1.4 million, 15,000-square-foot building, which is being constructed by the Farmington Hills-based building firm The Garrison Company.

The firefighters association building that was built in the late 1960s by firefighters was torn down Friday to make room for the facility. The building is being constructed next to the current 5,000-square-foot DPW building that was once used as a foundry.

"It served the citizens of Walled Lake well," said Mayor William Roberts. "However, it's now time to build a new updated DPW building for the community's future, he said."

"The building that is now being used is starting to have structural problems such as minor floods, he said.

"We store a lot of city records in the DPW, but because of various leaks they have been destroyed," Roberts said. "When they go looking for documents it's maddening."

"The building will be used as workspace for the department's 12

employees and for storage of city equipment and trucks.

"This will allow all DPW employees to be in under one roof," said Loyd Cureton, DPW director.

Cureton now has his quarters in a temporary trailer with the public works coordinator.

"Just being able to be in the same building will eliminate problems," Cureton said. "Now when we want to talk to each other, we have to walk over to each other. This will allow me to be with the crew, and it will be much more productive."

Phillip Vavter, city manager, said they are able to construct the building without raising residents taxes.

"It's another thing we are very proud of," Vavter said. "We view the project as our first step to modernize our complex to meet the future needs of our residents."

Diane Cartter, council member, said a new building needed to be built long ago.

"We hope the DPW will have a building that's workable for them," Heather Hill, council member, said officials have worked on planning the building for years.

"For the protection of our staff, it's a necessary thing to do," Hill said. "At the same time, we have a lot of new equipment that's for the good of our citizens that needs to be taken care of. I'm very excited about this project."

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City officials breaking ground are Heather Hill, city council member; Monica Lesnau, city council member; Jerry Walker, director of public safety and Loyd Cureton, DPW director. City leaders not pictured but who also broke ground are Phillip Vavter, city manager; Ray Swartz, city council member; Linda Ackley, city council member; Bill Roberts, mayor and Diane Cartter, city council member. The architectural rendering is shown at the top of the page.

Residents can voice opinion on Wellsboro Rd. closing April 16

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake residents will be attending a public meeting April 16 to voice their opinions about the permanent closure of Wellsboro Road off of Pontiac Trail.

The road will be closed in June to make room for the new CVS pharmacy at the corner of Pontiac Trail and West Maple Road.

"We're going to be building a new road," said Phillip Vavter, city manager. "It's a platted route that's never been built that's connected to Maple."

The public meeting is standard practice, although all of the surrounding residents have already been notified of city officials' intentions.

Leslie Meyers, planning director, said Wellsboro Road gets congested at certain peak times each day. The new road will make it safer for residents to enter and exit their subdivision, she said.

Vavter agreed. "Right now it's hard for them to get in and out," Vavter said. "It will be a real improvement for everybody."

The meeting will allow residents to speak their minds about the permanent closure of the road and the future road.

"It's a public street, so the public has the right to make comments," Meyers said. "Very often the wives have been telling their husbands to get rid of their extra cars for years, and now they can give them the paper I give them," Rondeau said. "They wonder why someone hasn't been here sooner."

However, he believes most people want to do the right thing about keeping up their property, but they just get busy and get behind by not getting rid of belongings they no longer need.

Nevertheless, there was one case that was hard and stinky for him to deal with. "There was a gentleman who had 17 dogs, nine puppies, five or six

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Huron Valley and DDA get artsy

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

You've got to have art! That's what Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority and Huron Valley officials believe.

They are planning a joint art festival venture in the city next year.

However, most of the future plans are top secret since they don't want their ideas to be copied in other communities, according to Tracy Conlon, Main Street manager with the DDA, and Cheryl Youd, director of development at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital.

The art event will help fund a \$30 million addition to the hospital, which will include an enlarged surgical wing and another entrance to the hospital.

"It's supposed to be a very large event with the city and hospital working together," said Charlene Long, DDA administrative assistant and member of the DDA promotions committee. "They said Walled Lake would be an excellent location. They liked our lake and our downtown."

The event will help fund in local artists and art enthusiasts from all around, she said.

"I think this is going to be a fantastic partnership with the DDA and the hospital," Long said. "We hope it will be an annual event that gets larger every year."

City leaders would like local businesses to get involved as sponsors, she said.

"We hope this brings in patrons to our businesses and visitors to our city," Long said.

However, city officials are also delighted to be helping Huron Valley Sinai Hospital raise funds, which Youd said is necessary to pay for the new extension.

"It will be a new building off of the southwest of our building," Youd said. "It will allow us to meet the needs of our community."

Surgeons currently perform more than 12,000 surgeries each year at the hospital.

The hospital needs more surgical space so that surgeries will not be performed so late into the night, which will be more convenient for patients. Surgeries are now performed from 5 a.m. until 7 p.m., sometimes 9 p.m.

The wing will provide more operating rooms and other additional operating room space when it is finished. A new endoscopy suite will also be created.

"We hope to break ground the third week of June," Youd said.

However, the not-for-profit hospital must count on future funds to pay for the wing.

"We rely on our community to make contributions," she said. "We're trying to get the word out that we need people to help us. The community expects us to be here, but we need their support."

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Walled Lake hires two to handle Jonas' duties

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

There are two new faces in Walled Lake inspecting buildings and enforcing codes in the city.

Tim Eggleston, building official, and Jeff Rondeau, code enforcement officer, have both taken their posts to keep the city safe and sparkling.

Eggleston will be responsible for all inspections on additions and remodeling of home and commercial buildings in the city. Rondeau will be responsible for making sure residents are keeping their homes and businesses within the city's code standards.

Rondeau, who has lived in Walled Lake for the past 15 years, accepted the part-time position just before leaving his volunteer spot on the city's zoning board. It was there that he learned the importance of fair code enforcement.

"When I was on the zoning board,

I saw a need for this position," Rondeau said. "I felt this was a good opportunity to get involved with my town."

Rondeau, who owns Rendezvous Limousine Service in Walled Lake, enjoys the interaction with residents, who are oftentimes thankful for his enforcement duties.

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Community Events

The Jesus Film
DATE: April 14 and 21
LOCATION: Lakes Baptist Church, 309 Derker Rd., Walled Lake
TIME: 6 p.m.
DETAILS: The film of Christ presented in an IMAX format.
PHONE: Don Magee, (248) 624-2900

Accent on Women
DATE: Tuesday, April 16
LOCATION: Family Center at the Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Joan Lynn, M.S., C.N.M., will speak on women's health issues, advising and answering questions about medical problems that challenge women throughout their lives.
PHONE: Margaret Hagerty, (248) 661-4366

Rummage Sale
DATE: Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi
TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
DETAILS: Offered by the church's Women's Service Club.
PHONE: Molly Daley, (248) 477-1621

Sugarloaf Art Fair
DATE: April 19-21
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, Novi Rd. & I-96
TIME: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

DETAILS: Now in its eighth year, this show features over 350 nationally recognized craft designers and fine artists from 39 states and Canada. Includes demonstrations and entertainment.
Admission is \$6; free for 12 and under; free parking.
PHONE: Call (800) 210-9900 before April 12 for discount admission coupons, or visit www.sugarloafoff.com.

Walk Thru the Bible
DATE: Saturday, April 20
LOCATION: Lakes Baptist Church, 309 Derker Rd., Walled Lake
TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: A unique seminar that will assist one in seeing how the pieces of the Bible fit together.
PHONE: Please call Cindy Hammond at (248) 624-3048 to reserve materials.

Women's Retreat
DATE: Saturday, April 27
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville
TIME: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the chapel
DETAILS: An opportunity for women to gather for a day of making choices, discovery, and learning through Biblical history.
PHONE: Faith McClary, (248) 380-0286

10th Annual Charity Auction
DATE: Saturday, April 27
LOCATION: Novi Hilton Hotel

TIME: The doors open at 6 p.m. with raffle and silent auction followed by an elegant dinner at 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The Novi Chamber of Commerce's premier event of the year, "A Night to Remember," sponsored by Time Warner Cable and Providence Hospital & Medical Center. Tickets are \$65 per person.
PHONE: (248) 349-3745 or visit the Web at www.novichamber.com

Growing Up Gracefully
DATE: Saturday, April 27
LOCATION: St. Johns Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Margit Erickson, of Margit Erickson & Co., will again be presenting her popular children's etiquette seminar. Class is limited to 12 children; fee is \$110.
PHONE: Margit Erickson & Co., PO Box 841, Northville, MI 48167 or call (248) 471-6170

The Spring Friends of the Wixom Public Library Used Book Sale
DATE: Thursday, April 25; and Friday and Saturday, April 26-27
LOCATION: Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail
TIME: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
DETAILS: Hardbacks will cost \$1, paperbacks will cost 75¢, and trade paperbacks will cost 50¢, in addition to some specially-priced items. During the last three hours of the sale (Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.), books will be "two bucks

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PHONE: (248) 624-2512

Our Children's Health at Risk
DATE: Friday, May 10
LOCATION: Oakland Schools Kiva, Waterford
TIME: 8 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: To counter the rising rates of obesity in Michigan's children, Healthy People, Healthy Oakland and the Obesity Initiative in association with Oakland County schools is sponsoring a seminar. The morning will tackle the health implications of obesity and why schools are the best place to start in beating the mounting obesity rates. Also, the seminar will include an overview of the School Health Index, a self-assessment and planning tool regarding healthy living practices for community schools developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The seminar is free.
PHONE: Alesha Ulasich, (248) 858-7959 or Libby Harabon, (248) 858-1284

Boy Scout Celebration
DATE: May 14
DETAILS: There will be a 20th anniversary celebration and a court of honor for Boy Scouts Troop 407. Organizers are looking for individuals who were leaders and scouts from Troop 407 since 1982. Boy Scouts Troop 407, Novi, MI
PHONE: (248) 449-5170 to be placed on the invitation list, or e-mail T407@aol.com.

Spring Classic Car Auction
DATE: Friday-Sunday, April 26-28
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center
TIME: Friday, 10 p.m.-Sunday, 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 p.m.-Sunday, 10 p.m.
DETAILS: The 10th Annual RM Classic Car Auction is the Midwest's largest indoor auction. Over 100 classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and sports cars will be auctioned during the exciting three-day event.
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FRIENDS OF NOVI LIBRARY
The Friends of the Novi Public Library are proud to present "For the Love of Birds." The 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 event will feature author Kay Charter's documentation of a year in the lives of the beautiful creatures. Charter's presentation will focus on her 47-acre Leelanau County sanctuary for native birds. The program is free and held in the library located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road. Due to limited seating, reservations are requested. To make a reservation or for additional information, call (248) 349-0720.

READ TO ACHIEVE
Next coffee-lovers were part of the driving force behind the collection of more than 10,000 new and gently-used children's books for metropolitan area kids. The Detroit Pistons and Starbucks coffee March collection effort shattered the goal of receiving 2,000 books. Out of the 46 participating Starbucks locations, the 14 Mile Road Novi location came in first place with a grand total of 4,000 books. The book drive was part of the Detroit Pistons "Read to Achieve" community literacy initiative inaugural year.

ERNE HARWELL DAY
Detroit baseball broadcasting legend Ernie Harwell will be signing copies of his new book, "Ernie Harwell: My 60 Years in Baseball," Monday, April 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Borders in Novi. In honor of Harwell's appearance, the Town Center store has named the occasion "Ernie Harwell Day" and invites all attendees to wear their favorite Tigers gear. For more information or to reserve a copy of his book, call (248) 347-0780.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST
The city of Novi is looking for creative youngsters interested in designing a camp T-shirt for more than 350 Lakeshore campers and camp staff. The winner chosen from all drawings submitted by boys and girls ages 6 through 12 will receive one free 890 camp session and a free shirt. All entries must be submitted to the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on 8.5-inch-by-11-inch paper with the child's name, address and phone number on the back of the entry. Officials ask that a black marker or ink pen is used and that designers stay away from thin lines. The deadline for the contest is 5 p.m. May 3.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
The City of Novi is looking for interested businesses and community groups who would like to participate in its annual Memorial Day Parade. Now is the time to register for the 2002 parade, which will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, May 27. Participants will have the opportunity to design and create their own floats, making the celebration extra special for the community. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

RECOGNIZING VIETNAM VETS
Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark announced Sunday, June 30 will be Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day. A 1 p.m. ceremony will take place in the Novi Civic Center and will be open to the public. Clark said the Vietnam War is the war of the forgotten and it is now time to set the record straight. Any Novi veteran interested in participating in the event is asked to call (248) 347-0400 for the necessary information.

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Providence Hospital pitches in for Wixom AEDs



By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Providence Hospital is the latest to donate to an automated external defibrillator (AED) and provide training for its use so that every Wixom police car will be equipped with the life-saving device.

Robert Casalou, president of Providence Hospital, said he knew he wanted to donate to the cause as soon as he read about the city's need in the *Novi News*.

"I want to commend you," Casalou told Clarence Goodlein, Wixom police chief. "This is a great project you are doing. What you have done is create community awareness."

Wixom formed the Wixom Heart Savers, which is comprised of residents, business owners, police and fire workers, so that the city could purchase 10 AEDs for the city. The AEDs will be placed in each of the six police cars and will also be placed in city hall and in the city's community center.

An AED analyzes the heart rhythm of a person who may be having a sudden cardiac arrest. It is automated that it only delivers a shock if the victim is actually having a sudden cardiac arrest.

The city was turned down for a state grant last year to purchase the equipment, Goodlein said. That's when they decided to seek the community's help to raise the needed funds.

Casalou knows how important AEDs are to saving lives since police are often first to arrive at a medical emergency scene even before medical workers.

There's only a few minutes to get to someone before there is no chance of survival, he said. It's sometimes too late to save patients brought into the hospital who are suffering with a sudden cardiac arrest, he said.

"It gives people a fighting chance," Casalou said. "If one of these saves a life, it pays for itself."

He also wants the surrounding community to know that the hospital is there for them.

"We want to be known as the

major medical provider for this community," Casalou said. "Our address is Novi but we are less than a mile from the Wixom border."

Goodlein said the hospital's \$4,000 donation brings the Heart Savers up to \$21,750. Their goal is \$35,000.

The hospital donated one AED with a data card, and additional equipment and training to go with it.

"People have been calling us to donate," Goodlein said. "It's been a really gratifying experience for me to show how the community can come together."

There are no words to express appreciation for the donation, he said.

"We're so happy and pleased you want to help us," Goodlein told Casalou. "It certainly moves us along in our project. It's going to improve public safety in the community."

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

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STRATEGIES FOR PARENTING TODAY'S KIDS
Catholic Social Services of Oakland County (CSSOC) is offering an exciting new parent education program to Oakland County families. Strategies for Parenting Today's Kids addresses issues being faced by parents whose children are growing up

with the opportunities and the challenges of the 21st century. Classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 83 Franklin Blvd. in Pontiac or Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1424 E. Eleven Mile Rd., in Royal Oak. Developed by parent education specialist, Cathy Howard Lindemann, M.S., this program focuses on positive parenting and nonviolent discipline techniques. Its strategies are based on four principles: Developing reasonable expectations, communicating effectively, modeling appropriate behavior, and teaching a better word for discipline. "This model for effective parenting is not a 'quick fix' for

making your child behave appropriately. It is a new way for families to relate," explained Lindemann. Lindemann has presented Strategies for Parenting Today's Kids to hundreds of parents in Akron, Ohio and Houston, Texas where she has worked for 17 years as a social worker, educator, and public speaker. For more information or to register for Strategies for Parenting Today's Kids, please call 248-334-5555, ext. 3264. Class size is limited; the program fee is \$5 per session.

LOCALS EARN STUDY GRANTS
Jennifer DeFaney, a junior

attending Western Michigan University, majoring in psychology, has received a grant to study "The Development and Implementation of a Social Skills Curriculum for Children with Disabilities." Her faculty mentor is Dr. Lynne Heasley, assistant professor of environmental studies. She is a member of the Lee Honors College and the daughter of Raymond and Suzanne Styra.

LAWRENCE HONOR ROLL
Novi residents Brian Faulkrod, Courtney Bowtell, Kathleen O'Hearn, Michael Livermore, Alan Hendry, Susan Bear, Garrett Polk, Robin Duncan, and Dean Sparks were named to the dean's honor roll at Lawrence Technological University for the fall 2001 semester. Jacquelyn Styra, a senior attending Western Michigan University, majoring in environmental studies and political science, has received a grant to study "The Significance of

Community officials training focuses on basics of planning

Newly-appointed officials or seasoned pros wishing to brush up on their skills are welcome to attend a crash course in the basics of planning, courtesy of Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services (PES).

The half-day course, "Planning Basics: Training for Community Officials," will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Oakland County Law Library, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$50. Registration and payment must be received by Wednesday, April 17. To request a registration form, or for more information, contact Chris Mosher at (248) 658-1995. This training is essential for elected and appointed officials. Topics to be covered include new planning laws, zoning decision procedures, risk management, roles and duties of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, and case studies. The workshop program, materials and the instructor are provided by the Michigan Society of Planning, a chapter of the American Planning Association.

RELAY FOR LIFE Kick-off for June event held

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

The American Cancer Society held its Relay for Life Kick-off in Novi Wednesday, with Oakland County residents officially signing on to the organization's premiere fundraiser. The event, which was held at the Novi Hilton on Haggerty Road, celebrated last year's fundraising accomplishments, as well as informed the 2002 participants about the upcoming third annual Relay For Life on June 22-23 at Novi Middle School. "Relay for Life raises awareness, honors cancer victims and pays tribute to others who have lost to cancer," said Barb Iovan of the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life fundraisers are held at local track facilities across the U.S., where family, friends and co-workers join together with other community teams for the 24-hour event. From 10 a.m. on June 22 to 10 a.m. the next morning, team members will take turns walking

around the Novi Middle School track, while the others enjoy the day's festivities, including live music, dancing and picnics. "It's like a block party," Iovan said. "It's fun and exciting." Last year, the Novi Relay for Life raised more than \$33,000 to these efforts. Nationally, the 3,000 events across the U.S. boasted about 2 million relayers, netting more than \$200 million in donations. "This is very meaningful for victims," Iovan said. The American Cancer Society is a nationwide voluntary health organization that raises money for cancer research, education, advocacy and service. Those interested in participating in the 2002 American Cancer Society Relay for Life should contact Barb Iovan at (248) 483-4317. The event is open to the public.

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

Novi Ice Revue skaters are 'all shook up'

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Do not be alarmed if you see Elvis in Novi. The jump-suited legend is just one of the hall-of-famers featured in the Novi Ice Arena's Fourth Annual Ice Revue. A tribute to musical legends is the theme of this year's program sanctioned by the U.S. Figure Skating Association and presented by the Skating Club of Novi. Gliding skaters will represent musical favorites such as Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra and Barbara Streisand. The choreographers designed skaters' routines to range from the 1950s to the present and many of the songs were selected from the Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Rock and Roll Hall of

Fame and the Motown Hall of Fame. "There will be a little something for everyone," said Tammy Hombig, figure skating director of the Novi Ice Arena. Hombig said the cast of 100 skaters has been rehearsing since the end of February, and the nearly two-hour event is sure to provide a sensational time for all in attendance. Hombig said the skaters range in age from 4 to 17. Shows will be held 7 p.m. Friday, April 19 and 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Tickets purchased before April 19 are \$5 and may be bought at the Novi Ice Arena located at 42400 Arena Drive off of Novi Road between Nine and 10 Mile roads. Tickets will be available for \$7 on show days. For additional information, call (248) 347-1100.

The eye-catching performers are from the arena's Learn to Skate, recreational and competitive figure skating programs. All levels of ability will be represented during the show, ranging from the youngest skaters who will be performing basic skating skills to the older, more advanced skaters who will be dazzling the crowd with their double and triple jumps.



Cast members of last year's Ice Revue pose for a picture. The popular annual event will take place again this month.

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

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CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2002 at 4:30 PM at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Chris Stone Lot 21, Park Place Subdivision (Case 002-00).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry, Attention: Woodland Review Board, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18, 2002.

ROBIN KUMMER,
(411-02 NR/NN 1103708) NOVI PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 02-37.24

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 02-37.24-AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 34, DIVISION 4, SUBDIVISION VI TO ESTABLISH THE MEADOWBROOK CORPORATE PARK WATER MAIN EXTENSION AND SERVICE DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR USER CONNECTION FEES FOR SERVICE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 1, 2002 and will be effective April 16, 2002. 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. prevailing local time.

(411-02 NR/NN 1103162) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 47175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 02-18.17C.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, FOOTNOTE (u), OF THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 400 OF SAID ORDINANCE, RELATING TO HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS IN AN OST DISTRICT; AND TO AMEND SUBPART 2509.6(g), RELATING TO BERMS, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY TO WAIVE REQUIRED BERMS WHEN ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY
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CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.614

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.614, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is April 16, 2002.

TO: A PORTION OF THE E.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 4, T14N, R8E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-01-001-001 and -002, more particularly described as follows:
Parcel 22-01-001-001
Parcel 22-01-001-002

TO REZONE FROM R-2 TO R-2.1

ORDINANCE NO. 18.614
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 614

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 1st day of April, 2002. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

RICHARD J. CLARK, MAYOR
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK
(411-02 NR/NN 1103163)

CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 47175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.618 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FROM REZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH OF 14 MILE ROAD WEST OF M.S. FROM R.A. RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE TO R-2 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.

TO REZONE A PORTION OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 1, T14N, R8E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being part of parcel 22-01-200-009 more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the West right-of-way line of the M-5 Highway, said point being S02°30'22"E 2483.18 feet along the East line of Section 1 (nominal C.O. of Haggerty Road) and S86°43'09"W 2594.58 feet from the NE corner of Section 1, thence continuing S86°43'09"W 190.39 feet to a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 1, thence N02°45'05"W 64.155 feet along said N-S 1/4 line, thence N88°48'32"E 276.75 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of the M-5 Highway, thence S04°53'41"W 647.75 feet along said right-of-way line to the point of beginning. Containing 3.44 acres.

FROM: R.A. RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: R-2 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.618
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 618

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

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Matching child to toy

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Veteran toy retailer Bruce Weiner brought his passion to Novi three weeks ago, and he aims to serve his new community with the same zeal he has been offering metro-Detroit customers for the past 13 years. Weiner opened the doors to his newest specialty toy store, Your Toybox, in mid-March, relocating his business from Rochester Hills to the Novi Town Center.

"There was a real need for a specialty toy store in the Novi area," Weiner said. "Our goal is to carry toys that you would call 'great stuff.' Your Toybox offers shoppers a mix of toys from age-old favorites, such as kites and yo-yos, to the creative and the unusual, stocking popular product names such as Thomas and Brito trains, Playmobil and a collection of dolls from 12 manufacturers."

"There is no better reason to give a child a gift than to get them to ask why," Weiner said. "If I can get a child to ask why, I've done a good job." Without regard for age, the store carries items not only for toddlers and children, but adults as well, offering the young at heart an assortment of thinking games and logic puzzles, in an industry dominated by large national retailers. Your Toybox carries its own niche in the tight competition through its unique selection of goods.

"You can get something for 50 cents to a couple hundred dollars," Weiner said.

Other store merchandise includes children's arts and crafts supplies, building toys and geometric models, beginner's science gear, including telescopes and chemistry kits, and a collection of woven baby toys — a throwback to bygone days.

"We live in a plastic world," Weiner said. "And (wooden toys) are something you can pass on to your grandchildren."

However, the toy store owner said his emphasis on customer service has been the driving factor behind his retail success.

"Our staff specializes in assisting customers with choosing toys which are age appropriate, fun and interesting to children," Weiner said. "We'd like to think whether you spend 50 cents or \$50, everyone gets treated the exact same way."

And Weiner believes this individual attention, along with a knowledge of toys that comes along with 13 years in the business, keeps the customers coming back.

"I know toys, and I know kids. I want to give the customer plenty of information to make an informed decision," he said.

Your Toybox offers free gift and balloon wrapping and special order services.

Moreover, the new Novi retailer aims to keep the toy business what toys are meant to be: fun.

"Our philosophy is that toys are fun, and the people who sell them should be too," Weiner said, as he took a quick lap around his store's outer aisles on a two-wheeled scooter. "We want to make it a fun place to shop."

Weiner opened his first specialty toy store in 1989 in Troy before moving to his Rochester Hills location, where he operated businesses for nine years. He then moved Your Toybox to Novi when a 4,100-square foot space became available in the Novi Town Center, which was then doubted the size of its previous store.

"I will miss Rochester Hills, but Novi looks like a great opportunity, and it's best I keep my eyes on the future," Weiner said.

And Weiner looks forward to the fresh start in a new community with new faces.

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Bruce Weiner plays with an orangutan hand-puppet in his new Novi Town Center shop "Your Toybox".

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Engagements



Colligan-Hilliker

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Colligan, of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon, to William Hilliker, son of William and Rose Hilliker of Standish.

The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1995 and received her M.A. from Western Michigan University in 2001. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist for Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools.

The groom-elect graduated from Standish-Sterling Central High School in 1990 and received his M.S. from University of Detroit Mercy in 2001. He is a systems analyst for Henry Ford Health Systems.

A July wedding is planned.



York-Fruchey

Ray and Jean York, of Novi, are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Philip, to Lisa Fruchey, daughter of Tom and Janice Fruchey, of Monroe.

The bride-elect graduated from Ida High School in 1995 and Eastern Michigan University in 2001. She is a teacher with the Bedford Public Schools.

The groom-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1991 and Eastern Michigan University in 1996. He is employed by Innowision Technologies. He also coaches the junior varsity soccer team at South Lyon High School and is the coach of the '85 Novi Jaguars.

A July wedding is planned.



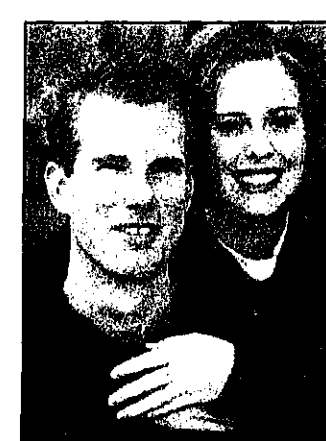
Astley-Wright

Graham and Jimeane Astley of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Christina to Brad Wright, son of Susan Wright of Wyandotte.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Novi High School. She attended Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Rock Financial as a mortgage banker.

The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of Roosevelt High School. He attended Washburn Community College and is employed by Sheehan Painting in Plymouth.

A June wedding is planned.



Lutes-White

Timothy Guy Lutes announces the engagement of his daughter, Tricia Renee Lutes of Northville, to Matthew William White, son of Jan and Sandy White of Temperance.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and is currently attending Western Michigan University. The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of WMU and is employed as a flight instructor at Bowling Green State University.

A Dec. 28 wedding is planned.

Obituary

Dewey G. Stamper

Dewey Stamper of Plymouth, died March 22. He was 76. Mr. Stamper was born Sept. 18, 1925 in Beattyville, Ky. He was a carpenter for 30 years and came to the Plymouth community in 1945 from Kentucky.

He is survived by one daughter, Debbie (Dave) Koperski of Novi, four grandchildren: Sean Koperski of Novi, Jason (Jenni) Koperski of White Lake, Donald (Jame) Stamper of Howell, and Trina Stamper of Howell, four great grandchildren: Eric, Marc, Garrett, and Gravin, one brother: Carl (Alene) Stamper of Plymouth.

and three sisters, Geneva (Albert) Bradley of Plymouth, Edna Abram of Beattyville, Ky., and Georgia (Dorsey) Gabbard of Beattyville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his son, Donald Stamper.

Funeral services were Mar. 26 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Royce Dickinson officiating. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be given to the Plymouth Lions Club. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Toys: New store opens

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Priorities don't always match

It's a cliché, but it's true. There's always two sides - at least two - to every story.

The stories we write better give you both sides and we're not doing our jobs correctly.

The columns we write differ in this manner -- they are the opinions of the writers. That is to say, they are the columnist's side of an issue.

Take, for example, Angelo Parlove's column last week, "Is laziness rampant in Novi schools?" It was a frustrated writer's attempt at a tongue-in-cheek notice to folks to help him present both sides of the story. He can't do that if his calls aren't returned.



Cal Stone

That said, one phone call or one e-mail message that goes unanswered is not enough to warrant labeling a source as lazy. It's a line line between slaying on top of a story and hounding a source, and it's a concept that is learned only through experience. With some people, it takes countless phone calls before they'll answer. If a writer does that with others, they'll look at it as harassment and never talk.

Although many people within the Novi School District look it as a blanket condemnation of all the employees, that was not Angelo's intention at all. He has, in fact, had excellent cooperation from the district since coming on board here in October of last year.

And even though I've only been here less than a month, I've been familiar with Novi's reputation as a quality school district for years. Angelo knows it, too, and he'd be one of the first to defend it.

The reason that reputation stands is because of individuals like Duke Kelly, Brian O'Leary and John Osborne. They go the extra mile. They don't just punch in during class hours and punch out. They teach kids how to drive an automobile, how to compete in athletics and how to explore their minds' creativity. They are the types of teachers that parents wish for.

Indeed, it's their dedication to time to students that, no doubt, led to Angelo's frustration. Time is at a premium, and there's only so much of it in a day to devote. Unfortunately for my writer -- yet fortunately for their students and families -- these gentlemen prioritized in the ways they saw fit.

Teaching, like reporting, can be a thankless job. Most of the time, nobody notices when it's done well. If it falls short of expectations, look out! People start showing up at board of education meetings to vent their displeasure, and letters to the editor calling for the reporter's head start filling the opinion pages.

Neither profession has exploded because of the fame and fortune associated with them. Trust me, I'm a journalist and my wife's a teacher. People get into these fields because it's rewarding to them.

When a student fails, for whatever reason, some teachers take it as a personal failure. And when a reporter doesn't get the whole story, it's the same feeling. It's frustration at something that is beyond one's control.

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LETTERS

Delays misconstrued as laziness

Good publicity is always welcome, especially when highlighting the stellar performance of our Novi teachers, John Osborne, Brian O'Leary and Duke Kelly. However, in an effort to write your article you experienced an unfortunate delayed response by these dedicated teachers that was misinterpreted as laziness. For the record, these teachers exemplify true dedication and commitment to their students.

Whatever the circumstances, it's unnecessary and unethical to cast aspersions on the entire professional community of Novi teachers.

Libby Crawford
Novi

Solution for getting calls returned

Upon scanning the headlines on your opinion page, I immediately zeroed in on Angelo Parlove's "Is laziness rampant in Novi Schools?" What could this be? Underachieving students? Sloppy work by administrators? No, it was something far more egregious. No returned phone calls.

Mr. Parlove seems to think the general public is obliged to respond to his inquiries. He also seems to think the failure to do so constitutes laziness. Is this the type of arrogance learned in modern journalism school?

My suggestion to Mr. Parlove is to look in the mirror. Work hard to develop stories that are actually newsworthy. Make a name for yourself by writing with fairness and style while gaining the respect of a loyal audience. Then, quite possibly, your calls will be returned.

Tom Wennerberg
Novi

Knows from experience about their dedication

In regards to Angelo Parlove's column last week entitled "Is laziness rampant at Novi schools," I couldn't help but notice two of the names mentioned in the article were former coaches of mine while I worked at the Novi News.

As the sports editor at the paper for 3 1/2 years, I had dozens upon dozens of dealings with Brian O'Leary and John Osborne. And for their displeasure, and letters to the editor calling for the reporter's head start filling the opinion pages.

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Parlove has a responsibility to report news fairly and accurately. Novi's teachers have a responsibility to educate students. They fulfill this responsibility both in and out of the classroom.

Teachers, know that your reputations cannot be damaged by the remarks of an irritated reporter. You build your reputations by teaching, coaching, mentoring, challenging and inspiring your students. Thank you for all your hard work, and a job well done.

Eric Saurer
Novi High School Class of 2001

Wants action against racism allegations

Contrary to the March 28th editorial, I do believe that the City of Novi does its job for fair, not only the National Action Network, but the Detroit Free Press. As stated by Sheffield, this false accusation and the declaration of the travel alert against Novi was the first time they tried it, according to our city officials jumping through hoops.

Citizens of Novi, we cannot stand and be held hostage by a headline-seeking organization and a newspaper that blindly prints false accusations against our fair city without proof by our accuser. To sensationalize these blackmailer's story and not require proof is just blatant slander. Yet, dear citizens, we have to provide proof that this multi-cultural city is not guilty and supply proof and let this organization, the National Action Network, run their hell-bent campaign to blackmail our city government and Expo Center to do their bidding.

I do believe, fellow citizens, that we need to send a message to the National Action Network, the Detroit Free Press, and any other organization that would falsely accuse us, that this is not acceptable, and sue them for the lost revenue, slander, libel and anything else we can get them with in the courts. Do not let these individuals who play the race card for notoriety gain from this terrible lie.

If any individual or organization does have a problem with our city, and can prove as much, they are free to make accusations. The printed lie, without proof, was directed at all the citizens of Novi, and I do believe our city government ought to stand up to them the legal way -- in the courts.

John Sherwood
Novi

Former student defends teachers

I was appalled and disheartened by the near-slanderous statements made in Angelo Parlove's April 4th article, "Is laziness rampant at Novi Schools?"

While I have never personally had John Osborne as a teacher, I know he was a very dedicated coach and teacher for many years, and was well respected by students and teachers alike. He continues to be an active supporter of Novi High School and its students. I do have experience working with Brian O'Leary and Duke Kelly. I had Mr. O'Leary for geometry during my sophomore year. He not only teaches, but also spends many hours coaching Novi High School's soccer teams. On top of that, he is a father, and has many family responsibilities.

My experience with Duke Kelly is entirely outside the classroom. I was a member of the Novi Robotics team, of which Mr. Kelly is the teacher sponsor. Mr. Kelly not only works with the students to design and build the robot, but must also coordinate details such as lodging and transportation to all the team's events. The robotics team starts working on their project in January, and meets every evening. They spend over 20 hours per week working outside of school, and Mr. Kelly is at every meeting. At the time Mr. Parlove called Mr. Kelly, he was working to arrange transportation and lodging for the World Championship Competition.

I don't know whether or not Mr. Parlove attended the competition his article refers to, which was held in Ypsilanti. However, if he did attend the competition, he might have been able to speak with Duke Kelly at that time, thus avoiding this situation.

Mr. Parlove seems to think that these teachers did not return his phone calls because of laziness or some hidden desire to spite him. I have a hard time seeing what is lazy about people who devote many extra hours each week to working with students. I think these teachers did not reply because they are busy people and have many demands on their time. Just as Mr.

Nice job, Angelo

Thank you for your wonderful article regarding our son, Joe, and his PC activities in Dodoma, Tanzania.

If you would be so kind please insert a brief correction in next week's edition. Joe returns to the USA in December of this year (not in 2003 as published).

Also, you may wish to invite folks with access to the Internet to go to novi.k12.mi.us to see the batik in living color under the heading of "high school".

Once again, thanks, Angelo! It meant a lot to us, and we're sure it means a lot to our son.

Dr. & Mrs. Meyer

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OTHER OPINIONS

Proposal A defects having impact on our state's top level schools

Proposal A, passed back in 1994, revolutionized school financing in Michigan. But serious defects in the new system have emerged over the years. It's time to fix them.

Proposal A cut local school property taxes by two-thirds and raised the state sales tax from 4 percent to 6 percent to make up the lost revenue. Each school district received a guaranteed state grant of \$4,200 per pupil, a figure which has since grown to \$6,500. Although voters were allowed to adopt property taxes to pay for school buildings, they were prohibited from voting additional millage for operating expenses.

Forty-five higher-spending districts -- Northville, for example -- are also being squeezed. They can pass property taxes to build new schools, but they have to rely on fixed state grants to operate them.

The problems with Proposal A are now so clear that parents and school officials are taking notice. A couple of weeks ago, a grass-roots group called Michigan Citizens for the State Fairness in Public Schools Funding held a forum in Canton Township to discuss changes in Proposal A. They invited various candidates for governor to speak, most of whom were predictably less than forthright. They are running the risk of getting out of

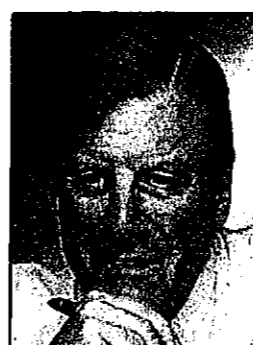
sync with the voters. A statewide poll published in the March 25 edition of The Detroit News indicated that 75 percent of voters want the option of raising taxes to pay for increased operating budgets for their schools.

Some legislators are beginning to respond. A bill allowing voters to levy local taxes to fund local school operations has been introduced by Rep. Patricia "Pan" Godchaux (R-Birmingham). Other proposals would require rich districts that raise property taxes to divert some of the money to poorer districts.

It's easy to make snide remarks about rich school districts feeling pinched, but at the end of the day it's self-defeating. Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills districts, for example, spend more than \$11,000 per pupil. But the communities and families they serve have high expectations -- that's part of why they moved there in the first place -- and Proposal A handicaps their ability to meet those expectations. If these districts have to cut back, parents will put their children in private schools, and the state money lost with each defection will only accelerate the slide in quality.

Proposal A was designed to pull up the worst schools, not to pull down the best. Failure to fix the problems with school finance in Michigan will only guarantee all our kids get an equally mediocre education wherever they go to school.

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Phil Power

tricts were allowed to levy limited "hold harmless" millages to support high quality programs.

The results in equalizing K-12 expenditures from district to district were dramatic. Before Proposal A was adopted, the difference in spending between the richest district and the poorest was three to one; today it's two to one. Before Proposal A, 508 of the state's 555 school districts spent less than the \$8,500 basic grant; today, 453 districts spend between \$6,500 and \$7,000 per pupil.

So far, so good. Poorer school districts are getting more per pupil funding and the spending gap between poor districts and rich

Bond shouldn't be an exercise in marketing strategy

Been to the grocery store lately? Perhaps you've noticed that the nation's leading maker of peanut butter has started selling its product with grape jelly already packaged right inside the same jar.

What a marvelous marketing idea! It's a great time saver for those of us who have kids. Now parents can dole out peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches from their single jar with just one swipe of the knife.

Of course, they still sell the two products separately, too. So if you just want peanut butter, you can have that. Or if you want yours with strawberry jelly, or cherry jelly, or whatever, you



Mike Malott

have that, too. The point is, this business gives you a choice.

On other hand, Michigan's run-government-like-a-business Republicans are getting ready to put a \$2 billion bond package on the ballot this fall to pay for infrastructure improvements.

In this case, they've decided to jam sewer improvements into the same package with school construction.

If put on the ballot as currently designed, voters will have no choice but to take the two together, or not at all. You'll have to eat grape jelly with your peanut butter because some state senator decid-

ed that you should. The proposal is Senate Bill 1137, sponsored by Republican Sen. Leon Stille, from Spring Lake, and already approved by the GOP-controlled upper chamber of the state senate.

The House is expected to take up the issue soon, and hopefully, Republicans there will return a little consumer choice to the issue by splitting the two proposals.

SB 1137 would authorize a \$2 billion bond issue, to be used as a revolving fund to make low interest loans to local communities for construction or upgrades of sewers and schools. In the case of schools, the interest rate would be adjusted according to the district's ability to pay. The poorest districts would be eligible for zero interest loans. Stille wants the two kept together because he believes both needs are critical.

No argument there. The sewer problem has been the most discussed. Federal money for sewer construction has dried up in recent years, so many suburban communities are stuck with growing potholes and more water into local canals, deteriorating sewer pipes that were designed for many fewer residents. The result has been an increase in the number of sewer overflows across the region. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments estimates the cost of addressing these municipalities in the metro Detroit area alone at as high as \$30 billion. A \$1 billion revolving fund is only a start.

Homeowners should note that the state supreme court has recently upheld a new state law that means municipalities will have to hold automatic responsibility for sewer backups that damage basements. Communities will have immunity unless there was some negligence

involved. What everyone has to understand is that the ultimate solution is not figuring out who pays for the damage -- it is building a sewer line large enough to prevent the overflow in the first place.

As for school buildings, they've been overlooked. Proposal A solved the problem of paying for operations, but districts still have to float bond issues for construction. Some districts don't even have a large enough tax base to pull down the work. In others, voters have been less willing to approve the necessary bond issues. By cutting interest rates, lawmakers hope they can entice voters in local districts to accept the bond issues needed to fix or replace aging schools.

Together they have a better chance of being passed, according to Stille's office. "This way you'll have multiple communities coming forward to support this because one of the proposals will be good for them, or both."

I agree more with Patterson, but ultimately both are talking about how to package the proposals to assure passage. Instead they should give voters their choice, even if it means they have to try to sell both ideas to voters separately. It's their money. Ultimately, it should be their choice.

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Pet store owner's story reminded me why I love my job

I recently received a reminder of why I appreciate my job so much. The pleasant surprise came in the form of an interesting interview with Bob Thorne the owner of Petland in Novi.

I had called Mr. Thorne to request an interview after I heard of the many early visits he was making to Novi childhood development centers before his twelve Oaks store opened each morning.

I thought it sounded like a good story, but after a cup of coffee and a very interesting conversation, I learned I had the opportunity to meet another one of Novi's gems.

He even battled kidney cancer shortly after opening his store and still remains a beacon of positiveness.

He lives his store, his employees, his animals and enjoys all the time he spends learning about the world of pets.

Along with all of the wonderful details he does (please read my story), I was impressed by another living example of a lesson I had been told many years ago. If you follow your dreams, you will be successful.

With less than two years in as the owner

of his store, Mr. Thorne has already seen measurable results of this philosophy. What many may not know is the 27-year automobile executive traded in a successful career to pursue more "philanthropic endeavors" despite his claim-to-fame of bringing adjustable brake and accelerator pedals to the automotive market.

"In my heart I was a frustrated social worker that was caught up in the auto world," Thorne said. "He finally walked away from the auto industry, he studied various franchises for about five months."

The University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate said he has always loved animals, but was adamant about not being involved with a retail establishment.

"I touched my heart and I pulled out my wallet," he told me in his interview. "This is just following my heart."

Now, he says his sense of accomplishment is enormous and his stress level has been dramatically reduced.

He lives his store, his employees, his animals and enjoys all the time he spends learning about the world of pets.

Thorne said. During our time together he spewed so many animal facts and passionately told me about practices his store does and does not maintain to put the animals first.

One example is he does not sell cedar chips. Thorne explained to me how most pet stores sell the popular bedding material when it is a well-known published fact it is harmful to an animal's respiratory system. "It is about putting animals first," Thorne said.

After our interview, I felt touched. A feeling that unfortunately doesn't come after every person I meet.

Here is a man in our community who is a positive role model for many reasons, including where taking a chance to follow your heart may lead you.

So if you are ever shopping in Twelve Oaks Mall, stop in at the lower-level Petland store and take a puppy into the play area, but make sure you do not leave without saying hello to Mr. Thorne.

Your day might just be a little better too.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Do you want lower kindergarten class ratios?

As Novi Community School parents of kindergartners entering the 2002/2003 school year, we are disappointed to find out that Novi's teacher and para pro/Student ratios are among the highest in our local area.

Studies back up the belief that students learn more and have a greater individualized learning plan if the ratios are lower. Studies also show that multiple intelligence curriculums achieve better educational success. Deerfield is applying that philosophy.

However, only 100 children of Novi's approximate 500 children, can attend that program. There are currently 79 students on the waiting list for September 2002.

Deerfield's kindergartners receive 7 hours of program length, compared to 3 hours offered by the other four elementary schools. Each kindergarten is given the same foundation grant dollars from the State, whether the program is half or full time length. All grant dollars go into the general Novi School Fund.

The extra cost of Deerfield's program is absorbed by Deerfield, but instead comes out of this general fund that delivers education to all other K-12 students -- meaning one-third of their kindergarten students receive approximately twice the fund dollars as compared to the other students.

If Novi continues the Deerfield program as is, then some equity of tax dollar allocation for the other 400 students should be achieved.

One way towards supporting

learning opportunities for all kindergartners would be to match the four full-time teaching positions offered at Deerfield for its 100 students, with the same at the other elementary areas. That would, for instance, give Orchard Hills students a 2/25 ratio to Eastland pros to the half day kindergarten programs would lower ratios, giving teachers a better ability to implement individualized, multiple intelligence plans.

Another possibility of equity would be to charge Deerfield a yearly tuition to supplement the extra cost of the school of choice's full-day program. All the other local districts listed below, except one, charged the parents a yearly tuition for full-day programs. If Novi did, given the average tuition listed of \$2,833, that would mean an extra \$283,300. These funds could pay for full-time para pros for all the schools' kindergartners.

In FOCUS, the Novi Community School District newsletter, Winter 2002, Dr. Emmett Lippe, the superintendent, stated in an article on collaborating on budget directions. "As this school year draws to a close, we pledge all our efforts to continue to support learning opportunities for all students."

Change to the current system. "Please consider with many voices. Please consider standing up with the Novi School board on April 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building. We hope to see you there!"

The Committee for Continued Improvement

District	teacher and para pro /student ratio	half or full day program	cost to parents for school year
Novi	1/24, max 1/25	half full	free
Birmingham	2/24 now	half full	free
Berkley	1/17 or 2/over 17	half full	\$2,808
Northville	1/21 now	half full	not offered
Farmington Hills	1/23 now	half full	free
2/18 now, only offered @ 1 school	2/24 max for paid half	full	\$2,400
West Bloomfield	1/20 now	half full	\$2,684
2/24 max for paid half			
South Lyon	2/22 now half	(2 full, 1 half days) full	free not offered

GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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Petland: Owner finds that success is in his heart

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He discounts the price of his animals if the purchaser buys an accompanying kit. The purpose of the kit is to send the new owner home with everything the pet needs and a plethora of information.

Every animal sold, with the exception of puppies, also gets one free veterinarian visit. The tail-wagging friends get three free veterinarian visits.

Every puppy additionally goes home with an obedience class video tape and a toll-free phone number of a certified dog trainer who will give free, unlimited training advice to the owner for the life of the dog.

Thorne said he knows where all his puppies come from and buys locally as much as he can. In fact, most of his kittens are from the Novi area.

The other predominant piece in Thorne's puzzle of success is his dedication to the community.

Shortly after opening his store, the businessman brought a selection of animals to Career Day at Mary Helen Guest Elementary School in the Walled Lake School District.

After receiving an overwhelming reaction, Thorne has spent about three to five early mornings a week bringing just about every type of animal to day-care centers, schools and nursing homes throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

"It's all about socializing animals with people," he said. "I go

all over the Detroit area because I really want to make a difference with kids. For me, with the little kids it is for them to pet the animals, and from a socialization viewpoint it is for them not to fear animals."

"He has been to our center several times," said Kerry Barr of Tutor Time in Walled Lake. "He is really a joy."

Barr said every time he comes, Thorne brings different animals for the children to learn about and admire.

The interaction is also very important for the animals. According to information read by Thorne, if puppies don't play with humans by the age of 16 weeks, once they reach the age of 2 or 3 years, the pets will become overly aggressive.

He has also been known to donate small animals to student classrooms and gives all teachers discount cards.

In addition to his store-related activities, Thorne has organized fund raisers for those in need of medical assistance including stem cell research for a Lupus patient. In the span of five years, the Novi business man has raised about \$500,000.

He also serves as a member of the Novi and Belleville Chamber of Commerce, speaks before area Rotary Clubs and has received a number of community service awards in his hometown, including the Belleville Distinguished Graduate Award.

And how does all of this compute in the bottom-line test? Very well.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Bob Thorne shows a sun coney parrot to Tutor Time children last Friday.

The 2,100-square-foot store has set all-time sales records for the Novi location and reported the biggest December sales total ever out of six years.

"We see the benefits of putting the animals first," Thorne said. Thorne employs about 16 to 19

employees, including his four children — Derek, Alaina, Brandon and Shawna. He also receives a great deal of support from his wife, Carol.

"It has turned into a family enterprise," Thorne said which was a just another welcomed,

surprise benefit to his year-and-a-half of ownership bliss.

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Mediation: City of Novi sponsors program

continued from front

"Novi is our model program," Klein said.

City of Novi Chief Operating Officer Craig Klaver said the city is very excited about the opportunity.

Klaver, who has been heavily involved with the endeavor on the city's side, believes the mediation process will benefit the city.

"Cindy Uglow, our neighborhood services coordinator, has been talking about mediation for about a year for neighborhood disputes," he said.

Klaver said the mayor has also taken an active role in the process and is also looking forward to the opportunity.

The key to launching the program from the city's perspective was receiving a grant from the National Association for Community Mediation to help fund the tuition.

The current cost of mediation training is \$1,200 per trainee with a discount given for the year of volunteer service the participants will perform. The training class is limited to 16 trainees, and 10 spaces will be held for residents of Novi and the surrounding areas included in the 52-1 District Court jurisdiction. The remaining spaces will be open to the general public.

In order to become a mediator, volunteers must attend the entire 40-hour state approved training session and volunteer half a day per week for one year to the center. Klein said the volunteer may not always be needed for the half-day volunteer session each week, but must be available if called. There is no education requirement.

The Oakland Mediation Center is located in Bloomfield Hills and provides mediation services to everyone in Oakland County. Many volunteers spend time in courtrooms mediating small claims cases. The center sees about 2,400 cases a year.

The training classes begin April 23 and finish May 4. Most classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information about the program, call (248) 338-4280.

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Destination: Boston Marathon finish line for a few local distance runners

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Over 13,000 athletes competed in the 2001 Boston Marathon, running from the starting line in rural Hopkinton, Mass., to the finish in the heart of downtown Boston. Often, with the party atmosphere on the streets, these runners are packed shoulder-to-shoulder on narrow two-lane roads in towns such as Hopkinton, making for an unique marathon course.

"In the beginning, there is a lot of walking and stopping and running," Copp said. "It takes you two to three miles to get started."

Copp has been training since January for the Boston event, often running over 50 miles per

week in preparation and conquering the weather elements in search of those indescribable moments at the finish line.

"When it's cold and windy, that's the time I want to bail out and say, 'What am I doing?'" Copp said. "But it's a tremendous feeling when you finish the marathon."

Northville resident Victor Barkoski, a dentist by trade, will be running in his 17th career Boston Marathon this year and enjoys competing with some of the best athletes across the globe — who represent as many as 90 countries — each time out.

"The best talent shows up there," Barkoski said. "It draws an elite field and you get to work with

the world's best."

Barkoski is heading to Boston next week with two of his children, Jacqueline and Brandon, 10th- and eight-grade Northville students, respectively, who will cheer their dad on down the race's home stretch.

"When your family is waiting for you, it really keeps you motivated to finish and run well," he said.

Barkoski, who runs more than 60 miles each week, has competed in 37 marathons, including runs in Las Vegas, New York City and Detroit. And at each event, he looks forward to the camaraderie of the world's running community.

"Runners are good people and very personable," he said. "It is a pure sport. There is personal grat-

ification to push the limits to see what you can do."

After working hard to qualify for the race, both Copp and Mittman aim to enjoy themselves on race day and make the most of the Boston Marathon experience.

"I'd like to qualify for next year, but I want to have a good time and enjoy the moment," Mittman said.

Besides running, Copp is going to Boston to enjoy the city's seafood and plans to give high-fives to children and kiss ladies on the cheek as he makes his way downtown during the race's festive atmosphere.

"I want to run for a good time, but not a fast time," Copp said. "I worked hard to qualify, and now I'm going to enjoy it."

Barkoski — with a seed towards the head of the pack at about 2,000 — hopes to get to his running pace quickly and maintain it all the way to the finish line.

"The key is even pacing," Barkoski said, who currently averages about a six minute and 45 second mile during a marathon run. "The hills slow you down, and you try to make up time going down the hills."

Barkoski's goal is to reach his destination — the finish line at the Boston Marathon — in 3 hours.

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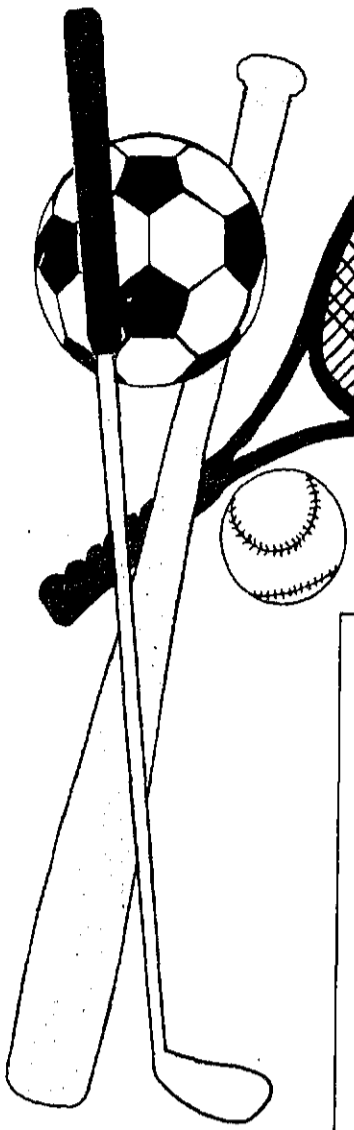
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Spring 2002

SPORTS

Some of Novi's top athletes

Nina Schmitt (left), track junior; Tim Moore, track senior; and Bethany Kittle, track and soccer senior.
Photo by TOM HIBBELIN



Netters look to be very tough

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats boys' tennis team is heading into the 2002 spring season with a lot of young-looking faces in their lineup — but looks can be deceiving. The Wildcats, led by coach Jim Hanson, will be sporting plenty of experience and intensity, as well as talent, to go along with their nine underclassmen and six seniors.

"It is a pretty nice situation," Hanson said, noting that the squad has 10 returning letterwinners from last year's varsity team that tied for second in the Kensington Valley Conference. "There are a lot of kids coming back, but a lot of them are still pretty young."

As young as you can get in some cases, Freshman Prasanna Venugopal is penciled in as this year's number one singles player.

"He is one of the better freshman tennis players I have ever seen here in Novi," Hanson said.

At second singles, returning letterwinner Joe Lynch is expected to start while Suraj Ramachandran, a sophomore returner, is looking good in the third singles slot.

"I think they played two and three last year as well," Hanson said. "They are both talented tennis players."

Sophomore Chris Kovacinski, who is up from last season's JV team, is expected to start at the fourth singles position.

Leading off on the doubles will most likely be senior Matt Peurach and junior Andrew Laskowski.

"Matt played singles for me last year and may end up playing some of both this season," Hanson said. "He is one of the better doubles players and he really helps as we are trying to strengthen our doubles."

A.J. Sansom and Vishal Rungta are expected to be the number two team in doubles while Drew Doster, a returning sophomore, and returning senior Josh Christopherson appear to have the third doubles position all wrapped up for their own.

"All four of them know what it takes to win," Hanson said. "I am expecting solid play out of both of those teams."

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TENNIS

Tennis returns tough team

There is plenty of talent to go around on the Novi Wildcat tennis team this season. Led by Coach Jim Hanson, the 'Cats are looking to be very competitive.
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GIRLS TRACK

Plenty of talent for girls track squad

The Novi girls track team has a lot of talent this season, especially in the distance events.
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SOFTBALL



Softball happy for new start

The Novi softball team had a tough run last season and are looking forward to a new start with 2002.
— Page 5B

SOCCER

Soccer returns whole crew

The Novi Soccer team has the blessing of returning all of their starters from last season to a team that is looking forward to being even more competitive this season than last. Headed by Brian O'Leary, the 'Cats will be a team to contend with in the Kensington Valley Conference this spring.
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WALLED LK. SPORTS

Lot of competitors on Walled Lake teams this season

The Walled Lake Western Warriors and the Walled Lake Central Vikings are all looking forward to a very tough and very challenging season in the Western Lakes Activities Association. There is plenty of determination and intensity in each of the two schools' teams...but do they have what it takes to go to the promised land of the state finals?
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Novi has plenty of talented athletes

There is no doubt in my mind that this season will not only be one full of victories for the Novi Wildcats in every sport they participate in, but also a season full of incredible athletes doing incredible things in the sports they love.



Sam Eggleston

Many schools are blessed with one or two athletes who really seem to stand out above the rest of the pack, but Novi has the fortune of claiming a

multitude of athletes — many of which are some of the best athletes in the Kensington Valley Conference if not some of the best in all of Oakland County.

It would be impossible to name every athlete who is going to excel at their given sports this spring season, so I am going to highlight a few that I feel are going to be some of the better athletes around this season.

Starting off, I would like to give a nod to Tim Moore. Not only is this exceptional long distance runner going to pay his way through college with his incredible abilities, he is going to continue to wow his opponents with it. Moore is indeed an

incredible athlete with incredible talent, but he is also a very nice kid with a lot of heart and it shows. Look for Moore to run past his opponents at the Conference, Regional, County and State levels — as well as beyond.

Another athlete that catches my eye for the spring is Nina Schmitt. A soccer player and a long-distance running stand out, Schmitt has all of the dedication, desire and talent, necessary to win at the high school level. She, as well as her sister Angie, must come from a long line of athletes — both are very talented and very good at the sports they participate in. Watching Nina, many fans will wonder if she ever quits —

I can safely say that I don't think she does.

If you are looking for some excitement and a very interesting sport to watch this spring, look to lacrosse. This will be my first chance to cover the sport and I am looking forward to it. I am also looking forward to watching Drew Doll work his magic on the lacrosse field. Doll showed me some of his skill during the football season, and I hear — though still unconfirmed — that his skill is even more in lacrosse.

Now how about long distance runner Bethany Kittle? This girl ran shoulder-to-shoulder with the best

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GAME OF THE WEEK



Novi Wildcats Basketball

SPRING SPORTS TOP ATHLETES

NOVI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Novi High School Sports Schedule - Spring 2002

Girls Track			Golf		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
April 11	Lakeland	4 p.m.	April 13	Grosse Pointe Invite	8 a.m.
April 12	Hawks Relays	3:30 p.m.	April 15	WL Western	3 p.m.
April 13	Novi Relays	10 a.m.	April 19	Hartland	9 a.m.
April 16	Brighton	4 p.m.	April 22	Lakeland	3 p.m.
April 18	South Lyon	4 p.m.	April 23	Oakland County	TBA
April 23	Hartland	4 p.m.	April 25	Brighton	3 p.m.
April 30	Millford	4 p.m.	April 28	South Lyon BB	11 a.m.
May 4	Shefford Relays	10 a.m.	April 29	Pre-KVC	9 a.m.
May 7	Holly Relays	10:30 a.m.	April 30	South Lyon	3 p.m.
May 11	Pinckney	4 p.m.	May 2	Hartland	3 p.m.
May 14	Sunshine Relays	9 a.m.	May 6	Pinckney Invite	3 p.m.
May 17	Last Chance Invite	10 a.m.	May 7	Millford	3 p.m.
May 21	Howell	4 p.m.	May 9	Pinckney	3 p.m.
May 24	Regional	4 p.m.	May 14	Howell	3 p.m.
	KVC Meet	2 p.m.	May 17	Regional	TBA
	Oakland County	3 p.m.	May 23	Post-KVC	9 a.m.

Lacrosse			Boys Track		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
April 11	Country Day	7 p.m.	April 11	Lakeland	4 p.m.
April 16	Troy Athens	7 p.m.	April 12	Hawks Relays	3:30 p.m.
April 20	AA Pioneer	1 p.m.	April 13	Novi Relays	10 a.m.
April 23	DeLaSalle	6:30 p.m.	April 16	Brighton	4 p.m.
April 24	Delaware	5:30 p.m.	April 18	South Lyon	4 p.m.
April 25	Bloomfield	7 p.m.	April 23	Hartland	4 p.m.
April 27	Birmingham	1 p.m.	April 30	Millford	4 p.m.
April 20	Grosse Pointe North	7:30 p.m.	May 4	Shefford Relays	10 a.m.
May 3	Troy	7 p.m.	May 4	Holly Relays	10:30 a.m.
May 4	E. Grand Rapids	5 p.m.	May 7	Pinckney	4 p.m.
May 7	University of Detroit HS	7 p.m.	May 11	Sunshine Relays	9 a.m.
May 9	St. Mary's	7 p.m.	May 11	Last Chance Invite	10 a.m.
May 14	Cranbrook Kingswood	7 p.m.	May 14	Howell	4 p.m.
May 16	Lansing Waverly	7 p.m.	May 17	Regional	4 p.m.
May 18	District	TBA	May 21	KVC Meet	2 p.m.
May 21	District	TBA	May 24	Oakland County	3 p.m.

Baseball			Softball		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
April 9	Lake Orion	4 p.m.	April 10	Lakeland	4 p.m.
April 10	Lakeland	4 p.m.	April 12	Brighton	4 p.m.
April 12	Brighton	4 p.m.	April 17	South Lyon	4 p.m.
April 13	Canton	12 p.m.	April 19	Hartland	4 p.m.
April 16	N. Farmington	4 p.m.	April 24	Millford	4 p.m.
April 17	South Lyon	4 p.m.	April 25	Pinckney	4 p.m.
April 19	Hartland	4 p.m.	April 26	Howell	4 p.m.
April 24	Millford	4 p.m.	May 3	Lakeland	4 p.m.
April 26	Pinckney	4 p.m.	May 8	Brighton	4 p.m.
April 27	WL Central	11 a.m.	May 10	South Lyon	4 p.m.
May 1	Howell	4 p.m.	May 15	Hartland	4 p.m.
May 3	Lakeland	4 p.m.	May 17	Millford	4 p.m.
May 4	Salem	11 a.m.	May 18	Novi Invite	9 a.m.
May 8	Brighton	4 p.m.	May 22	Pinckney	4 p.m.
May 10	South Lyon	4 p.m.	May 24	Howell	4 p.m.
May 11	Country Day	11 a.m.	May 28	Pre-District	4 p.m.
May 15	Hartland	4 p.m.	June 1	District	TBA
May 17	Millford	4 p.m.	June 8	Regional	TBA
May 18	Northville	11 a.m.			
May 22	Pinckney	4 p.m.			
May 24	Howell	4 p.m.			
May 28	Pre-District	TBA			
June 1	District	TBA			
June 8	Regional	TBA			

Soccer		
Date	Opponent	Time
April 10	Canton	7 p.m.
April 12	Northville	7 p.m.
April 17	AA Huron	7 p.m.
April 19	Lakeland	7 p.m.
April 22	Brighton	7 p.m.
April 24	South Lyon	7 p.m.
April 26	Hartland	7 p.m.
April 29	Millford	7 p.m.
May 1	Pinckney	7 p.m.
May 3	Howell	7 p.m.
May 6	Lakeland	7 p.m.
May 8	Brighton	7 p.m.
May 10	South Lyon	7 p.m.
May 13	Hartland	7 p.m.
May 15	Millford	7 p.m.
May 17	Pinckney	7 p.m.
May 20	Howell	7 p.m.
May 26	District	TBA
May 29	District	TBA
May 31	District Finals	TBA



Novi's #1 singles player Joe Lynch serves one up during a home meet against WLW.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Walled Lake Western High School Sports Schedule - Spring 2002

Girls Track			Tennis		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
April 11	WL Central	4 p.m.	April 8	Kettering	4 p.m.
April 13	Novi Invite	10 a.m.	April 10	Mott	4 p.m.
April 18	Canton	4 p.m.	April 15	Farmington	4 p.m.
April 25	Churchill	4 p.m.	April 17	Churchill	4 p.m.
May 2	Northville	4 p.m.	April 22	Canton	4 p.m.
May 4	Viking Relays	9 a.m.	April 24	Stevenson	4 p.m.
May 4	Stefford Relays	10 a.m.	April 26	N. Farmington	4 p.m.
May 9	Franklin	4 p.m.	April 29	Harrison	4 p.m.
May 11	Troy Invite	9 a.m.	May 1	Franklin	4 p.m.
May 14	Harrison	4 p.m.	May 3	Salem	4 p.m.
May 17	Regional	TBA	May 6	WL Central	4 p.m.
May 22	Conference	12 p.m.	May 8	Northville	4 p.m.
May 24-25	Oakland County	TBA	May 10	John Glenn	4 p.m.
			May 14	Conference	8:30 a.m.
			May 17-18	Regional	TBA

Baseball			Golf		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
April 10	WL Central	4 p.m.	April 11	Millford	3:30 p.m.
April 13	Wayne (DH)	11 a.m.	April 22	Farmington	3 p.m.
April 15	N. Farmington	4 p.m.	April 23	Oakland County	TBA
April 17	Churchill	4 p.m.	April 24	Northville	3 p.m.
April 19	John Glenn	4 p.m.	April 26	Brighton Invite	9 a.m.
April 20	Johnson (DH)	11 a.m.	April 29	Franklin	3 p.m.
April 22	Northville	4 p.m.	May 1	Canton	3 p.m.
April 24	WL Central	4 p.m.	May 3	Salem	3 p.m.
April 26	Franklin	4 p.m.	May 6	Stevenson	3 p.m.
April 29	Canton	4 p.m.	May 8	Churchill	3 p.m.
May 1	Salem	4 p.m.	May 10	John Glenn	3 p.m.
May 3	Harrison	4 p.m.	May 14	Conference	TBA
May 6	Churchill	4 p.m.	May 17	Regional	TBA
May 8	Farmington	4 p.m.			
May 9	Northville	4 p.m.			
May 11	Mott (DH)	12 p.m.			
May 13	Franklin	4 p.m.			
May 15	Stevenson	4 p.m.			
May 16	Canton	4 p.m.			
May 20	Harrison	4 p.m.			
May 22	Playoff	4 p.m.			
May 28	District	TBA			
June 1	District	TBA			
June 8	Regional	TBA			

Soccer			Softball		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
April 10	Churchill	5:30 p.m.	April 8	Novi	4 p.m.
April 15	Canton	5:30 p.m.	April 10	Marian	4 p.m.
April 17	Stevenson	5:30 p.m.	April 15	N. Farmington	4 p.m.
April 20	Kettering	11:30 a.m.	April 17	Churchill	4 p.m.
April 22	N. Farmington	5:30 p.m.	April 19	John Glenn	4 p.m.
April 24	Harrison	5:30 p.m.	April 22	Northville	4 p.m.
April 26	Wayne	5:30 p.m.	April 24	WL Central	4 p.m.
April 29	Franklin	5:30 p.m.	April 26	Franklin	4 p.m.
May 1	Salem	5:30 p.m.	April 29	Canton	4 p.m.
May 3	Lathrup	5:30 p.m.	May 1	Salem	4 p.m.
May 6	WL Central	5:30 p.m.	May 3	Harrison	4 p.m.
May 8	Northville	5:30 p.m.	May 4-5	North Star Invite	TBA
May 13	John Glenn	5:30 p.m.	May 6	Churchill	4 p.m.
May 15	Farmington	5:30 p.m.	May 8	Farmington	4 p.m.
May 20	Playoff	5:30 p.m.	May 9	Northville	4 p.m.
May 22	Playoff	5:30 p.m.	May 13	Franklin	4 p.m.
May 28	District	TBA	May 15	Stevenson	4 p.m.
June 1	Regional	TBA	May 16	Canton	4 p.m.
			May 20	Harrison	4 p.m.
			May 22	Playoff	4 p.m.
			May 28	District	TBA
			June 1	District	TBA
			June 8	Regional	TBA



On a potential bunt play, Novi's #15, a first baseman, charges to the infield.

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Walled Lake Central High School Sports Schedule - Spring 2002

Girls Track and Field

Head Coach: Mark Kwiatkowski

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 11	WL Western	4 p.m.	H
April 18	Salem	5:30 p.m.	A
April 20	Belleville Relays	TBA	A
April 25	Pinckney	4 p.m.	H
April 27	Stevenson	TBA	A
May 2	W. Bloomfield	TBA	A
May 4	John Glenn	4 p.m.	H
May 6	Wiking Relays	9 a.m.	H
May 9	Farmington	4 p.m.	A
May 11	Mercy Inv.	9:30 a.m.	A
May 14	N. Farmington	4 p.m.	A
May 17-18	Regional	TBA	A
May 22	Conference	TBA	A
May 25	Oakland County	TBA	A

Softball

Head Coach: Gordon Glennie

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 8	Lakeland	4 p.m.	A
April 13	South Lyon	11 a.m.	A
April 15	Churchill	4 p.m.	H
April 17	John Glenn	4 p.m.	A
April 19	Canton	4 p.m.	A
April 22	Stevenson	4 p.m.	H
April 24	WL Western	4 p.m.	H
April 26	N. Farmington	4 p.m.	H
April 29	Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 1	Northville	4 p.m.	A
May 3	Salem	4 p.m.	A
May 4-5	North Star Invite	4 p.m.	A
May 6	John Glenn	4 p.m.	H
May 8	Harrison	4 p.m.	H
May 10	Stevenson	4 p.m.	A
May 11	Royal Oak Invite	TBA	A
May 15	N. Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 17	Farmington	4 p.m.	A
May 20	Salem	4 p.m.	H
May 22	Playoff	4 p.m.	A
May 25	Chelsea Invite	TBA	A
May 28	Districts	TBA	A
June 1	Districts	TBA	A
June 8	Regional	TBA	A

Tennis

Head Coach: Clay Tatham

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 9	Kettering	4 p.m.	H
April 12	Mott	4 p.m.	H
April 15	Harrison	4 p.m.	A
April 17	Franklin	4 p.m.	H
April 19	Hartland	4 p.m.	A
April 22	Salem	4 p.m.	A
April 24	Canton	4 p.m.	A
April 26	Northville	4 p.m.	H
April 27	Dakota Invite	TBA	A
April 29	John Glenn	4 p.m.	A
May 1	Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 3	Churchill	4 p.m.	A
May 6	WL Western	4 p.m.	H
May 8	Stevenson	4 p.m.	A
May 10	N. Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 14	Conference	8:30 a.m.	A
May 17-18	Regional	TBA	A

Boys Track

Head Coach: Mike Fris

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 11	WL Western	4 p.m.	H
April 18	Salem	5:30 p.m.	H
April 20	Belleville Relays	TBA	A
April 25	Pinckney	4 p.m.	H
April 27	Stevenson	4 p.m.	A
April 29	Harrison Relays	TBA	A
April 27	Oxford Relays	TBA	A
April 27	W. Bloomfield Invite	TBA	A
May 2	John Glenn	4 p.m.	A
May 4	Ashley Relays	10 a.m.	A
May 9	Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 14	N. Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 17-18	Regional	TBA	A
May 22	Conference	TBA	A
May 25	Oakland County	TBA	A

Golf

Head Coach: Judy VanSicklen

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 9	Novi	3 p.m.	A
April 11	Lakeland	3:30 p.m.	H
April 12	Stevenson	3 p.m.	A
April 15	Millford	3:30 p.m.	A
April 16	South Lyon	3:30 p.m.	H
April 22	Northville	3 p.m.	A
April 25	Oakland County	TBA	A
April 24	Franklin	3 p.m.	H
April 26	Brighton Inv.	9 a.m.	A
April 29	Canton	3 p.m.	H
May 1	Salem	3 p.m.	A
May 6	Churchill	3 p.m.	H
May 8	John Glenn	3 p.m.	A
May 9	Farmington	3 p.m.	A
May 14	Conference	TBA	A
May 14	Conference	TBA	A
May 17	Regional	TBA	A

Baseball

Head Coach: Mark Kowalczyk

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 9	Lakeland	4 p.m.	A
April 10	WL Western	4 p.m.	H
April 15	Churchill	4 p.m.	A
April 17	John Glenn	4 p.m.	H
April 19	Canton	4 p.m.	H
April 20	Hartland (DH)	11 a.m.	H
April 23	Stevenson	4 p.m.	A
April 24	WL Western	4 p.m.	A
April 26	N. Farmington	4 p.m.	H
April 27	Novi (DH)	11 a.m.	H
April 29	Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 1	Northville	4 p.m.	A
May 3	Salem	4 p.m.	H
May 6	John Glenn	4 p.m.	A
May 8	Harrison	4 p.m.	A
May 10	Stevenson	4 p.m.	H
May 11	Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 15	Franklin	4 p.m.	A
May 17	Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 22	Playoff	4 p.m.	A
May 28	District	4 p.m.	A
June 1	District	TBA	A
June 8	Regional	TBA	A



Forward Mike Vehlewald, a junior, works on regaining control of the lacrosse ball after receiving a pass from a teammate.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Soccer

Head Coach: Joel Sharpe

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 8	Millford	5 p.m.	A
April 10	Franklin	5:30	H
April 12	Wayne	4 p.m.	A
April 15	Salem	5:30	A
April 17	Canton	5:30	A
April 20	Mott	11:30 a.m.	H
April 22	Northville	5:30	H
April 24	John Glenn	5:30	A
April 29	Farmington	5:30	H
May 1	Churchill	5:30	A
May 6	WL Western	5:30	H
May 8	Stevenson	5:30	A
May 13	N. Farmington	5:30	H
May 15	Harrison	5:30	A
May 17	W. Bloomfield	5:30	H
May 20	Playoff	5:30	H
May 22	Playoff	5:30	H
May 28	District	TBA	A
June 4	Regional	TBA	A

Baseball

Head Coach: Mark Kowalczyk

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 9	Lakeland	4 p.m.	A
April 10	WL Western	4 p.m.	H
April 15	Churchill	4 p.m.	A
April 17	John Glenn	4 p.m.	H
April 19	Canton	4 p.m.	H
April 20	Hartland (DH)	11 a.m.	H
April 23	Stevenson	4 p.m.	A
April 24	WL Western	4 p.m.	A
April 26	N. Farmington	4 p.m.	H
April 27	Novi (DH)	11 a.m.	H
April 29	Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 1	Northville	4 p.m.	A
May 3	Salem	4 p.m.	H
May 6	John Glenn	4 p.m.	A
May 8	Harrison	4 p.m.	A
May 10	Stevenson	4 p.m.	H
May 11	Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 15	Franklin	4 p.m.	A
May 17	Farmington	4 p.m.	H
May 22	Playoff	4 p.m.	A
May 28	District	4 p.m.	A
June 1	District	TBA	A
June 8	Regional	TBA	A

Novi soccer squad returns everyone from 2001 team

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats girls soccer team will be coming back this season sporting every single player from last year — that's right, every single one.

The Cats, led by soccer captain Brian O'Leary, started two juniors, five sophomores and four freshmen last season.

"Needless to say, our expectations are higher than they were at the beginning of last year," O'Leary said. "Last year we basically beat everyone we should have beat, and lost to the others."

The Wildcats fell to Northville 5-1, Canton 6-0, and Brighton 7-1 and 5-1. This year, the Wildcats hope to rectify that situation.

"In other words, we didn't even compete with the top-ranking teams in the state," O'Leary said. "That is our main goal this year, to compete with Brighton for first place in the RVC and to compete with the teams on our non-league schedule (Canton, Northville, Churchill and Ann Arbor Huron). We may not be able to beat these teams yet, but when these games are over we want the other team to feel that we gave them all they could handle."

Returning to the Wildcat lineup will be Maureen Pawlik, who scored 53 goals and collected 16 assists as a freshman, and Nikki Hermann, who notched 27 goals and 19 assists as a freshman. Seniors Tina Fennelly and Karris Smith are the team captains and, according to O'Leary, provide great leadership in the midfield.

Junior Keri Timar, who was injured most of last season with a bad back, is healthy again and, if she can stay healthy, will give a boost to the Wildcats' defensive midfield.

"I also have three juniors that start

every game last year on defense as sophomores," O'Leary said. "They are Nina Schmitt, Katie Ales and Lisa Chierobelli. Junior Kelle Pfeiffer returns as the starting goalie and has shown lots of improvement since the beginning of last season."

Also returning for the Wildcat girls' soccer team is Colene Brockman.

"Colene Brockman, who started every game as a freshman in the midfield, has also looked good this season," O'Leary said.

O'Leary noted that the Wildcats also picked up four freshmen who will be capable of contributing to the team

this season — forward Kristi Timar, midfielders Chelsea Alegen and Sarah Schmitt and defender Kelly Hebert. Rounding out the remainder of the team is junior midfielder Kelly McMann and Lindsay Crofoot, senior defender Meg Grayson and sophomore midfielder Jaime Burden. Senior defender Christie Jewell will be a valuable asset to the team this season as will sophomore goalie Amanda Church.

"Overall we are a lot deeper than we were last year," O'Leary said. "This can be good and this can be bad. It allows us to play more aggressive all over the

field and not worry about wearing down, but some girls who played all the time last year may now have to share some minutes."

O'Leary noted that the girls who have the most experience, especially in the big games, will be very valuable once they realize the importance of being very, very aggressive and substituting.

"I feel these girls are the key," he said. "If they realize that we are a better team by playing more aggressive and substituting more, I believe we can improve on last year's 12-5-1 record."

Softball ready for fresh start

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi Softball team has a lot to prove as they head into the 2002 season. The team started last season 1-9 and ended up 12-21, but they feel that they have come a long way and are ready to compete this year.

The squad is made up of nine seniors, four juniors and four sophomores. Senior Megan Colligan and junior Kendall Holari will be the captains of this year's team and hope to lead them on the right track. Colligan is a four-year letter winner at the varsity level and Holari is in her third year on varsity.

"Our leadership comes from our captains and some of our seniors," second-year Novi coach Sunny Litteral said.

Since the team has so many seniors and returning players, the team comes into this year with a lot of experience. According to Litteral, experience was something that the team lacked the previous year.

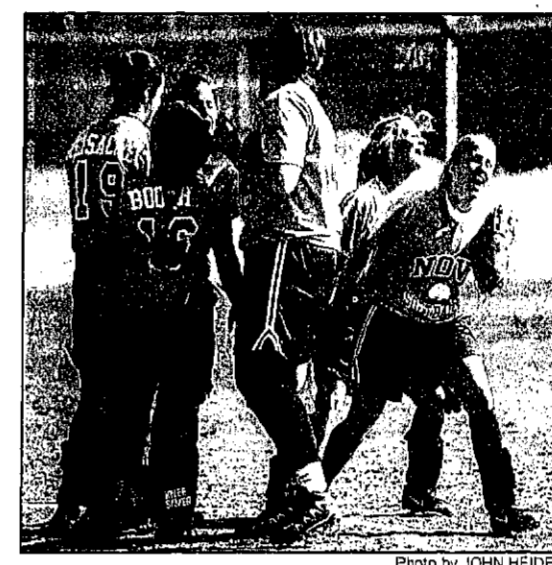
"We have more experience and more leadership this year," Litteral said.

The team hopes that that leadership and experience will pay off throughout the season.

Despite the team's record last year, they have hopes of doing well in the RVC, and possibly even taking home the title.

"That's always one of our main goals," Litteral said.

To do that, the team will have to get past Brighton, who has been a tough maze for Novi in the previous years, and another strong conference rival, South Lyon.



This year's team wants more than a 12-21 record.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

"Brighton is going to be one of the tougher teams," Litteral said.

The Wildcats feel that they have the capability to do just that.

"Looking at our team on paper, we can finish in the top three easily," Litteral said.

However, to have success Novi will have to perform well on the defensive end. According to Litteral, the team has to improve greatly upon last year's poor field play as a result of inexperience.

"We are going to have to step up and cut our errors in half and then in half again," she said.

Besides Colligan, seniors Monica Booth, Victoria Kaiser, Krista Kimrow, Kate Rose, Jaime Sabol, Liz Stevens, Lindsey Sorrentino and Kristen Winkelmann will lead the team not only vocally, but also by example and by role playing.

"Some of our seniors are more role-players," Litteral said.

The juniors on the team are Rachel Bleski, Holari, Nicole Lewis and Shannon Strader. The four sophomores that made this year's varsity squad are Rachel Good, Sarah

Thelen, Lindsay Troher and Kim Zurezynski. According to Litteral, one of the goals for this year's team will be for all the players to do what they can to help benefit the team.

"One of our goals is knowing everyone's role and sticking to that and not trying to overstep something," she said.

According to Litteral, this includes not trying to hit a homerun when a player's role is more as a strong defensive player.

Besides experience, the team also hopes to benefit from a diligent work ethic. According to Litteral, the team is very hardworking and has the kind of leadership necessary to keep a team working hard.

"We have good motivators for those kids that are sucking off a bit," she said.

Novi comes into this season with a lot of underclassmen and hopes of turning out a very successful season. With a strong core of returning players and new players with a lot of potential the team has hopes of finishing at the top of the RVC.

Broadwell ready to swing into action

By Sara-Beth O'Connor
SPECIAL WRITER



Lindsey Broadwell

Lindsey Broadwell threw out her glove during a race and tore her meniscus. While she was injured free, she was able to finish among the top 10 runners in races.

Broadwell thanks her coaches for supporting her during the seasons. She is a very self-motivated person.

"I set goals for myself and work up to accomplishing them," Broadwell said.

She has proven this in and out of sports. She will graduate with top honors with a 4.0 GPA and has earned the honor of being a Valedictorian. Broadwell will continue her education at Michigan State University where she will be majoring in business and advertising.

Before graduating, Broadwell looks forward to attending her senior prom and hanging out with friends. In high school she has learned many lessons.

"I learned to just be myself and to try my hardest and to really work for the things I want and to not let others influence me."

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games and being a part of school activities," said Broadwell.

After three years of cheering, Broadwell chose not to participate in that sport her senior year. Instead, she wanted to run with the cross country team.

"I really enjoy the intensity of running," said Broadwell.

She joined the team as a senior and didn't have the season she had hoped for.

She was injured for most of the

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Girls' track wanting to send some to finals

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The main goal of the Novi Wildcats girls' track and field team this year is to send as many girls to the state finals as possible. The Cats, who are coached by Sue Tomaneck, are looking to be competitive in their league and hopefully the regional, but their final goal is to send the maximum number of girls they can manage to the state championship meet.

"We are a decent team," Tomaneck said, "there is no doubt about that. I think when it comes to our dual meets, we should do OK."

The Wildcats who finished third in the KVC last season behind the Brighton Bulldogs and the Milford Redbacks, have gained some more quality sprinters than they had last season while retaining a majority of their distance runners.

Leading the pack for the Wildcats will be senior Bethany Ruth, followed by newcomer Allison Fair first.

"Allison is a new girl to Novi who moved here from New York," Tomaneck said. "She should do

pretty well."

Also taking some places in the distance running should be junior distance star Nina Schmitt, who started her stuff in cross-country earlier this season. Another distance girl will be Laine Williams, who Tomaneck is looking to have a good season.

"I think we are pretty little bit in the lead, but we should do OK," Tomaneck said.

Thanks to a few sprinters over last season, which is something we have always struggled with," Tomaneck noted that the interesting thing about Novi track is that you never quite know what you are going to get.

"You never know what to expect," she said. "So many new kids with our 10th graders and our freshmen. At this point, we have 114 girls on the team, which is huge."

Tomaneck said that without having been able to run in a meet thanks to the weather, she didn't know what her massive amount of athletes could accomplish.

"Right now I only know them in practice," she said. "Until we have a meet under our belt, I



Practicing their baton hand-offs for the 4x200 meter are Anna McDougal, left and Jayme Westfall. The Wildcats are going to be looking to get as many girls to the state finals as they can this season.

Walled Lake Central soccer wants another title

Scoring, not defense, the major hurdle

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

Back to back district championships is what the 2002 Walled Lake Central soccer team has in their sights. With a number of returning players and a very strong defensive line, the championship is a distinct possibility.

"We definitely want to win district," Walled Lake Central head coach Joel Sharpe said.

The team finished last year 9-10-2.

Sharpe said.

Strong teams such as Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem will be looking to challenge the Vikings this year.

"The team will rely heavily on a strong defense this year. The team has a solid line of defenders and is not worried about that part of their game."

Defense seems to be our strong point," Sharpe said. "The question mark is whether or not we can score."

The team will not be able to do well because of their defense, but according to Sharpe, in the post-season they will have to perform very well for Walled Lake Central to win and capture another district championship.

"We can win games defensively," he said.

One part of that defense will be Emily Laterski. She is the team's sweeper this year and will be vital to the

success of the team's defense. According to Sharpe, Laterski will bring a lot to the team this year.

"She is probably one of our most skilled players," Sharpe said.

Other key players will be Worth, a freshman, and Lauren Baker. These are the players that will be responsible for taking control of a very important aspect of the game.

A lot of top is going to depend on Worth and Baker," Sharpe said.

However, it won't be just those players that will have a strong impact on how the team does this year. All of the players on the team will have their hand in the team's success and failure. According to Sharpe, the team will also need to learn to play as one unit.

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Joel Sharpe
WLC Soccer Coach

Last year's team set up the measuring stick by which this year's team will be judged by. After taking the district championship for the first time, Walled Lake Central wants to keep the team going in the same direction.

"After last year's accomplishments we don't want to let down," Sharpe said. "The Vikings will have to perform well at both ends this year to match the success they had last year."

With a lot of the same players from last year's team, the future is looking up for Walled Lake Central soccer this year.

"We're looking for a great year," Sharpe said. "We're looking to repeat as district champs."

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Tennis team has experience

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Returners Jeff Wallen, a junior, Vinay Arora, senior, and Eric Liao, senior, will have to compete with Phil Schuyten, a senior, and Connor Hogan, a junior, for the final team on the squad during meets.

"There will be plenty of experience back this season," Hogan said. "You have to have depth to win a title and I think we have depth in both singles and doubles this year."

The Wildcats will be running with the top teams in the KVC this season, hoping to stop Brighton from repeating their KVC victory from last season.

"The KVC was extremely balanced last year," Hanson said. "I am expecting it to be the same this year. It is going to be a run for the title."

These 'Cats are tops

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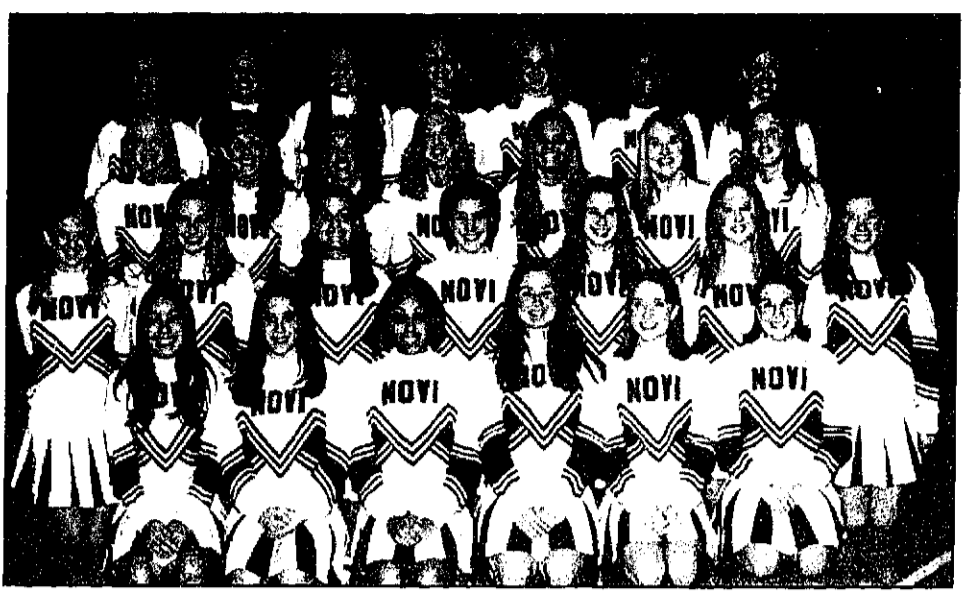
When it comes to athletes, few could be mentioned before Matt Gorman. Gorman, who will be strutting his stuff on the diamond this season, will be a big factor in the win/loss record of the Wildcat baseball team this season as he shows his athletic abilities week after week. A strong kid with a lot of heart, Gorman has the word "experience" will help the rest of his team climb their way to the top of the ranks — especially in the KVC.

Well, those are the athletes that I chose to highlight for the beginning of this season. No doubt none of them are going to let me, their school, themselves or their fans down this season.

Another top-shelf athlete this season will be softballer Megan Colligan. A first baseman with a lot of ability and dedication, Colligan showed me what she could do as a competitor during the girls' basketball season. I have no doubts in my mind that her competitive nature and her desire to win carried over to this softball season — her final as a Novi Wildcat and a high school player. Look for Colligan, and the rest of the Wildcats, to notch more than a couple of wins this season.

"We're looking for a great year," Sharpe said. "We're looking to repeat as district champs."

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The Novi High School pom-pom team smiles for the camera as they pose for this team photo just prior to the beginning of the season.

Pom Pon making a run for state

For the eighth straight year, Novi Varsity Pom Pon has finished in the top three at Mid-American Pom Pon State Championship. This year's State Championship was held at Saginaw Valley State University on Sunday March 10, 2002.

Each team competing had to qualify at Regional Competitions held at Saginaw Heritage High School or Livonia Churchill High School. There were over 70 teams attempting to qualify at Regionals and only 35 went on to the State Competition.

Of the 35 teams, there were 18 teams in Class A divided into Division I and Division II. The top placing Class A teams were placed in Division I. Novi Varsity was one of the top 8 placing teams at Regionals in Class A, placing them in Division I with the highest score in Class A.

At States, Novi performed first, which is a difficult place to be. They finished third with a score of 328.5. First place went to Saginaw Heritage with a score of 339.5. Second place went to Canton with a score of 329.5, edging out Novi by only one point. The other teams in Class A, Division I were Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Garden City Lincoln Franklin, Northville and Livonia Churchill. Teams in Class A, Division 2

and are experts in pom and dance. They are judged on 14 different categories including general form and execution, skill and level of ability, unique and original ideas/choreography, precision, rhythm and timing, use of pomms, overall performance and many others.

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The teams are scored by a panel of judges viewing the competition from all angles. The judges are brought in from around the county and are experts in pom and dance. They are judged on 14 different categories including general form and execution, skill and level of ability, unique and original ideas/choreography, precision, rhythm and timing, use of pomms, overall performance and many others.

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Next Level Athletes

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section is dedicated to the men and women who have taken the next step in their collegiate careers. It is here that we are able to salute them for their determination, their dedication and their abilities in the sports they love. Congrats to all of these athletes for what they have accomplished and what they have yet to accomplish:

Sarah Pipas, sophomore, Alma College — Sarah Pipas, a Novi High School graduate, notched a 6-0, 6-3 win over Spring Arbor College's Angela Kishpaugh March 28 in a meet that the Alma women's tennis team won 8-1. Pipas was also a member of the doubles team, along with Emily Brookhouse, that defeated Kishpaugh and Julie Maier 8-2.

Pat Muston, sophomore, UMBC — Pat Muston, a graduate of Novi High School, scored three goals and notched an assist to lead UMBC (2-3, 1-2 ECAC) to a 9-8 victory over Penn State in men's lacrosse March 23. Muston scored his first three goals of the year in the contest and also captured 9 of 14 faceoffs. Muston honed his lacrosse skills as one of the best-ever Novi High School lacrosse players before earning a place with UMBC.

Harvey Steele, Albion College — Harvey Steele, a graduate of Novi High School, notched a season best 43-foot, six and 1/4 inch throw of the shot put for the Albion College Brions. Steele, who threw the season best against the University of Indianapolis, helped his team to a season-opening third-place finish.

Next Level Athletes includes former athletes from the readership area of the Northville Record, Nov News and the Lakes Area Times. The Next Level Athletes are individuals who have taken the next step beyond high school athletics to the next level — including college, semi-professional, minor league and professional athletes. Anyone who would like to submit information about an athlete can do so via an e-mail to seggleston@nl.homecomm.net or mail information to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167.

Equestrian Notes

Time to saddle up? Not quite, but the Novi High School Equestrian team is making preliminary plans for next year's season. This will be the young team's third season of competition since its inception in 2000. It may seem quite early to be holding the initial interest meetings, parents informational meetings and team meetings for a sport that doesn't even officially begin until next fall. However, many details, discussions and decisions must be made this spring so the team will be ready to embark upon another fun-packed, albeit brief, season this fall.

Novi's team competes in three meets in September against 12 other area high schools belonging to District 1 of the statewide

organization, the Michigan Interscholastic Equestrian Association. Novi's high school team has enjoyed two successful seasons, earning 161 points in its charter year of 2000 and 112 points in last year's competitions. A few preliminary meetings are planned for the month of April, followed by some practices to get the new team meeting this spring. Several team outings involving trail rides and polo park parties are being arranged from early to mid summer and the State Fair Invitational, held at the fairgrounds in Detroit come August, will round out the pre-season activities.

While three senior riders from Novi's team — Liz Dean, Lesley Cartwright and Nicole Doss — will be venturing forth to other "green pastures," three experienced team riders — Katelyn Burkha, Brandy Lokar and Amanda Church — will continue their hard work and dedication with the 2002 team. Coach Kaye Burkha has been contacted by a couple of new riders and is hoping for a few more to add to next year's team.

Any students, male or female, grades ninth-12th who are current Novi High School in the fall and who are riders are eligible for the team. All interested students should contact Burkha at 349-2422.

There will be a parent informational meeting held April 15 at 7 p.m. in room 146 of the Novi High School. Interested students are welcome to attend.

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Fundukian honored by MHSAA

A SPORTS STATESMAN

John Fundukian of Milford, who has made major contributions to the interscholastic athletic community as a coach, administrator and game official, received the 2002 Charles E. Forsythe Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association during halftime of the Class A boys' basketball final Saturday in East Lansing.

The award is in its 25th year of existence and is named after former MHSAA executive director Charles E. Forsythe. It is awarded based on an individual's outstanding contribution to the interscholastic athletics community.

Fundukian retired as Novi Community Schools' athletic director in 2001, ending a 37-year career of service to educational athletics. He started as a teacher and coach and athletic director at Highland Park from 1964-71. That was followed by a stint at Walled Lake Community Schools from 1971-88, where he served as a teacher, a coach in two sports and eventually as district-wide athletic director his last four years. From 1988 until his retirement, Fundukian was the athletic director at Novi.

As the Novi athletic director, Fundukian presided over a period of unprecedented growth in the school district. The athletic program at Novi grew to a total of 54 teams at the varsity and subvarsity levels in the high school and 19 teams at the middle school level. Fundukian eventually oversaw a program which had over 1,700 participants annually.

Fundukian also directed the upgrading of the athletic venue at Novi, which included the construction of a fieldhouse for basketball and track, soccer/cross-country stadiums and renovations of many other facilities. Not hosted over 250 MHSAA tournament events during Fundukian's tenure at the school.

Fundukian's contributions to interscholastic athletics also include 25 years as a registered official. He is primarily a basketball, track and volleyball official, but he has also officiated cross country and swimming and diving meets and worked the MHSAA finals in cross country and track.

"There's a term in sports called the 'total package,' used to describe one so versatile and so strong in so many different areas," MHSAA executive director Jack Roberts said. "John Fundukian is the total package. He has successfully served high school sports in so many different ways, providing young people with quality experiences from his visible and behind-the-scenes work. John Fundukian is an excellent selection for the MHSAA's highest honor, the Forsythe Award."

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Golfers ready for start of season

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"This year then in previous years, most years only a couple of days on the team have the ability to break the 50 mark and this year the team will have a majority of golfers that may be able to accomplish that goal."

WLW Golf

I am going to have six girls that could all break 50," Street said. "The team will also be deep in 12-13 years. Mike (Korobov) is the captain every meeting on the team and has the ability to be a leader. I'd like to right down the list," Street said about who would be the top players on the team. "The team's toughest competition this year in their division will be the Northville Mustangs. To have a successful year, Street said that it will be very important to take

advantage of all the practices they have.

"We'll have to make use of the practice time," he said. "Walled Lake Western also plans to improve their team in ways off the course. The team hopes to improve team unity."

"We want to be together as one team and not have little factions," Street said. "The team finished last year as one of the best golf teams in Walled Lake Western history and looks to improve on that season this year. The team is returning strong players and has a lot of talent coming into the 2002 season. The team will open up their season against Milford in a non-league game tonight."

Brain Dajka is an intern for the Northville Record. Novi News and the Lake Area Times. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Warriors baseball has good balance, experience to bring into spring '02

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors baseball team is coming off of a tough season last year with hopes of building on their youth and on their lessons learned.

The Warriors, led by coach Ken Connor, will be sporting plenty of experience with a good balance of youth as well.

"This year, we have eight seniors, eight juniors and one sophomore," Connor said. "The seniors are Ryan Beech, Aaron Brewer, Kyle Wade, Mike Larges, Bryan Rosbury, Steve Sobiech, David Zeitlin and Mike Pisha."

"Pisha has been playing on this team since he was a freshman," Connor said. When asked where Pisha would be playing this season, he responded with a laugh, "Anywhere he wants to play."

"This team is really tight, they work well together. It isn't me, me, me with this group. Instead, it's we, we, we. If the team sees that someone can't do it, they want to get right in there and pick them up."

Ken Connor
Walled Lake Western Baseball Coach

Rosbury are expected to make quite an impact with the Warriors

this season as will the juniors on the team. Matt Ellis, Justin Nazarov, Eric Menzies, John Michaud, Greg Conley, Jake Matelick, Peter Basiglio and John Sowders are the juniors who balance out the Warrior roster this season.

"Last year I had four sophomores up on the varsity team," Connor said. "This year we have a nice combination. I have been very pleased with what I have seen so far."

The lone sophomore on this year's varsity team doesn't really remind many people of a 10th-grader when it comes to size, speed, intensity and athletic ability. Greg Hay has managed to carve himself a spot on three different varsity teams this year and only looks to continue to get better.

"Greg is going to catch for us and do a little pitching," Connor said. "He is quite the athlete."

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SPORTS SHORTS

Hawks Football registration

The Lakes Area Hawks varsity is accepting registration for five players. Only serious players, eager to start the transition to high school football, should call. These players will be involved with coaches closely related to what they will learn in high school. The Hawks staff includes state champion experience

with one of the most successful teams of the 90s and today. The Hawks are the only little league football team with their own stadium. For more information, call Dan Welch at 380-8647.

Sand Volleyball League

A Sand Volleyball League, held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting May 13 is starting up. Interested teams should contact Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 449-9947. The league costs 50 dollars for fours, 40

dollars for twos and will run 11 weeks. Non-residents must pay 15 dollars per person.

Northville/Novi Colts registration

The Northville/Novi Colts youth football organization is holding registration for the 2002 season May 4 at 8 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The registration is for openings on the cheerleading and football squads.

Due to the large number of returning players, the only football

squads accepting registrations are the freshman football (eight and nine years old, maximum of 105 pounds) and the varsity football (11-13 years old, max 150 pounds). The cheerleading teams have openings on the freshman cheer (eight and nine years old) and the varsity cheer (12-13 years old).

Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis. The registration fee is 260 dollars. For more information or for questions, call Cathy Thomas (football registration) at

(248) 348-4282 and Rene Ellison (cheerleading registration) at (248) 344-8977.

Catholic Youth Organization Football Meeting

The Our Lady of Good Counsel football program is holding an organizational and informational meeting. All boys, grades third through eighth, for the 2002-03 school year, and their parents should attend.

The meeting will be held today at 7 p.m. at the Our Lady of Good

Counsel gym located at 1062 Church Street in Plymouth. Boys who are members of the following parishes are eligible to play at O.L.G.C.: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas A'Beckett, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James, St. John Neumann, St. Kenneth and Holy Family of Novi.

If interested or have any questions, please contact Mike Girsakis at home, (734) 454-0847, or at work (734) 427-6270.

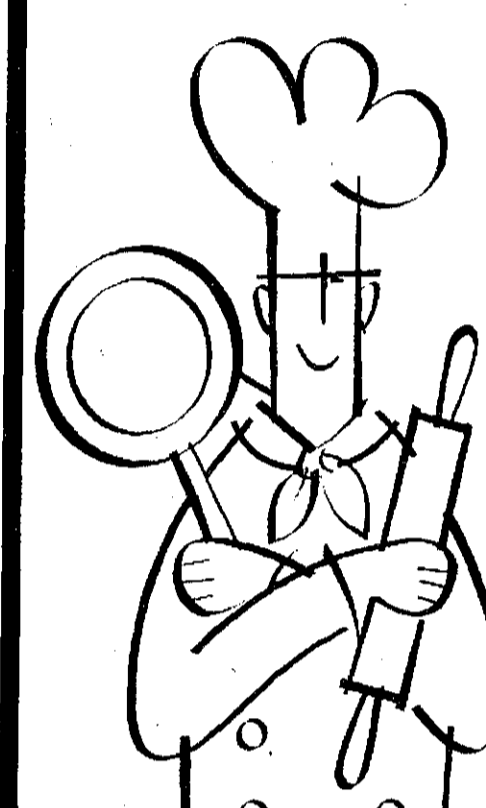
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Warrior golfers looking to get even better this season

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

After taking home the division two Oakland county crown last year, the Walled Lake Western girls golf team looks to improve on their success this year. This year, the team is returning two of their top four players including last year's top golfer, Lindsey Bornhoffer.

Bornhoffer will be the captain of this year's varsity team of four seniors and four juniors. Last year was

one of the teams most successful year and included their record setting score of 369 at the Oakland County meet. That was the teams first tournament win. The team finished fifth in their division last year and looks to improve in that area.

"We have an outside chance of winning the Western Division," Walled Lake Western head coach Scott Street said.

The team also looks to finish well in the Western Lakes Activities Association conference.

"Our goal is to place in the top five in our conference," Street said.

The team will move up to suffer competition at the division one level as they move up from division two. The team looks to do well at the Oakland county meet, which they took the division two title in last year. They hope to place in the top ten.

This year, one of the teams strongest assets will be their depth. The team has a lot more strong play-

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Viking softball hunting for title

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

For the past 11 of 12 years, Walled Lake Central's softball team has been on top of their division. This year they hope to do the same.

"We will be in the hunt," Walled Lake Central head coach Gordon Glennie said.

The team this year is led by junior captains Brittany Coram and Sara Stone along with senior captain Allison Summerhill. Summerhill is one of only three seniors on the team and this will be her fourth year on the team. Coram will return to her starting position behind the plate and Stone both will be a returning started also.

"They were selected on past performance and leadership abilities," Glennie said. All three of those players have been on the varsity team since they were freshman. The team's 14 member roster is made up of three seniors eight juniors and three sophomores. Last year, Walled Lake Central managed to go 25-8. Five or six of the players on that team were lost to graduation, including one very strong pitcher.

"Probably the hardest one to replace will be the pitcher," Glennie said.

However, two juniors that are currently on the varsity squad will try and step up into that role. Tiffany Jorgensen and Renee Ritz

both are pitchers that are on the varsity squad for the first time, one is a transfer student.

The teams strength this year will be their play in the field.

"We have very good defense," Glennie said.

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According to Glennie, the key to the teams success this year will be to work hard. The team will

also have to come together with unfamiliar teammates. Only six of the fourteen players on the team are returning players.

"We must get together as a unit," Glennie said.

The team came of one of the most successful runs last year not only in their record, but in the teams dynamics.

"Last year's team was the closest I've ever had," Glennie said.

The team hopes for another close group, and Glennie doesn't feel that closeness will be a factor.

"I don't think it will be a problem," Glennie said. "Once they become cohesive they're going to be fine."

The team opened up their season Wednesday against Novi, after this paper went to press.

"Novi's always very competitive," Glennie said.

Inside their own conference, The Vikings will face tough competition, especially from North Farmington. The team has three

main goals.

"Our first goal is to win our division," Glennie said.

The team wants to continue their streak and win their 12th division title in 13 years. Their second goal is to win their conference.

"Goal number three is to win our district and go from there in the play-offs," Glennie said.

More important than those goals, the team has a commitment to academics which they want to uphold.

"Our team has been all-state academic for the last nine years," Glennie said.

The team hopes to extend that to ten straight years. Glennie feels that the teams performance in the classroom is more important than anything that they could do on the field.

"Academics are key, more so than the athletics part of it," he said. Glennie recognizes that during their high school experience what they take away from their education will be more important than the skill acquired in the game.

He said, "You can be the very best athlete and if you don't have an education you're going nowhere."

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Future Walled Lake Central star



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Central's Steve Rabish gets around a defender. Rabish was just one of many underclassmen playing for the Vikings who excelled...a sign of what is to come perhaps?

Walled Lake Central baseball ready for fresh, new season

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Central Vikings baseball team, coming off a 5-21 record last season, is hoping to see marked improvement for the 2002 season.

The Vikings, coached by Mark Kowiczzyk, lost a lot of seniors two seasons ago and not only had trouble making up for the loss, but trouble keeping the team afloat as well.

"There were just too many errors in too many games," Kowiczzyk said. "There were a lot of games that we were in but lost because of the

number of errors we committed."

Coming back this season will be Ryan Trailer, a three-year varsity letter winner on the baseball team, as well as 6-foot-2, 200 pound Steve Rabish.

"Both pitchers can throw in the low to mid-80s," Kowiczzyk said.

He added that the Vikings also have another ace up their sleeve this season.

"We have four left-handed pitchers to use this season," Kowiczzyk said. "As far as pitchers go, we are a lot more solid than we were last year."

The Vikings will also have a solid

outfield, but will be looking to rebuild their infield.

"We lost practically the whole infield from last year," Kowiczzyk said.

As far as the outfield goes, returning stars are seniors Matt Picciano and Chris Rambow.

The game plan for the Vikings at this point in the season is to be competitive through a balance of top-shelf pitching and solid sticks on the offensive end.

"For us, we should be competitive in the league with our pitching staff," Kowiczzyk said. "All we have to do is develop our middle field,

and I think we will have a chance at beating just about anyone in the league."

The main goal for the Vikings is to cut down on their errors this season.

"Errors devastated a lot of our games," Kowiczzyk said. "We are going to have to do that and stay focused to be competitive in the league. It is going to be tough (to win the league). Harrison and Stevenson are going to be tough, but who knows."

The Vikings will also have teams like the Kensington Valley Conference's Novi to contend with

this season.

"They are just so solid," Kowiczzyk said. "They are coached extremely well and their hitting is just phenomenal."

Besides the Novi Wildcats, Farmington Hills Harrison will be a team to compete with in their last year in the WLAA as will Westland John Glenn.

"The WLAA is just so tough," Kowiczzyk said. "There are so many talented individuals in the league, and just because of that, we will have to maintain our focus through the end of the season. We have to take out goals and remain focused."

Kowiczzyk said that he doesn't count his team out of the league running, but he also noted he doesn't count anyone out.

"I think any team in this league can beat any other team on any given day," he said. "This league is full of incredible talent from (Harrison's) Drew Stanton down. We are going to have to be ready to play every day."

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