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50 countries, one location

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City approves Expo overlay

Approval paves the way for new Novi Expo Center

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

One of Novi's most recently created zoning ordinances will apply to the potential site of the new Novi Expo Center after approval was given earlier this week.

Majority members of the Novi City Council issued their positive votes on May 6 to rezone the future new center site, located north of Grand River Avenue and south of Interstate 96 between Taft and Beck roads, as an EXO Overlay district replacing the Office Service Technology zoning the parcel previously held.

One unique aspect of the new EXO Ordinance is the underlying OST zoning will not change. Instead the EXO ordinance will "sit on top" of the original zoning in case it is needed again in the future.

Also, the new ordinance will only apply to the 52.611 acres of land owned by Novi Expo President Blair Bowman intended for the new center. This was a stipulation heavily encouraged by Novi City Mayor Richard J. Clark who felt strongly about preserving the rest of the Grand River Avenue corridor for its intended office service technology development use.

Bowman was pleased with the outcome of the vote and looks forward to keeping his development plans in motion, moving into the site plan

approval phase.

Bowman will commence appearances in front of the Novi Planning Commission soon and if everything goes smoothly still anticipates being in full swing next year.

Although most members support the new ordinance, not all feel it provides the city with enough protection.

Voting against applying the new ordinance to Bowman's parcel was Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bononi and Novi City Council Woman Laura

"He (Blair Bowman) is taking all the risk and there will be a benefit to the city. I do believe we have enough protection in the ordinance."

Richard J. Clark
Novi city mayor

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E IS FOR Elegance

Kindergartners at Novi Woods Elementary spent last week learning the letter "E" — particularly "E" for elegance. In honor of this "E" theme, the school hosted an "Elegant Party" on May 3 for the students, with the kids dressing in their best attire and practicing their best table etiquette. In the name of entertainment, escorts and etiquette, the boys escorted the girls to their seats and pulled out their chairs for them, fourth-grade students served fruit kabobs, cheese and crackers and brownies to the kindergartners while classical music played in the background. Novi Woods kindergartners participate in thematic curriculum each week based on a letter of the week. Each day, students engage in reading, writing, phonics, science and other activities that relate to the current week's theme.

Novi Woods student Kailee Murphy, right, gets an escort from her dad Sean during Friday afternoon's promenade 'round the school.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Six Michigan contractors earn school bids

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Board of Education gave the green light last Thursday to six Michigan contractors for upcoming school renovations beginning this summer, with the final contract awards for the projects expected to be approved on May 16.

School board members unanimously approved the first wave of bid awards, \$843,397.00, for the Village Oaks and Orchard Hills Elementaries remodeling and

renovation projects. The construction is part of the \$75 million bond proposal passed by Novi voters in June 2001.

James Koster, Novi Schools assistant superintendent of finance, said in order to meet the district's tight summer construction schedule, the initial bid categories needed to be approved on May 2.

The total bid awards for both district projects is expected to come in at \$2,510,720.00, including allowances of \$47,185 for asbestos removal, signage,

sealant, operable walls and other specialties. Total construction costs for the projects were originally budgeted at \$2,515,320.00.

Work for both schools began on May 6, with fencing put on the construction sites. As weather permits later this month, the sites will be cleared and prepared for new foundations, Koster said. He added that steel erection might occur later this month, as well.

Both projects are expected to be finished by December 2002, with students returning from the

holiday vacation to their newly renovated schools.

Village Oaks plans include a remodeled media center with a new addition for more space, as well as a redesigned office area. Orchard Hills will also see a remodeled media center, along with the addition of a new multi-purpose instruction area.

Contract bids for the projects were opened and publicly read on April 12, with the initial awards including two Oakland

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Novi mail carriers stamping out hunger

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Novi mail carriers are seeking help this Saturday with their effort to stamp out hunger in the community.

As part of the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day, Novi postal employees will be collecting nonperishable food items left at or near mailboxes on their Novi routes.

This is the 10th year the city is pitching in to help on the important occasion.

"The cooperation we get from the residents of Novi is unbelievable," said Janell Thompson, Novi food drive coordinator and city carrier. "Everyone gives."

Thompson said it doesn't matter if it is a rural route or a city route, Novi mail carriers generally never leave a delivery site empty-handed.

All of the food collected goes to the emergency food closet located in Faith Community United Presbyterian Church.

The Novi church serves as a contact for all other city churches so the food collected will benefit the entire community.

"I think this year will be our biggest year ever," Thompson said. "It brings the community together and there are a lot of people not working right now, so the food will be greatly appreciated."

Despite the great amount of work involved the day of the event, Thompson said it is all worth it and highlights this is the largest one-day food drive in America.

"I thank all the carriers for their cooperation and dedication," she said. "It is a long day for us."

After the food is collected at each mail stop, it is then taken back to the post office, sorted, packaged and delivered to Faith Community where it will be unloaded.

Last year, Novi mail carriers collected about 9,000 pounds of food.

In honor of the event, Novi City Mayor Richard J. Clark officially proclaimed May 11 as Letter Carrier's Food Drive Day and encourages all citizens to participate in the drive.

Novi is just one of the many communities across the United States participating in weekend event.

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You can help:

The Novi Mail Carriers need your help. In order to make their food drive day a success, one large truck is needed. Anyone interested in donating the services of a cargo or moving style truck is asked to call Janell Thompson at (248) 473-9422.

Police Report

Novi City Police

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

A 47-year-old male from Taylor was arrested late last month after he was found by police urinating in a Novi parking lot. On April 29 at about 7:45 p.m., Novi police responded to a call stating someone was urinating outside of the Iron Workers Union Hall. After arriving at the Trans N Drive and Nined Road location, the officer found the man in the back of the parking lot still relieving himself. After checking the man's license, it was found there was a call warrant for his arrest out of Ann Arbor. Bond was set at \$38,500.48. The Taylor man did not have the cash so he was arrested on a warrant for urinating in public and transported to the Washtenaw County Jail.

A DAY FOR DRUG BUSTS

Two Novi police officers were very busy May 2 after two traffic stops resulted in drug arrests. The first incident happened about 5 p.m. when she clocked a 1998 black Pontiac Grand Prix traveling 45 mph in a 25 mph zone. After being stopped, the 23-year-old Southfield male said he knew he was speeding, but was on his way to return a carpool order to TGI Fridays. The man did not have his license and was asked if he had anything illegal in his car. After hesitating he admitted there was marijuana in the arm rest. The officer found 4.5 grams in the arm rest and 4.5 grams in the ashtray. He was arrested. About four hours later, the Novi officer recovered 10 grams of marijuana from a 25-year-old Warren man after a traffic stop. He was also arrested in possession of a narcotic.

COURT ANYONE?

On May 5 at about 7:30 p.m., the Novi Police Department received a

call that unknown subjects were traveling door-to-door selling furniture. An officer responded to the 21000 block of Meridian, near Cascade and S. Heatherline, to investigate the incident. The officer was informed the subjects were traveling in a truck and were attempting to sell the furniture by going up to each resident's door. The officer patrolled the area, but the subjects were not found.

Walled Lake Police

BOAT BE-GONE

A Walled Lake officer was dispatched to the 1300 block of Appleford April 21 when a 28-year-old man reported that his boat was stolen.

He told police his boat had been parked in the driveway on April 21 at 12:30 a.m. He noticed the boat missing at 8:30 a.m. the same day. The man did not have a lock around the towing mechanism and admitted to police that they did not hear any suspicious noises that night.

The man told police he owned a small amount of money for the 1997 18 ft. Chaparral inboard/outboard but he didn't know how much. The case is still open.

DON'T CALL US

Police were dispatched April 22 when a 49-year-old Walled Lake woman living in the 1000 block of Gamma Street complained that she kept getting annoying phone calls all day long.

She said she received 47 calls on April 20 and April 21 and 13 calls on April 22. She called Ameritech to report the calls but they told her she would need a police report in order for them to investigate the matter. She dialed "Star 69" and got a recording that said "Thank you for purchasing a collector."

TWO KNIVES, TWO STUDENTS

A Walled Lake police officer was

dispatched to Community High School April 12 when a teacher reported that a knife fell out of a 16-year-old Wilson boy's jacket. Failure called the boy's parents before interviewing him about the four-inch, double-edged knife. The boy told police that he had put the knife in his jacket pocket and had forgotten about it. His father told police he had told the boy to get rid of the knife a few days before.

The report was reviewed and a petition was being considered for the offense.

Another incident with a knife occurred a few days later at St. William's Catholic School.

School officials heard students talking about a 12-year-old Highland boy, who had a sketchy, switch-type knife in his school bag. He handed the knife over to school authorities when they asked him for it.

The boy's parents were contacted and he went home with them before police arrived. The case is closed pending school action.

Northville City Police

TWO-TIMER FOR OUIL

A 39-year-old Westland man was

arrested on April 25 for OUIL. Officers had initiated a traffic stop at approximately 5 a.m. on Horton Street south of Eight Mile after clocking the vehicle at 58 mph in a 40 mph zone.

Upon initiating contact with the driver, officers detected a "strong odor of intoxicants" coming from the vehicle. The driver stated that he had had a few beers and that his last drink had been at "around 1:30 a.m." After having performed the field sobriety tests, the driver was read his 1977 rights.

Upon receiving a result of 0.194 BAC, the driver was placed under arrest. Dispatch then informed the arresting officer that this was the driver's second OUIL offense and the driver was issued a paper license plate after having his metal license plate removed.

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reported to police on April 29 that a book of her checks had been stolen by a former acquaintance "some time in December or January." The woman stated that she had become aware of the stolen checks when, she received an overdraft fee from her bank in March. She said she had not noticed the missing checks, prior to the police as she does not keep track of her bank statement.

According to the woman, the suspect is a 39-year-old Northville resident with whom she became friends through her work at the Salvation Army. The suspect was reportedly at the woman's home on a number of occasions and had been given a \$500 loan for a car before a "falling out" in late December or early January.

The woman stated that she had requested and received copies of the checks cashed and that two checks had been made out in the suspect's name for a total of \$500. The third check had been made out to another individual for an amount of \$30. The woman has since canceled that series of checks and is in the process of working with her bank to straighten out the situation.

Officers were dispatched to American Elementary on a battery report. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the principal, who stated that \$600 made during a book fair held the week of April 15 had been taken from the office.

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LAKES AREA TIMES

Walled Lake DDA informs businesses

By Diane Dempsey Deel

Walled Lake business owners will be enlightened on topics geared for them next week at a special meeting hosted by the Downtown Development Authority.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. May 16 at the Beachhouse restaurant, 142 East Walled Lake Drive, which will begin with light appetizers and a cash bar. The formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

Owners will be updated on the M-5 road project by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) spokesperson Mark Sturmer. They will also find out how the Main Street Oakland County program is taking off in the city by Bob Donahue of the program and local DDA subcommittee members.

"Bob will be doing a brief overview on what is Main Street and he will be talking about the benefits to businesses as well as Walled Lake's progress since we've been involved in the program," said Tracy Conlon, DDA Main Street manager.

Russ Lewis, architect with the program, will also be on hand to explain how proprietors of businesses can possibly be selected for expert advice for improved facades, which includes drawings, signage, lighting and landscaping. However, business owners have to fill out appropriate paperwork to be considered for acceptance in the design assistance program.

Only two Walled Lake businesses will be selected for advancement, ideas and conceptual drawings," Conlon said. "It's going to be an ongoing program. We're eligible for two but it doesn't mean they will accept them."

Business owners who are selected, must be committed to follow through with designs and recommendations of Main Street program experts or Walled Lake will fall short in the program and possibly forfeit future Main Street ventures, she said.

However, the businesses that are selected for facade improvement advice, will also be getting plenty of publicity for their efforts.

"It's a demonstration of what Main Street can do," Conlon said. "If selected, they will be showcased with other projects around the county."

Selected business owners won't have to spend a lot of money to get results, she said. "A lot of people have a hard time envisioning what they can do by changing colors or with paint. Paint can really do wonders to a building. There's statistics that when businesses do a facade improvement or signage improvement, it really helps sales."

Casey Ambrose, DDA chairman, is encouraging business owners to attend the meeting designed for them.

"It's important for the DDA to have an opportunity to meet with the business community periodically," said Casey Ambrose, DDA chairman. "We want everyone to be informed on what's happening in the city and welcome questions, suggestions and most of all their involvement. We know that there are a lot of new faces in the community and we hope they will take this opportunity to meet their neighbors and eventually do business with them."

Conlon said Sturmer will have a lot of worthwhile information about local construction as well.

"It seems in the past, road construction is always on the top everyone's interest list," Conlon said. "Everyone wants to know what's going to happen and when. He will give time lines and what to expect."

The Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority was created in 1990 to ensure the ongoing improvement of Downtown Walled Lake.

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WLC students learning, living history

By Diane Dempsey Deel

Students participating in the Walled Lake Living History Club at Walled Lake Central High School aren't just learning about history, they're breathing it.

The students dress up as their forefathers and foremothers and reenact historical events or everyday life in Michigan during 1778. They do re-enactments for Walled Lake elementary students and with other re-enactors at other events.

The group, headed by math teacher Bob Osterman, makes their own Revolutionary era clothing that they wear when they are living out history.

Osterman started re-enacting history about 18 months ago. However, he didn't get the club at Central started until the end of last school year. The group got their first taste of what life was like in 1778 when they traveled to Gladwin, Michigan in July, where they

camped out in 18th Century tents, with plenty of bugs on the dirt floor.

The club has attended other history groups, such as Sons of the American Revolution and the Commerce Township Historical Society. They also often participate with the Eighth Regiment, a larval re-enactment group.

"They lend us a lot of expertise and we share our manpower," Osterman said.

However, it's not all fun and games for the club members. They research and read books and journals written by common people in 18th Century America.

Osterman is pleased to have active students help them re-live the era during re-enactments.

"I'm amazed at their interest so far and the response I've gotten from the schools and the commu-

ty," Osterman said.

"We still have a lot of room to grow but for our first year, I think we've done very well."

The club's next major event is Memorial Day weekend in Vicksburg, Indiana, which attracts approximately 1,500 re-enactors throughout the Midwest.

Rayanna Shaheen, senior, wants to continue re-enacting as a hobby when she graduates. In the classroom, they often only hear one side of history, she said. Re-enacting helps her discover that their is always two sides to historical events.

She's also had a good time with other club members this year. Emily Kowath, sophomore, said she's always enjoyed history and wanted to join the group to further her knowledge.

"My family has always got a lot of historical and educational plans," Kowath said. "My sister is also in a re-enactment group. It's a different

time period but it's the same thing."

That's why she jumped at the chance to join as soon as she heard there was going to be history club at her school.

"It's a way to learn about history but it's also a way to have fun," Kowath said. "I'm already making plans of what to get and what to buy next year."

Joe Smith, junior, said he gets a kick out of doing the re-enactments with others, who enjoy the same thing.

"But the real enjoyable thing is going to the elementary schools and doing the re-enactments for the kids," Smith said.

"That's why I joined the club, if you have any interest in history, this is the place to be. Even if you're not interested in this time period, you will be when you get here."

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Walled Lake Central High School Living History Club members Emily Kovath and Allison Reed, right, show off some of the early-American settlers garb they've made for their activities.

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Platinum Patriots do it again

Walled Lake's Academic Games Club wins at Georgia nationals

For the second year in a row, the Walled Lakes Academic Games Club is the Presidents National Champions in the National Academic Games League, Social Studies.

The 2002 National Academic Games League Championships were held April 21-25 at the 4-H Club Center in Dalton, Georgia.

The Walled Lake Academic Games Club was represented by five students from Clifford Smart Middle School: Bobby Bell, Mark Butler, Steven Olson, Tyler Strom, and Corrie Weber; and two students from the Maria Montessori Center in Farmington Hills: Amarpreet Jhita and Jasmeet Jhita. Also assisting the Walled Lake Academic Games Club were three coaches, eight parents, and one brother. They had 208 students from nine schools competing in the elementary division.

Dominating the social studies game, "Presidents", from the very beginning, the Walled Lake Platinum Patriots, out of 13 teams competing, took top honors.

The team received a gold trophy, and each team member received a gold medalion. The Walled Lake Academic Games Club also recognized outstanding individual performance as Mark Butler, with a perfect score in the second round of Presidents, received a gold medalion and the National Presidents Individual Champion. Amarpreet Jhita and Steven Olson

placed third and received bronze medalions. Tyler Strom placed fourth and Bobby Bell placed fifth.

The Walled Lake Platinum Patriots waited for the outcome of the Sweepstakes, best overall scores in Math, English, and Social Studies, and were awarded Third Place Sweepstakes Champions.



The Walled Lakes Academic Games Club, winners of the Presidents National Champions title.

Nails a work of art at 'fancy' new WL shop

By Diane Dempsey Deel

Walled Lake area women have a new place to get pampered to the max since Fancy Nails opened its doors.

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However, manicurists make nails a work of art by air brushing or creating beautiful designs by hand on the nails they produce.

Ho "Bibi" Nguyen, owner and resident of Walled Lake for the past four years, said the city makes for an excellent location to open a nail business.

"There was too much competition at my old location," Nguyen said. "Walled Lake is a growing area and there are not too many nail salons."

Nguyen knows residents will be coming to his salon. He has purchased high-tech pedicure chairs that offer maximum comfort as their toes are being catered to.

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Community Events

Our Children's Health at Risk

DATE: Friday, May 10
LOCATION: Oakland Schools Kwik 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: Aletha Ullrich, (248) 859-7969 or Libby Hrabon, (248) 858-1284.

Rose Growing Questions

DATE: Saturday, May 11
LOCATION: Anglin Nursery, on Grand River between Novi and Mnavodbrook roads

TIME: noon-3 p.m.
DETAILS: The Rose West Rose Society will answer your questions about rose growing. PHONE: Pat Hubbard, (248) 449-4676

OSTC Spring Garden Party

DATE: May 11, 18 and 19
LOCATION: 1000 Beck Road, Wixom

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon each day
DETAILS: Sale of annuals and perennials cared for and grown by the Agiscience/Greenhouse/Landscape program at OSTC. PHONE: (248) 960-5454

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 7407.east.com.

Oakland County Health Division - First Aid for Smokers

DATE: Tuesday, May 14
LOCATION: Medical Center, Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi

TIME: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Conference Room A
DETAILS: Class includes an educational presentation on the quitting process, a smoker's emergency kit and instructions on how to utilize the kit. Participants will learn valuable coping skills and receive follow-up support to help in the quitting process. No fee for class or materials. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. PHONE: To register, call Providence Hospital's toll free number 877-345-5500. For more information call Michelle DeWyle 248-424-7128.

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver

DATE: Wednesday, May 15
LOCATION: Courtyard Manor, 48578 Pontiac Trail, Wixom

TIME: 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
DETAILS: The Alzheimer's Association-Detroit Area Chapter, in partnership with Courtyard Manor of Wixom invites you to attend a special free family caregiver meeting. PHONE: Debbie, 248-669-5263

Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority Business Owners Meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 16
LOCATION: Bathhouse, 142 East Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake

TIME: 5:30 p.m. with cash bar, light appetizers and networking, followed by formal program at 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Featured presentations will include an update on M-5, Main Street Oakland County News, and Main Street Oakland County Design Assistance Program. Chairs from Walled Lake Main Street committees will inform attendees on the projects the groups have undertaken and seek new volunteers. PHONE: Tracey White Condon, (248) 926-9004.

Commerce Township Annual Community Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, May 21
LOCATION: El Dorado Country Club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Twp.

TIME: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
DETAILS: Cort \$15.00
LOCATION: Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce office, 248-624-2826

Savings Bonds: Seven Costly Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

DATE: Tuesday, May 21
LOCATION: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street

TIME: 1 and 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Daniel J. Pederson, a former supervisor of the Savings Bond Division of the Federal Reserve Bank and author of Savings Bonds: When to Hold, When to Sell and Everything In-Between, will speak at the free seminar. All attendees will be offered a free statement outlining the details of their savings bond holdings. PHONE: Marjane Grimaldo, (800) 927-1501 to R.S.V.P.

AAU Baton Twirling Qualifier

DATE: Saturday, June 1
LOCATION: Sara Banks Middle School, Wixom

TIME: 7:30 a.m.-registration, 8:30 a.m.-show begins
DETAILS: The Michigan AAU Association Baton Twirling Championships for the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) This competition is the official Michigan qualifier for the 2002 AAU National Baton Twirling Championships to be contested at the AAU Junior Olympic Games, August 7-11 in Knoxville, Tenn. Spectators are welcome to attend the contest which begins at 9 a.m. Admission the day of the contest is free. PHONE: For more information, contact contest director Rhonda Maccaro at TwillM@aol.com or visit the AAU Web site at www.aausports.org.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce & The Walled Lake Fire Dept. 25th Annual Scramble Golf Outing

DATE: Monday, June 3
LOCATION: Mystic Creek Golf Club, One Champions Circle, Milford

TIME: 10:30 a.m. shotgun start, four person scramble format
DETAILS: Join us for a relaxing day of golf, food, prizes and everybody has an opportunity to help the team win, whether you play once a year or once a week. Proceeds will benefit the Chamber Business Community and the Walled Lake Fire Department's Fire Prevention Educational Program. PHONE: Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, 248-624-2826.

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital 8th Annual Golf Invitational

DATE: Tuesday, June 11
LOCATION: Northville Hills Golf Club

TIME: 7:30 a.m.-registration, 8:30 a.m.-shotgun start, scramble format, lunch buffet with awards and silent auction to follow.
DETAILS: This event provides support to programs, projects and patients at our hospital. PHONE: Office of Development, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 248-937-3672.

Smoking Cessation Program

DATE: Saturday, June 22
LOCATION: Novi Park Providence Medical Center (Grand River & Beck)

TIME: 10 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: The Wellness Seminar, a two-hour session which combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. Participants learn to stop smoking without weight gain or withdrawal. The first 45 minutes of each session are free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, then they pay a one-time fee of \$59. PHONE: (877) 345-5500

Weight Reduction Program

DATE: Saturday, June 22
LOCATION: Novi Park Providence Medical Center (Grand River & Beck)

TIME: 1-3 p.m.
DETAILS: The Wellness Seminar, a two-hour session which combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. Participants learn to lose weight by controlling overeating. The first 45 minutes of each session are free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, then they pay a one-time fee of \$59. PHONE: (877) 345-5500

Rep. Nancy Cassis Golf Outing

DATE: Friday, June 21

Novi man's patent could prevent serious burns

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Stephen Wiesman almost knocked a pan of boiling water off the stove and onto his 7-year-old daughter Savanna as he was cooking macaroni and cheese for her.

Terror ripped through him as he remembered a boy from his childhood whose face was permanently scarred from boiling water that had fallen on him as a toddler. His fear of how the water could have scalded his daughter, now 12, turned to inspiration.

Wiesman, who works for Walled Lake's Department of Public Works, decided then that he needed to invent something that would prevent pots and pans from falling off stoves. He soon created the "The Safety Stove", an electromagnetic stove device that attaches to pots and pans and won't release them until the cook is ready for them to be released. His patent is now being considered by such companies as Gillette, General Electric and Whirlpool.

The device will work on both gas and electric stoves, Wiesman said. However, his idea took tweaking and research before he was able to patent the idea. He filed for a patent in 1998 and it was officially patented through the United States Patent and Trademark Office in 2000.

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"I was watching TV when I heard about electromagnetic locks," Wiesman said. "You can turn the electromagnets into a lock and it can take high amounts of heat. That's when I started the process of hiring people to find out if this was even feasible to do."

Deeply pointed out that Wiesman, a former Walled Lake on-call firefighter, had knowledge of how fire's spread, which made it more important for him to invent the Safety Stove.

A fire is contained when the pan is locked down, he said. Wiesman agreed. "It gives you a chance to focus on what you are really dealing with," Wiesman said.

Savanna, who doesn't remember being the inspiration behind the invention, is proud of her father for taking the initiative to design the Safety Stove. "I think it's a very good idea," Savanna said, who now cooks her own macaroni and cheese. "I know if it (a pot or pan) were to fall on me, it would be devastating. With the Safety Stove, I know I am safe and secure."

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According to the National Safety Council, there are 50,000 burn injuries and 4,000 fatalities associated with stoves each year. Stove accidents cause \$9.9 billion worth of property loss each year.

Traveling comes naturally to Wiesman. He tore a telephone into about 100 pieces, as a child, just to see how it worked. He made sure it

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was put together again before his father came home from work.

Wiesman said. "It interests me how things work." Billy Dean, Wiesman's future son-in-law, said he believes the stove is an excellent invention that is strongly needed.

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Stephen Wiesman demonstrates how his Safety Stove will work. Photo by Diane Deel

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Novi Choralaires ready for springtime show

Singers mix new and past favorites

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

The sweet sounds of spring hit Novi this week — birds, falling rain, construction clamors and the music-making of the Novi Choralaires.

Novi's community chorus, the Novi Choralaires, will present its 27th annual spring concert, "Something in Not Tonight," on May 11 at the Novi High School Forest Auditorium. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and children under 12 through Novi Parks and Recreation, 3249-3416-0400, or at the door.

In honor of Novi Choralaires' director Janet Wasslak's 25th year of leadership of the group, the Novi singers have put together a collection of tunes that revisit play days of the past, as well as capture the new sounds of today.

"We'll perform some favorite and most memorable hits from the past 25 years combined with the new," said Johanna LeBlanc, president of Novi Choralaires.



written by children and then set to music.

"There is a lot of variety to the music, everything from slow tones to light-hearted music to more serious pieces," LeBlanc said.

Furthermore, the Novi Choralaires will bring a taste of

the Stephen Sondheim musical-comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," to Novi audiences, with the group setting its own new lyrics to the music.

"It's going to be fun," LeBlanc said. "There's a good balance and

mix of things to please all ages and tastes."

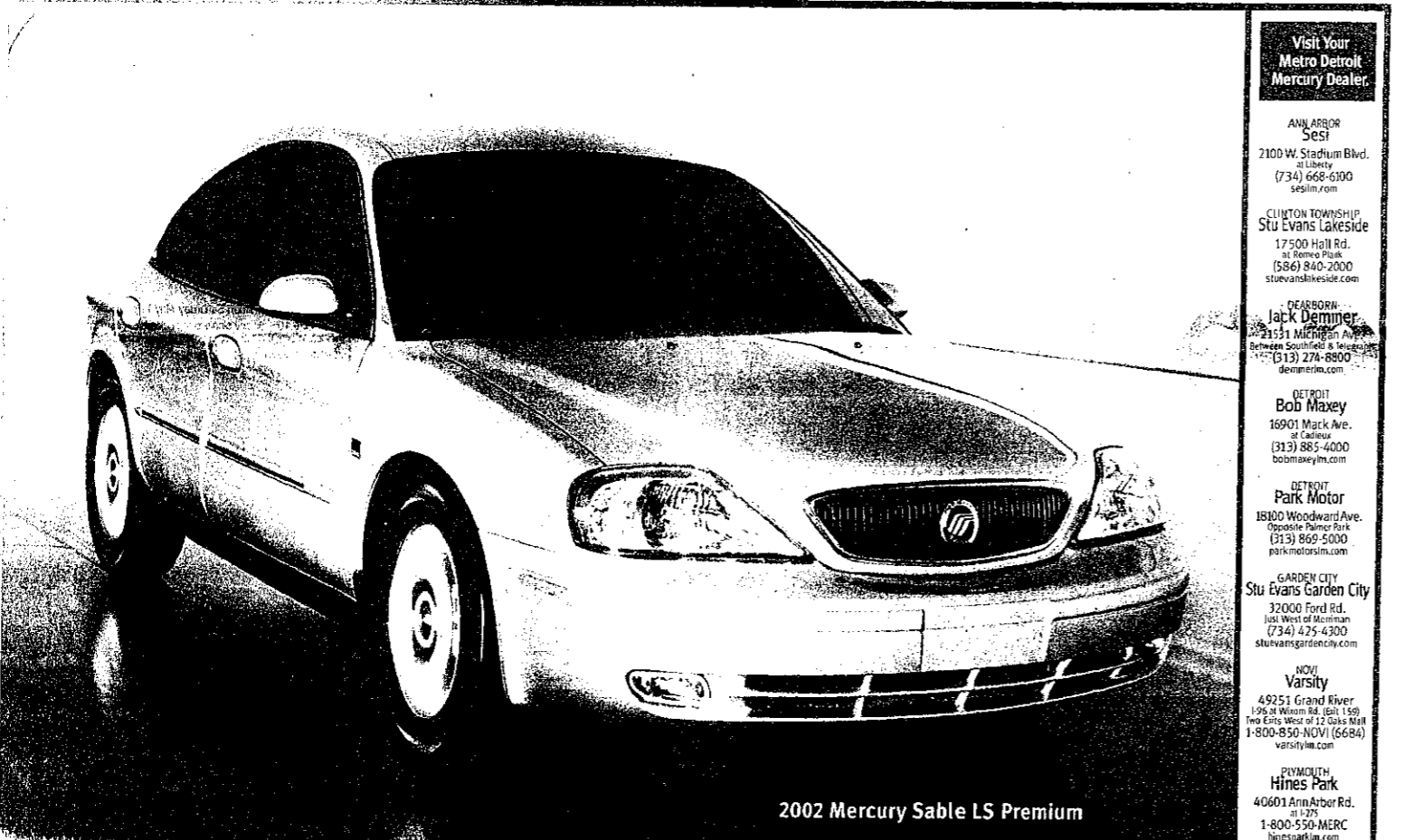
The Novi Choralaires is composed of 45 men and women singers from Novi, Northville and other surrounding communities. Many of the group's members have been singing together since

the early 1970s. They host two annual concerts each year — their spring and Christmas concerts — through Novi Parks and Recreation.

"It's a fun group," said Novi Choralaires singer Michelle Fitzpatrick. "Hopefully people

laugh and forget their cares for an evening."

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Youth Assistance Youth Recognition Awards 2001:

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

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Youth recognized for dedication to community of Novi

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Many of the city's most giving teens were honored Monday night for their commitment and dedication to make Novi a better place.

During the May 6 Novi Youth Assistance Youth Recognition Awards, 33 young adults received recognition and congratulations for achieving the title of outstanding youth for 2001.

More than 90 attendees attended the 7 p.m. Civic Center event, honoring the award recipients for their commitment to volunteer countless hours per week to area organizations, hospitals, nursing homes, to other

youth adults in the community and many other notable causes.

"We realize the world is going to be in good hands," said Kalvin Engelberg, chief of Youth Assistance.

Engelberg was one of several area dignitaries at the event congratulating not only the teens, but their parents and other Novi Youth Assistance volunteers as well.

Engelberg said when the program started years ago there were only seven honorees. Now with more than 30, he is very proud to see many future leaders for our community.

Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford was also in attendance, presenting each stu-

dent an official proclamation from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in honor of their accomplishments.

Others attending the event included Rita Traynor, Novi Community School District Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, Novi Youth Assistance officers and Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson.

"Looking around this room, I'm very confident about the future," Pearson said.

The Novi Youth Assistance event was sponsored by the Oakland County Probate/Circuit Court Family Division, Novi Community Schools and the City of Novi. Funding support for the

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Clay Pearson
Novi assistant city manager

The organization's goal is accomplished by reinforcement of positive behavior in the city's youth through its programs and services.

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Obituary

Marjorie K. Vanderveelde

Marjorie Vanderveelde of Luther, Mich., died April 24 at Heartland Health Care Center, Livonia. She was 82.

Survivors include four daughters: Sandra (William) Moore, Judith (Frederick) Moore, Lucinda (James) Wark and Bonnie Clark, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one sister: Pat (Bob) of Grand Rapids. She was preceded to death by her husband, Louis.

Funeral services were held May 4. For more information, please call O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 248-348-1800.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions to Angela Hospice, 14190 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Mich. 48154.

Arrangements made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi, Mich. 48247.

In the Service

Army Pvt. James R. Moran has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During infantry training, he developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced using various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Moran is the son of Wanda M. Scrimm of Novi. His aunt, Brenda Horn, resides in Walling Lake.



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On Campus

New resident Ty Clark has been named to the Dean's List at Lettering University for the fall, 2001, semester. Clark is a senior studying electrical engineering.

Weston residents Paula R. Seelag and Donald C. Thompson were named to the Northwood University's Dean's List for winter term, 2001. Dean's List recognition requires a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

New resident Jacqueline F. Keating was named to the Northwestern University's Dean's List for winter term, 2001. Dean's List recognition requires a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Deanna Cassidy of Novi, was named to Northwestern University's Dean's List for winter term, 2001. Dean's List recognition requires a 3.85 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

School Briefs

St. Paul Kinder Roundup
St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville will hold a kindergarten roundup on May 10 from 7-8 p.m. at the school, giving parents a chance to meet the teacher and learn about the kindergarten program. St. Paul's is located at 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville. For more information, please call 349-3116.

Engagement



Smith and Isner
Michelle Ann Smith and Scott Bradley Isner will be married Aug. 17 at Bay Pointe Country Club. The bride-elect is the daughter of Tom and Carol Smith of Howell. She is a Berkeley resident. The groom-elect is the son of Arnie and Carole Isner of Novi. He is also a Berkeley resident.

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The library's Youth Services department is looking for teen vol-

unteers to help with our Summer Reading Program. Volunteers should be in the sixth grade or above and be able to work two hours a week from June 24 to August 2. Applications will be available in the library on Wednesday, May 15, and must be returned by Wednesday, May 29. For more information, please contact one of our Youth Services librarians.

MOTHER'S DAY CLOSING
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24555 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Masses: Sat. 5pm, Sun. 7:30am, 9:45am, 10:30am, 12:15pm Holy Days: 9am, 5:30pm, 7:30pm Father: John Bueche, Pastor Father: Joseph Hiron, Assoc. Pastor Sister: Cathy	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. West Sunday Worship, 10:45am & 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boys Brigade 7 a.m., Pioneer Club 7 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Your Church Directory could be here!	WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 60000 St. Mary Road - Northville, MI • 349-7400 Services: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery Provided Contemporary Service 8:25 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Live Service Broadcast WMLV 500AM 11:00 a.m.
Your Church Directory could be here!	IMMANUEL CHURCH Sundays at Hickory Woods Elementary 32655 Novi Rd. (Between 12 and 14 Mile Rd.) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Nicole Harvey, left, inventor of the Hair Lock, demonstrates the hair-styling accompaniment with volunteer Pam Russell during last Friday's International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center. The hair-holding and sculpting piece was being sold by Harvey for \$25. The heavily attended, popular annual event provided women with the opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves while browsing through hundreds of vendor displays. Some of the fun included learning new decorating tips, Spring and Summer fashion updates and dieting secrets. Guest celebrities popped their heads in during the weekend of fun and no one left empty handed as prizes and samples went home with all the attendees.

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Teen Center ready for summer fun

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Summer Teen Center is ready for the summer and getting the final touches on a long list of field trips and events for the upcoming summer.

In its 20th year of providing daily activities for Novi kids during the summer months, the program will feature an array of field trips, including outings to a Lansing Lighthouse, minor league baseball game, Waterford Oaks Waterpark near Pontiac, the Detroit Science Center and Rock Bowl, as well as

adventures in horseback riding. The summer program is a cooperative effort between the Novi Youth Assistance and Novi Schools, with the teen center located at the Novi High School cafeteria. It is partially funded and administered by United Way Community Services and United Way of Oakland County.

"It gives kids somewhere to go, an alternative to sitting at home and being a couch potato," said Claudia Waller, a youth and family case worker at the Novi Youth Assistance.

The teen center will open on

June 24 and run until Aug. 1, with activities running Monday-Thursday each week from 12:5 p.m. It is available to boys and girls from 11-14 years old who live within the Novi Community School District.

Furthermore, the program will host movies, guest speakers, video games, arts and crafts and access to the Novi High School swimming pool.

"It's a great safe-haven for kids," said Bob Steh, chairperson for the Novi Youth Assistance Summer Teen Center. "It gives them an outlet to come together."

The program's daily operations are headed by Matt Topper, a school teacher for Huron Valley Schools, and a staff of five college interns. The center tries to add new events and features each year to its program schedule, with the teen center adding workshops on raising self-esteem this summer. Other similar activities will focus on peer mediation and conflict resolution.

It is an evolving program. We try to offer more relevant speakers and

make it more interesting," Waller said.

For more information on the 2002 Summer Teen Center, contact the Novi Youth Assistance at (248) 347-0410.

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

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LOCATION: Thompson Glass, 42725 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI 48375

TIME: 9:30 A.M. Prevaling Eastern Time

VIEWING TIME: 9:00-9:30 A.M.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 05, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **SPR2-00 BRAE POINT ESTATES FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL ON SITE CONDOS WITH A SINGLE-FAMILY CLUSTER OPTION, WETLAND AND WOODLAND PERMITS, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH OF 1/4 MILE ROAD AND WEST OF M-5.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 05, 2002.

Published May 9, 2002

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002, IS MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's office are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JUDITH WOLLACK
SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

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Novi Community Schools is requesting bids for Analog Video Hardware requirements are detailed in a request for bid (RFBI) document that is available from the district office beginning April 30, 2002. Novi Community Schools, 25345 Taft Rd., Novi, MI 48374.

Sealed proposals for all work described in the RFBI will be received at the above location no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on May 20, 2002. Absolutely no bids will be accepted after this deadline.

(5-9-02 NR/NN 1107441)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 02-011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tom Palushaj is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer to be located at 99440 Nine Mile Road (Palushaj Building) from May 15, 2002 until November 1, 2002.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 200 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on May 15, 2002 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to May 15, 2002.

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(5-09-02 NN 1108146)

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 15, 2002.

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CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Continuation Board of Appeals, Historical Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Library Board, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, and Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 10, 2002 beginning at 7:30 P.M.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at www.cityofnovi.com to print out an application. Please submit your application by Wednesday, June 5, 2002 to allow time for scheduling appointments. Interviews are 15 minutes each; all City Council meetings are televised.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK
(5-29/16/23/30-02 NR/NN 1106823)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 02-012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JM Olson Corporation is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of two office trailers to be located at 41130 Fox Run Road (Fox Run Village) from June 1, 2002 until June 1, 2003.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 200 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on May 15, 2002 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to May 15, 2002.

SARAH MARCHIONI,
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
(248) 347-0415

(5-08-02 NN 1108147)

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002, IS MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's office are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JOHN STREET
SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

ONLY REGISTERED SCHOOL ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

(5-9-02 NR/NN 1107443)

Recycle Home Tox

Mom, daughter make degree duo

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Cindy Adair donned the traditional graduation garb on May 4, receiving her master's degree in clinical psychology from Madonna University in Livonia.

Only her 24-year old daughter, Shayna Radovanovic, wasn't in the stands cheering her achievements on. Radovanovic was alongside her mother and the rest of the spring 2002 graduating class at Madonna University, receiving her college diploma, too.

Adair and Radovanovic both closed a chapter in life together last Saturday afternoon, with the pair walking to the graduation podium on the same day to receive their degrees from Madonna University. Radovanovic earned her bachelor's of science degree enroute to becoming an elementary school teacher.

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Cindy Adair, bottom, and daughter Shayna Radovanovic will be graduation from Madonna University this Spring with their degrees.

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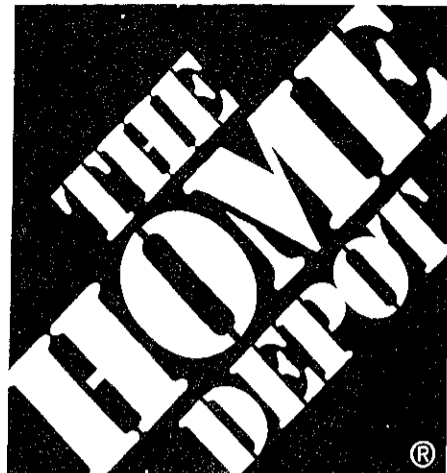
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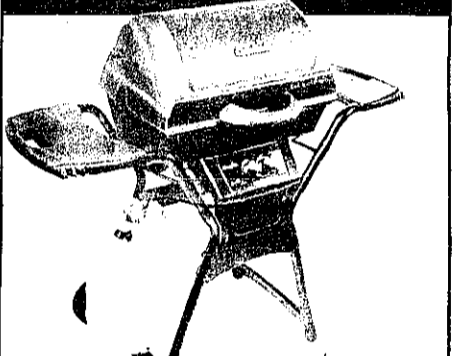
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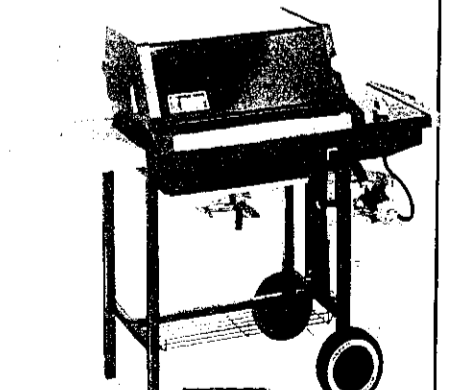
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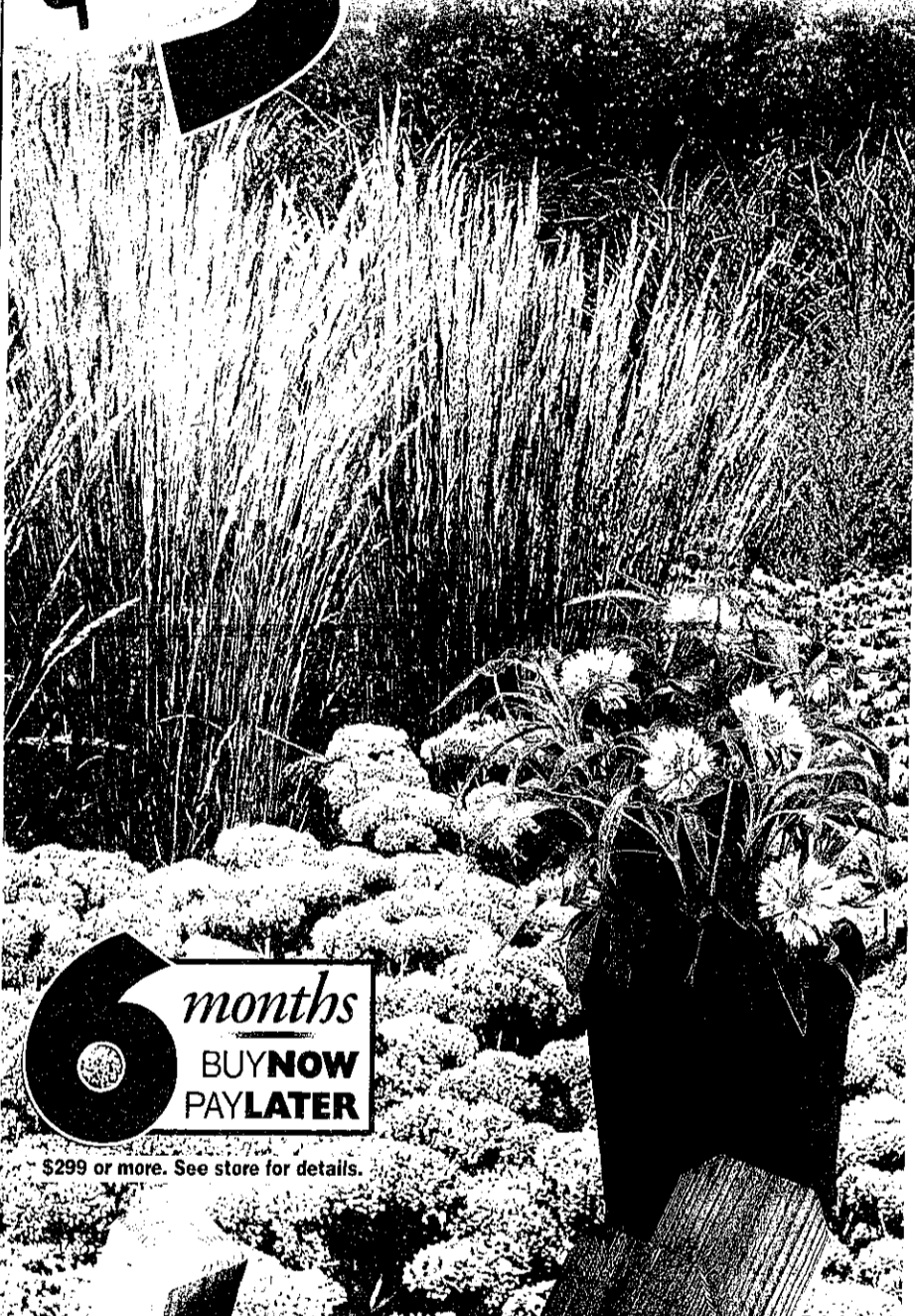


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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The application deadline date to participate in Novi's 2002 Memorial Day Parade has arrived. If you or someone you know is in a band, marching unit, drives a specialty vehicle, or makes floats then the parade planning committee needs your help to make this year's parade a success. Applications are available at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, and the deadline to apply is tomorrow. The parade will take place 10 a.m. Monday, May 27. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

CREATIVE ARTIST GRANTS

May 17 is the last day for area residents to apply for an ArtServe Michigan Creative Artist grant. The grant, offered through the Southfield-based Creative Artist Grant Program, applies to those pursuing music, creative writing, film, video and inter/multidisciplinary endeavors. Funding for the program is provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and up to \$8,000 will be awarded to Michigan artists. The application process includes an entry form, a resume and work samples. For more information, call (248) 557-8288 or visit www.ArtServeMichigan.org.

BISTRO WINES

Too Chez Bistro in Novi is excited to announce its new "Bistro Wines" ranging in price from \$15 to \$35. The restaurant's revamped wine list is just another change the popular eatery has undergone, reflecting its new casual bistro-style atmosphere. The new selection offers flavorful, yet affordable,

vintages from producers all over the world including France, Italy, California, New Zealand and Australia. Connoisseurs and patrons celebrating special occasions may still view the more exclusive reserve list featuring rare vintages. For more information, call (248) 348-5555.

NOVI LIBRARY

The Novi District Library is looking for teen volunteers for its 2002 summer reading program. All area residents in sixth grade or higher interested in donating two hours a week for six weeks are encouraged to apply. Volunteers will be helping with the program from June 24 to Aug. 2. Teen volunteer applications will be available at the library beginning May 15 and must be returned by May 29. For more information, contact a youth services librarian at (248) 349-0720.

BORDERS FAMILY FUN

Borders of Novi invites all mothers to come and enjoy "Mother's Day Storytime" Saturday, May 11. The 10 a.m. free program will honor all its guests with special stories depicting the great things moms do. And for those looking for something fun to do with the little ones, Borders' children's

department is celebrating "Caught Reading Month" with special story events. During the month of May, all area residents are invited to discover the wonder of reading on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Each 10 a.m. event is free. For more information, call (248) 347-0780.

MOTHER'S DAY DELIGHT

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi is offering the perfect Mother's Day gift for moms on the go - a hot nutritious and delicious meal prepared by an executive chef. Chef Mary Brady is offering a selection of entrees she will do the prep work on and then turn over to you for the final cooking steps in the privacy and intimacy of your own home. The menu selections are catered to the customers' tastes and often to their diet restrictions. For more information, call (248) 380-8463.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Novi and area residents are invited to drop off their hazardous waste 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the 47th District Court in Farmington. Residents are invited to bring used computer equipment, oil-based paint, household and automotive batteries, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs and other common household chemicals to the Resource Recovery and Recycling authority of Southwest Oakland County sponsored event. The court is located at 32795 W. 10 Mile Road. The entrance into the pick-up is on Shawwassee, between Farmington and Power roads. For more information, call (248) 208-2270 or visit www.RRRASOC.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the second annual Spring Funest Farm Clean-Up. Preservation Novi is organizing the 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 18, event in

observance of Community Pride Day. Event organizers promise there will be something for everyone to do, whether you are 4 or 94. Many of the duties will include outdoor spring clean-up type work. Coffee and doughnuts will be supplied to all in attendance. For more information or to register, call the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at (248) 347-0400.

Walled Lk. Briefs

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Walled Lake Parks and Recreation is hosting the Walled Lake Memorial Day Parade May 27 at 11 a.m. They are encouraging community groups to participate in the parade as well as residents to attend the parade.

Overlay: Zoning OK'd

continued from front

Lorenzo Boroni is not confident there is a clear picture of what the city will end up with after the project is complete.

She feels there is too much leeway given to Bowman which could result in the Expo president holding parking lot activities not agreeable to the city.

Boroni expressed concern that under the new ordinance Bowman could bring a carnival to the outdoor areas of his property, a monster truck show or an outdoor concert like the Insane Clown Posse.

Clark feels relocating the center is a smart move for the city.

"The [Bowman] is taking all the risk and there will be a benefit to the city," Clark said. "I do believe we have enough protection in the ordinance."

Clark said he does not want to micro-manage every aspect of the project and placed trust in Bowman that he will make appropriate decisions on how the center will impact the city.

Other concerns expressed by Boroni include her opinion the ordinance demonstrates a "degraded concept of architecture" and the fact the economic benefits of the new center are just not known.

Lorenzo feels the Expo Ordinance applying to the current location site provides the city with better control and does not support the creation of the new EXO Ordinance.

Novi City Councilman Craig DeLoche looks at the proposal as a positive step towards not overburdening developers with unrealistic guidelines hindering economic growth of business projects in the city.

"I don't want to create another Main Street," DeLoche said. "If we can keep the Novi Expo Center here then that should be one of our overriding concerns."

The new ordinance was adopted in October by members of the Novi City Council with the new Grand River Avenue project in mind.

Boroni said the creation of a new exposition ordinance was needed because the existing Expo Ordinance was "created for the reuse of a dilapidated facility" and was tailored to the situation at that time.

Boroni now wants to combine his 10 years of exposition center experience with the new zoning ordinance to produce a superior venue.

Last month, members of the Novi Planning Commission voted to send a positive recommendation to the city council in favor of adopting the ordinance by a 5 to 4 vote.

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Major Public Steps for Construction of a New Novi Expo Center:

- September 1989 - Members of the Novi City Council issue resolution of support for Novi Expo Center as important, privately funded regional attraction.
- November 2000 - Novi voters approve a road bond which will provide for infrastructure improvements including state participation of supporting roadways of the future Grand River Avenue site.
- January 2001 - Members of the Novi City Council approve applicable property tax abatement.
- August 2001 - Members of the Novi Planning Commission adopt Grand River Avenue Plan as amendment to the city's master plan.
- October 2001 - Members of the Novi City Council adopt the EXO Overlay District.
- May 2002 - Members of the Novi City Council rezoned Grand River Ave. site. source: City of Novi



Off course

Two Novi women gave the employees and residents at Charter House of Novi quite a surprise Tuesday, after the vehicle they were traveling in crashed into the front of the Meadowbrook Road Nursing Home.

The women, in their late 70s to mid 80s, were taken to an area hospital by EMS for non life-threatening injuries sustained in the 5 p.m. May 7 crash.

The women were exiting the parking lot of the Farmer Jack anchored strip mall located at the corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads onto Meadowbrook Road when they were struck by another vehicle driven by a male born in 1981.

The collision caused the Lincoln to veer into the nursing home located directly across the street from the strip mall exit.

The male driver was not injured and the driver of the Lincoln was found at fault for the accident.

City Council Briefs

PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

City of Novi officials received authorization on May 6 to seek bids for new playground equipment for the community's Lakeshore Park. The Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department presented a proposal to the Housing and Community Development Committee to consider utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds to pay for the needed improvement. The committee authorized a \$55,000 expenditure for the new playground. The decision to revamp the park was made after it was brought to the city's attention the current outdated wooden playstructure presented some risk management issues.

WEST PARK DRIVE

Members of the Novi City Council accepted the right to use the land of four new Novi proper-

ty owners in exchange of a cash payment from the city. Novi residents Daniel and Staci Miran received \$255. Gary Granitsko received \$150. Claudio Rossi representing Mirage Development L.L.C. received \$2 and Andrew Mills representing FPC Summerlin, L.L.C. also received \$2. City officials reported the easement acquisitions and accompanying rights-of-way were needed to facilitate the expansion of water service to the northwestern sector of the city as part of Novi's West Park Drive Water Main Extension project.

LAWN CARE CONTRACT

Great Outdoors was the big winner during the May 6 Novi City Council meeting receiving the new lawn care contract for Novi's Meadowbrook Commons. The Ann Arbor company provided the lowest bid coming in at \$33,600. Three other proposals were sub-

mitted ranging in price from \$40,460 to \$35,675.

NEW UNIFORMS

Members of the Novi City Council unanimously voted in favor of issuing Allie Brothers the exclusive contract to provide uniforms for Novi's police and fire departments. The Livonia company was the only uniform provider to submit a bid by deadline. Allie Brothers is the city's current uniform provider and city officials feel the company has provided good and timely service in the past.

ATHLETES WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES WEEK

The City of Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark proclaimed May 12 through 18 and every third week in May as Athletes with Physical Disabilities Week. During the May 6 Novi City Council meeting, Clark said "the city of Novi and

the citizens of Novi wish to recognize and honor all of our community's physically disabled athletes for their commitment and dedication to sports and to the sense of well-being and determination it fosters and to express our support for all citizens with disabilities." The week was signified in conjunction with the annual Michigan Cerebral Palsy/Les Autres Victory Games.

SPRING 2002 STREET TREE PLANTING

During the May 6 Novi City Council meeting, members gave their approval to award the Spring 2002 Street Tree Planting contract to Panoramic Landscaping and Michigan Turf. The split-bid was recommended by Novi City Forester Steve Printz and allocates \$72,935 to Panoramic Landscaping and \$42,900 to Michigan Turf. The program includes planting a vari-

ety of different species in the Settlers Creek, Cheltenham Estates, Bristol Corners, Amberlund Estates and other subdivisions. Homeowners will be notified of the plantings. Funds will come from various escrow accounts and the tree fund account.

VAN'S SKATEPARK RECEIVES ARCADE LICENSE

Members of the Novi City Council approved the request made by Van's Skate Park for an arcade license to carry 28 machines. Games will include snowboard and skateboard video games. The anticipated 12 Mile Road Fountain Walk recreation hangout is scheduled to open June 15. The 48,000-square-foot venue will be open everyday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Theatres' Children's Annex and little people players invite believers of all ages to come along on an enchanting and musical journey.

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Music, set construction and costumes round off the must-see production.

Tickets for the May 17 through 19 performances are on sale now

at the Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Reserved seats are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. All performances are at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of the Sunday, May 19 performance which will begin at 3 p.m.

The play will take place in the Civic Center located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road between Novi and Farmington Hills.

For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

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Courtesy photos
(Left) Aslan the magnificent lion, portrayed by Bryan Dechart, reaches out to Edmund, portrayed by Jackson Landry, in the May 17-19 Novi Theatres' mystical production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."



(Right) The White Witch, portrayed by Lauren Belland, casts her sights on Edmund.

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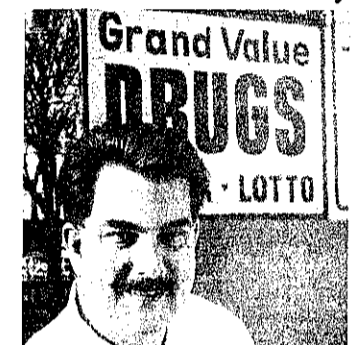
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Two Novi district educators recognized for their efforts

The National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF), in commemoration of National Teacher Appreciation Week, taking place May 5 through May 11, 2002, recognizes the efforts of Mrs. Liz Talbot of Novi High School students to explore NYLF programs in Law, Medicine and/or Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy.

"As we celebrate our tenth anniversary this year, the National Youth Leadership Forum is proud of educators like Liz Talbot because they demonstrate the concern and knowledge necessary to help get their students to where they want to go," said Donna Webb, executive director of NYLF. "Students who participate in NYLF programs get a jump start in figuring out if a career in medicine, law or national defense are in fact, what they want to pursue prior to college, thereby saving time, energy and ultimately, college tuition."

Students are nominated to participate in NYLF programs based on demonstrated academic achievement and encourage them to take a leadership role in whichever career path they may choose.

"It is increasingly important for young people to understand the strength and direction they must possess when they consider their future. We think of this early exploration as part of the critical path one must take in pursuing a career," concluded Webb. "NYLF is thrilled to work with educators to provide some of the essential resources for these young people to determine where, inside the professional universe, they wish to land."

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"Educators like Kathleen Scullen have direct contact with students and understand that, while they are only a quarter of our population, they are 100 percent of our future."

Mike Lasday
CYLC executive director

Kathy Scullen
In celebration of National Teacher Appreciation Week, taking place from May 5 through May 11, 2002, the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC) applauds the contributions of one particular educator, Ms. Kathleen

Scullen of Novi High School. Ms. Scullen earns admiration by actively seeking out extracurricular leadership development programs to enhance the education experiences of students at Novi High School.

"We feel that leadership education is especially important after September 11 because those who participate in the Congressional Youth Leadership Council's programs will be in charge, leading our country and the world into the future," said Mike Lasday, executive director of CYLC. "Educators like Kathleen Scullen have direct contact with students and understand that, while they are only a quarter of our population, they are 100 percent of our future."

The Council seeks high school students based on academic merit, community involvement, and leadership contributions to interact with today's national leaders. The young people who participate learn from sessions with leaders in powerful positions and from discussions with peers in both formal and informal settings. Hence, students sharpen the skills necessary to become a strong leader in their own right, as they are introduced to real-life situations that harbor

Novi's Preketes honored by Boy Scouts

Paul N. Preketes was being honored as the 2002 Distinguished Citizen by the Clinton Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Novi resident is senior vice president, Gas Operations, for Consumers Energy.

The award was presented at a dinner May 7, at Andiamo Banquet Center in Warren.

Dr. Alexander Bailey, superintendent of Oak Park Schools, was the emcee for the evening. Jim Brandstatter, radio and television sports personality, was the keynote speaker.

Consumers Energy and Guardian Industries were the sponsors for this event, which raises dollars to support youth programs in Oakland and Macomb counties. This dinner was attended by 300 people.

Oakland gets \$1 million EPA grant for brownfields

Oakland County on Friday received a \$1 million federal grant to redevelop brownfield sites during a ceremony attended by national leaders including U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Todd Whitman, said state Rep. Nancy Cassis.

Cassis took part in the event at the "Triangle" property, at the intersection of Northwestern Highway and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The check was delivered to Oakland County officials.

"This money will go a long way toward protecting our natural resources, creating jobs and improving our tax base," said

Cassis, chair of the House Tax Policy Committee. "The decision to hold this national event here in Oakland County proves we are on the cutting edge when it comes to curbing urban sprawl and improving our quality of life."

Whitman announced the national recipients of the competitive brownfields revolving loan fund pilot grants.

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Middle Schoolers go to war

The Novi Middle School students listened to historical accounts last week as Civil War experts brought tales from an and off the battlefield to the students as part of the school's social studies curriculum. Guest speakers Dan Lehland, Marge Lehland and Robert Zaetta talked about and showed kids artifacts available to a Civil War soldier, as well as demonstrated how an 1861 Civil War gun worked. Other items presented were silverware and a sash, as well as replica dice, cards, toothbrushes and combs. Also, students listened to stories about women spies and women that enlisted as men during the Civil War.

It is very important for students to make as many connections to history as possible. These speakers brought in materials that students were able to touch and experience," said Novi Middle School teacher Kimberly Kelly-Wesner.

All speakers gave their time as a donation to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"Many students are not aware that a soldier does not spend his whole time in battle," Kelly-Wesner said. "These speakers brought so many different things to life for the students."



Civil War historian Bob Zaetta draws a gasp from a Novi Middle schooler as he draws his cavalry sword during a Friday afternoon presentation.

Novi hosts state band festival

Local students take two first division ratings

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

The Novi High School's Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble showed off their musical might, earning the student musicians statewide recognition at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra (MSBOA) State Band Festival on April 27 at Novi High School.

The Novi bands competed against 27 of Michigan's top high school bands at the festival, with each earning a first division rating.

"The kids sounded wonderful. They worked really hard and it paid off with a final rating of one," said Claudia Willing, whose son, Robert Willing, is a member of the Novi High School Symphony Band.

"The kids were delighted as were the parents," she added. The Novi High School Symphony Band, a 55-member ensemble under the direction of Novi High School band director James Sherrier and assistant band director Matt O'nealy, received its top rating for its performance of three selections. "Aces of the Air" by Karl King, "As

Summer Was Just Beginning" by Larry Daehn and "Gathering of the Ranks at Hebron" by David Holsinger.

Also under the direction of Sherrier, Novi High School Wind Ensemble performed "American Overture for Band" by Leroy Jenkins, "Children's March" by Percy Grainger and "Songs of Sailor and Sea" by Robert W. Smith.

"Children's March" was very enjoyable. You could envision children marching by the way the piece was played," said Chris Heffernan, whose son, sophomore Brandon Heffernan, plays in the Novi High School Wind Ensemble.

"The kids seemed to be having fun performing this piece even in a competitive setting," she added. The 50-member wind ensemble also received a first division rating in the sight-reading category, which consists of two selections that are distributed and immediately performed by the band unhearsaid.

"It's always impressive how these kids are able to master a piece of new material in such a short time frame," said Linda Bissi of the Novi Band Boosters. "It's obvious they work hard to prepare for these performances."

Of the six state finalists in Class AA wind ensemble, only the Novi High School and Plymouth-Canton Wind Ensembles received a first division rating. Each competing band qualified for the

MSBOA State Band Festival by receiving first division ratings at the MSBOA District Festival in March.

"Not only was it a great day musically, it was wonderful to see the students support each other," Heffernan said. "The maturity and kindness extended to the other participating bands was exceptional."

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Linda Bissi
Novi Band Booster

50 countries, one location

Cost Plus World Market opens in Fountain Walk

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Cost Plus World Market opened its doors to the public last week, bringing treasures from all over the world to the City of Novi.

The 18,000-square-foot emporium located in the city's Fountain Walk development is best known for importing the merchandise of 50 countries into one spacious location.

"It is an entertainment store in a lot of ways," said Chuck Waldmann, Cost Plus World Market regional vice manager. "It is a store to come in and buy just about anything you need to entertain."

And when Waldmann says anything he means anything.

The store offers a variety of interesting, cross-culture items merchandise to fill any room in a house such as furniture, lamps, vases, bath products, dishes, waxes, prints, mirrors, pillows and rugs.

The unique nature of many of the store's finds is also very notable. Where else in Novi can someone find an African Garin, hand-carved masks from Ghana, recycled wood furniture from Indonesia and hand-crafted items from candlesticks from India.

Then there is the food and beverage section.

"The market's selection of nonper-



Novi's new Cost Plus World Market wine department's Nancy Perna, right, shows fellow employee Tom Hutchinson one of her favorite vintages during their store's official grand opening last Thursday.

ishable food items and beverages is as varied and cosmopolitan as its home decor offerings.

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trips to the doctor and grocery runs big enough to feed an army.

And to top everything off, there's the whole child-birth process, too. Males will never understand it much less be able to experience it, but we'll wager that it makes a root canal seem like a routine cleaning.

We're talking about motherhood. Even though it's something that should be celebrated and appreciated every day, we've set aside one particular Sunday each year to honor the ladies in our lives who've enriched us, held us, raised us, scolded us, fed us and applauded for us.

And yet, for this endless and sometimes, thankless job, there are dividends.

There's the red crayon drawings that adorn the refrigerator. If you look through the scribbles hard enough, you'll see "I Love

Mommy."

There's the precious innocence that only a child can bring to a room.

A little later in life, moms may be rewarded with shiny, sparkling ditties in little boxes.

And of course, there's the joy of feeling a son or daughter's tight embrace. Its warmth and genuine love can't be duplicated or made up for

with even the world's biggest paycheck.

We know it's not much in return to the women who've given us oh-so-much, but it's what we can do...at least until Mother's Day is celebrated every day, as it should be.

So to moms everywhere, we say thanks.

Between heaps of laundry and handprints on white walls, we may not always show how much we care about you, but it wouldn't be the same world without you.

Happy Mother's Day.

By the way...what's for dinner?

FOOTNOTE: If you're not the most adept at cooking, do yourself — and the woman in your life — a big favor. Stay out of the kitchen and find some other favor to do for mom this weekend, like washing her car.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Shoppers with cars full of discounted merchandise hustle out of Novi's Kmart Monday afternoon on its last official day of business.

Can Kmart make a comeback?

I'll admit it, shopping at Kmart was never one of my favorite things to do. Shopping anywhere, for that matter, has never been high on my priority list.

But the closing of Novi's Big K is part of a tradition that deserves some thought.

For me, it goes back nearly 35 years when our family used to go to the local S.S. Kresge

disc store in Waterford.

Naturally, as a kid, I hated it. Probably because there was always some crazy parent trying to deal with an even crazier child

who wanted to be there less than I did. I knew better than to make a scene, and I was the

blameless state-of-the-art when I opened years ago. And there's Celebration Cinema, which is like sensory overload.

Me. I opt for the Lansing Mall because there's never anybody there. I took my kids to see "Spider-Man" Saturday. The movie sets some kind of opening week-

end sales record, and yet there's only 17 of us watching it. I'm sure over at Celebration Cinema I would've had to taken a shuttle to get from my car to the entrance, and then sat elbow to elbow to watch the same movie (at \$2 more per person, I might add).

So what's the attraction? It's the same movie.

It's like Kmart. How can they be getting buried by all these other big-box retailers when they sell the same stuff? Obviously the Big K redo years ago wasn't enough to attract and retain shoppers.

The sad part locally is that about 75 employees lost their jobs. And the Novi store was just one of 284 underperforming stores that will have the Blue Light unplugged forever.

Company executives estimate the closing will generate \$550 million per year after.

Hopefully, that'll be enough to buy a plan that will save the retailer for future generations of crazed parents and children and not-so-picky shoppers like myself.

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though, because that just meant the shopping experience would be prolonged. Get it, get out, nobody gets hurt.

That store, like all the Kresges, turned into the Troy-based retail giant known as Kmart. Same crazy

parent/child scenes, but the atmosphere of the stores changed over the years — and for the better, I might add.

When I lived in Lansing, it wasn't uncommon to run into the Kmart on W. Saginaw once or twice a month to pick up an item or two. The main appeal, sorry to say, was that there wasn't the hassle of lots of shoppers.

And that, of course, has led to the chain's demise.

If you know that Meijer, Wal-Mart and Kmart all carry basically the same items you're looking for, and it's pretty close in price at all three, aren't you going to opt for the one that's quicker to get in and out of? You can park closer and the aisles are relatively clear.

Touting that benefit probably wouldn't have helped Kmart's cause, however.

But I'm the same way when I go to movies. Lansing has three theater complexes to choose from. There's the Lansing Mall, which is the oldest — and it shows in the décor, etc. There's the

newer, which was probably considered state-of-the-art when I opened years ago. And there's Celebration Cinema, which is like sensory overload.

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Residents need to wake up to poor state of Michigan's budget

Nobody's paying attention just yet. After all, the primary election isn't till August and the general falls in November.

But once voters start paying attention and the various candidates for governor and both houses of the state legislature get focused, they're all going to recoil with alarm at the state of Michigan finances.

Don't take my word for it. Instead, consider what the thoughtful and non-partisan Citizens Research

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Council of Michigan says in its report on the state budget, issued last week: "The proposed level of General Fund (for 2003) spending exceeds base revenues by \$600 million and it is likely the Medicaid program is roughly \$100 to \$150 million short of financing the level of services proposed in the budget."

Translated, the numbers are way, way out of whack.

Given the Constitutional prohibition against deficit spending, how do Gov. John Engler and the Legislature propose to balance the budget for the coming year? By glomming onto \$600 million in "non-recurring revenues" (i.e. one-time accounting tricks to find the money somewhere).

The state's Rainy Day Fund, for example, which had a healthy balance of \$1.264 billion in FY 2000, will be tapped down to \$255 million at the end of 2003.

In future years, using conservative assumptions about state revenue growth and pressures for increased spending like inflation, the Council estimates state spending gaps of more than \$1 billion — that's 10 percent of the total general fund budget — from 2004 through 2009!

Moreover, the Council concludes, "traditional retrenchment methods such as hiring restrictions and other expenditure controls will not solve the problem." That's accountant language for saying that the usual fixes available to a governor and Legislature aren't going to work this time around.

Reducing reimbursement rates paid to Medicaid providers, for example, can't be done because the payment amounts are already well below cost levels for doctors and hospitals. Cutting the prison budget, the rapidly growing part of the state budget can only come through changing sentencing policy (i.e. shortening sentences), while cutting higher education outlays will only provoke big tuition increases. Both steps are certain to be deeply unpopular with the voters.

In other words, the people who will be taking office to lead our state in January 2003, are addressing a portion of the projected future gaps.

True, no doubt. But if you want to get some fun out of an otherwise boring polit-

ical meeting, ask candidates (any candidate) running for state office how they feel about postponing or eliminating scheduled tax cuts.

All this is not mere political gamesmanship, although Gov. Engler is no doubt pleased his reputation as a tax cutter is assured and comforted at the financial booby trap he has laid for his — likely Democratic — successor. Maybe he really has bought into the long-time conservative argument that the only way to cut government expenditures is to "cut off their air" (i.e. arranging such a terrible budget deficit that there is no choice other than accept truly draconian cuts in spending).

The fact is that the state's budget crisis is real and it's big. And people need to start waking up to it.

Voters should start asking Lt. Gov. and Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick Posthumus exactly how he proposes to solve the budget dilemma that his service in public office helped create. He says he won't raise taxes, no matter what. So what's he going to cut?

And the three Democratic candidates for governor ought to quit sniping at each other long enough to stage a joint appearance to highlight the looming budget crisis we are facing. They might disagree about what to do about it, but at least they can pin the blame squarely on the folks who created the problem in the first place.

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Final exam: have a safe prom night

Ten years after I left Novi High's graces, I suppose it's safe to come out and say this: I never attended my high school prom.

Nope. Didn't do it. I never emptied my already-thin bank account to pay for a tuxedo, a corsage, tickets, dinner, and the other accessories that come with the blessed and so-called "real" passage in modern America.

And you know what? I didn't care about not going back then, and I care even less about not going today.

The threat of drunk drivers being on the road — either fel-

low prom-goers or otherwise — wasn't the reason I didn't. But after listening to the stories Northville Record reporters Pauline Campos and Jennifer Norris brought back to my office Tuesday morning, I became acutely aware of just how quickly a great night can be made into a terrible nightmare.

They told me about the mock drunk driving accident, Northville Township police and fire crews staged, with the assistance of NHS students. They told me how the crowd absorbed the scene with an almost highhearted approach at first, but fell eerily silent when the sup-

posedly-dead student's body was extracted from the wreck.

"I don't know. Maybe it was the sound of fiberglass being cut apart, or maybe the look of blood dripping from the fender. Maybe it was the haunting sound of a student's voice piping in from the loudspeakers after her death had been feigned for her classmates to see.

Some may think this kind of an exercise is morbid, I say it's really — and not the kind of so-called "real" you'll see on "Survivor" or "Fear Factor." This is the reality where lives are forever changed.

Or taken from us.

I suppose part of the allure of booze on prom night has to do with the nature of the event. Traditionally, it's the first really "adult" event in which a young person participates. Between the snappy dress and the stretch limos, it's a pretty grandiose time. As a matter of fact, I can't think of a single event in a person's life (previous to the prom, that is) that commands so much attention and consumes so much 35mm film.

Let's face it — for a lot of people, it's a Mount Everest-size soiree.

And when we think about young adults passing into adulthood in America, there's not much more tempting than a drink. After all, by age 18, how many Bud Bowl commercials do you think the average kid has seen during the Super Bowl?

It's a big night, right? So what's the harm in a drink or two?

Plenty. Teachers and administrators will tell

students not to drink and drive this graduation season. I say, don't stop there!

Never drunk and drive. Not at age 18, 28, 58 or 108. Never, ever, ever.

So to Northville's and Novi's prom goers, I say, enjoy your prom season.

Hopefully your piggybank is a little fuller than mine was in my senior year. With any luck, you'll have the chance to enjoy a great springtime tradition.

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Northville and Novi high schools are homes to some of the book-smartest people around. Now it's time to test the street smarts.

Are you ready? I hope so, because in this test, it's only pass-fail.

And you don't want to fail. You really don't want to fail.

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LETTERS

Kudos to Orchard Hills staff

To state it simply, we love our elementary school, Orchard Hills. The reason why is because of the wonderful teachers and staff at the school.

Unfortunately, with the busy lives we lead, we don't always make the effort to express our gratitude. Since it is "Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week," the timing is appropriate.

First of all, all good establishments are a reflection on their leaders. Well, we have one of the finest in our principal, Mr. LePae. He is out there every morning and afternoon, rain or shine, making sure the kids get to and from their buses safely. He is always accessible to students and parents and we appreciate all of his hard work and loving care of our kids.

We want to thank our Orchard Hills' classroom teachers, "Specials" teachers, Para-pros and "Specialists" who work day in and day out with our kids. We not only appreciate all they do on an academic basis for the kids, but also the way they always lovingly encourage them and teach them pride and compassion.

We are also very lucky to have an office staff who wipes tears and distributes ice packs on top of their multitude of other duties. And we can't forget the custodians, lunch team, and bus drivers. They all do so much to keep the school day running like clockwork and keeping our kids safe—we are very indebted to them.

We are very proud of the Orchard Hills' team and we wouldn't want our kids to be anywhere else. When you think about it, during school days, they spend more time with our kids than we do. We would just like to say "Thank you" and wish them a

wonderful "Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!"

Sue and Dave Subject
This letter was submitted by the Subjects on behalf of 144 parents of Orchard Hills students - Editor.

School ratio needs to be addressed now

I applaud the recent opinion letters and efforts of Sue Burke, Sarah Savala, Sue Subject regarding the inequality of tax dollar allocation in our schools.

As a parent of three small children, my oldest currently in one of our wonderful half-day programs, I've seen the need for para-professionals first hand. Every week I pay a sitter for care for my other two children so that I can assist in whatever small way I can for two hours. I can say with certainty from my first-hand experience that there is a strong need for para-professionals in our classrooms.

In response to a recent statement by Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent, (April 18th issue) that the 1/25 ratio "seems to work well," well you obviously haven't been in the classroom for any length of time to have made such a statement. Study after study has conclusively shown the benefits of smaller classroom ratios. If we're going to continue to present the image of excellence in the representation of the Novi School District, then a 1/25 teacher/student ratio at the kindergarten level needs to be addressed and addressed immediately.

This is not a budgetary issue that we should be taking a wait-and-see approach on. In the meantime, our kindergarten in the half-day programs are getting short-

changed and so am I as a tax-paying resident. The time to address this issue is now, so that not another group of our kindergarteners this fall get shorthanded again. I hope others will go to stand up and speak up on this important matter. This is definitely an election issue for me.

Debra Cajel
Novi

The numbers don't lie

17.2% That's the number of "Honor" students that will graduate from Novi High School this year. Fifty-two valedictorians and 16 salutatorians from a class of 304. Amazing! Salute to the Class of '02. Salute to the teachers and administration!

Frank Brennan
Novi

To Mothers of Novi

Now that I am retiring from Novi Community Schools and I reflect back on my years as a kindergarten teacher, I am deeply grateful for your friendship, support, trust, prayers and generosity. Your generous hearts enriched the students and energized my spirit. You have taught me that "Life is a gift, but living is what we give." Thank you for the memories. Love and happy Mother's Day.

Patty Zielenki
Novi

GOVERNMENT

For 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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Oliver/Hatcher tapped for Brownstone biz center

Another mammoth warehouse distribution center covering 728,000 square feet will be built at Brownstone Business Center in Brownstone Township by Wixom-based design/build firm Oliver/Hatcher Construction. The state-of-the-art distribution building will be a twin to Building 8, large enough to house 15 football fields under one roof, and the seventh build-

ing in the center owned by Ashley Capital. A total of 147 loading dock doors, 32-foot clear ceiling heights, large bays and expansive truck staging areas make the building fit the needs of new-age warehouse distribution logistics and just-in-time supply industries. Completion is scheduled for early fall, but in the case of

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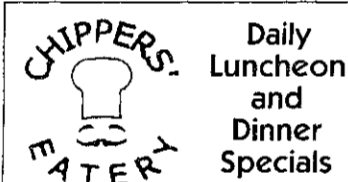
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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Colasanti's delivers the old world



Kelly Colasanti, middle, stands with Mike Pentrack, left, and Mike Fordyce, right, two employees of Colasanti's Market Place amongst a plethora of flowers in the greenhouse.

Everything is top quality at Highland family-run business

By Annette Jaworski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Walking into Colasanti's Produce and Plants in Highland is a bit like discovering an old world market, where you can find everything from simple basics to gourmet under one roof. Inside, they carry all of them, including fresh produce, fishing touches that make a meal special, right down to the wine and flowers at affordable prices.

Colasanti's begins with basics, and that's top quality produce. Their bins are filled with seasonal as well as exotic fruits and vegetables. As farmers, they're conscious of providing the finest produce. Much of it is raised on the family farm in Ontario, Canada. Farm fresh produce arrives continuously.

This time of year, their flower and garden center is bursting with color. There are literally thousands of 10-inch baskets to choose from to bring a taste of spring to your home. There's an abundance of perennials and annuals to fill your garden, such as impatiens in a variety of species and colors. Each year their selection of annuals, perennials, herbs and hanging baskets grows.

In addition to fresh cut flowers, their floral shop contains many gift ideas. And they also offer gift baskets in a variety of sizes and types. Customize them with personal items for a special touch, like a bottle of wine. Their flowers, gift items and baskets also make great Mother's Day presents.

For the main dish, stop by Snook's Meat for super select USDA choice. The poultry is natural and raised without hormones by Bell & Evans. They can box, freeze and ship anywhere in the United States.

"There's fresh fish that

comes in daily and there's always something on special," said Kelly Colasanti. For those who aren't in the mood to cook, or don't have time, their prepared food section gives you a chance to eat well anyway. These include some old Italian family recipes, an assortment of casseroles, "pizza" pasta, including lasagna, stuffed cabbage and more. You can even top it off with a steaming bowl of soup, which is always available.

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Help Wanted? Write a help letter

By Tim Kissman
SEAM DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

About the only good thing about being in a life-threatening situation, like starting down a tornado, facing a raging water-

fall in a birch canoe with a gaping hole in the hull or sitting through a lecture from my college Algebra professor, is that when you call for help, it's always focused in the right direction.

Anyone who has ears that hear can help. Except for Randy in the fourth row. He knew less about multilinear algebra than I did.

If you're a small business and need help, especially with questions about health care, legal issues, accountants or other issues that could affect your profits, the people willing to help shrink considerably.

It's wasted time to send letters, phone calls or e-mails to the wrong people, they won't read them, much less forward them to the right folks. And it doesn't get you anywhere to show up at an office unannounced with an issue people don't want to talk about, or are ill-prepared to discuss.

Small business owners, desperate for attention, used to being alone, and not needing help, push for quick answers from quick sources and fire off letters, call the wrong numbers and pour out their hearts the second someone says hello.

It may be the cleaning people, but they'll vent, rave and ask for action.

While I could go into every single way of getting someone's attention, I'll concentrate on e-mails and letters since they're the easiest to do and, in most

cases, the most effective way to address a problem.

The right address. Make sure you know whom you're going to contact. Titles sometimes direct your correspondence to the correct person, but that isn't always the case. If you're unsure of whom to talk to, call first, check the spelling of the name and gender (there's no easier way to turn someone off to your cause than by addressing them by the opposite sex).

Be quick. Don't write a manifesto to the person, no matter how badly you want to. The task of a message is to get the person's attention, so be brief, especially with e-mail messages. The best letters say whom you are, why you are writing and that you'd like to follow up the letter with a phone call or meeting. Don't be condescending, either.

Follow the leader. Wait a few days before calling for a follow up, or sending e-mails. Sometimes it takes a few days to get to your letter, but be patient. The issue may have to simmer before catching on fire again when you call. But if it's a well-crafted and well-thought out letter, it should do fine.

The worst letters are sent to the wrong people with an inflammatory tone. I occasionally get a few of these worthless e-mails for the wrong reasons. That kind of message just wastes everyone's time, most importantly the small business owner, or crank that authored it.

Do the research and take the time to write a professional letter. Although I bet I get one from Randy after this column, I heard he's an engineer working on the Yugo version of OnStar.

I bet I still know more math than he does, though.

Tim Kissman is the Director of Publications for the Small Business Association of Michigan.

Business in Brief

MRA presents seminar

The Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) will present an upcoming professional, education seminar for retailers and other business owners. Electronic Checks: New Technologies for a New Millennium. Date: May 30. Time: 8 to 10 a.m. Place: Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. Presenter: Meg Prieur, The Payments Authority.

Description: Electronic check acceptance is a growing technology that can help business cut costs, save time and combat fraud in the check collection process. Prieur explains the terminology and technical behind electronic check acceptance and shows how this new technology can benefit businesses.

Cost: \$20 for MRA members, \$30 for non-members. To register: Contact MRA's

Regina Lachance a 800-366-3699 or rlachance@retailers.com.

This seminar is part of a series of professional development courses being offered throughout the state this spring by MRA's Michigan Retailers Academy.

Gateway Computer Give-Away

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Gateway is offering these used computers to non-profits, schools and community centers. To apply: An application will be posted on the Gateway web site from April 2 to July 31, 2002. The web site address is: <https://www.gateway.com/olympic/cs/donations.shtml>.

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Bids: Six go to state contractors

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County companies: Merlyn Contractors of Novi and McCarthy Construction of Walled Lake. All approved awards were the low bids except Merlyn Contractors, who was still rec-

ommended due to its past working experiences with the district, Koster said.

The final bid awards for the renovation projects are expected to be approved by the Novi Board of Education at its regular meeting on May 16 at the Educational

Services Building on Taft Road. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

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

Awarded on May 2				
Category	Contractor	Award		
Earthwork/ Site Utilities	Merlyn Contractors Novi	215,000.00	Membrane Roofing	Roofcon, Inc. Brighton 89,800.00
Concrete	McCarthy Construction Walled Lake	108,777.00	Gypsum Board, Ceilings	ANM Construction Co. New Hudson 239,500.00
Masonry	Brazen and Greer, Inc. Livonia	240,600.00	Carpet, Resilient Flooring	Cohn's Commercial Floor Wixom 58,381.00
Hollow Metal, Finish Hardware	Airtec Detroit	80,500.00	Carpet, Finishing and Wallcovering	JAB Grand Blanc 23,614.00
Ceramic Tile	Boston Tile and Terazzo Detroit	24,650.00	Plumbing	Allor Mechanical, Inc. Walled Lake 48,900.00
Casework	Architectural Systems Holland	73,870.00	Electrical	McMurray Electric Ferndale 420,000.00
Total:		\$943,397.00	Glass and Gazing	Empire Glass and Mirror Warren 46,174.00
			HVAC	Thermal Engineering, Corp. Westland 148,500.00
			Temperature Controls	BASS Sterling Heights 65,298.00
Expected to be awarded on May 17:			Total:	\$1,334,917.00
Demolition	The Llamas Group Allen Park	102,750.00		
Carpentry	EBI Detroit Detroit	92,000.00		

Contracts for elementary school renovations approved. District expects construction completed by December 2002

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Erin Reid - one very busy Novi senior

By Sara-Beth O'Connor
 SPECIAL WRITER

As the school year comes to an end, many seniors begin to slow down in school participation. But, for Novi High School senior Erin Reid, enthusiasm and participation are still going strong.

Reid is an active member of student council, a member of the varsity pom team, a student leader for young life, a member of the TV broadcasting crew, and a track captain.

"No one pushes her as hard as she does," said Reid's boyfriend, Novi senior Geoff Paquette. "She drives her-

self." Reid is currently on pause for track. Over time, a combination of pulling her hamstrings which in turn affected her hips, resulted in back problems. Reid usually competes in the 300-meter low hurdles and the 100-meter high hurdle.

"Right now my time for the 300 high hurdles is 48.4 seconds, and it is my goal to break 48 seconds," said Reid.

She is attending physical therapy and plans to be back before the end of the season with hopes to attend the state meet this year.

One sport Reid has attended states

for is pom. She describes pom as one of the best things she has participated in.

"I've got to experience a lot by working with people who work hard," said Reid. "Pom is more than just a sport, it is 27 other girls working for the same goal and you deal with obstacles and friendships."

Reid has been a part of the pom team, like track, for all four years of high school. She was on JV pom for two years and varsity pom for the other two years. As a sophomore she was voted a captain by her teammates.

"As a captain you have to represent

your team in and out of school," said Reid.

The varsity team went to the U.S.A. Nationals in Orlando, Fla. in Reid's junior year. Their performance of "Fire" by Jini Hendrix was televised on ESPN.

"It felt good to know you worked so hard for it," said Reid.

After their performance was televised, Reid was often stopped by people who had never talked to her before saying they had seen her on TV. Even at church, while she wasn't wearing her pom uniform, people recognized her.

"As my dad, Doug, says, I have two

golds, a silver and a bronze," said Reid.

The teams Erin has been on have won state titles twice - once when she was a freshman and once as a junior - and took second place as a sophomore and third place as a senior.

Reid is also an active member of Novi High School's student council. She serves as a representative for the class of 2002's council and is the treasurer of the four classes combined student council.

"I take care of all the treasury," said Reid. "For the past two years I've been the chair of publicity. I try to think of creative ways to get the whole school

involved in student council."

Through her involvement in broadcast classes at Novi, Reid often has student council activities publicized on the school's news program. She has won various awards such as the first place D.A.F.T. award and a first place group TV Michigan Association of Broadcasting award.

It is this love for broadcast that will take Reid to New York this fall.

"She's going to Syracuse, which is far away," said Paquette. "It's all because she wants to reach her career and her goals."

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Teeming with tons of talent

Can the Novi Wildcats baseball team be stopped in the Kensington Valley Conference? I say no and there are plenty of reasons why. I can name three right off the top of my head: Adam Haberman, Brandon Davis and Matt Gorman.



Sam Eggleston

My question is, when do these guys take a break? Gorman is the only athlete of the three that didn't play three sports this year while Davis (who is a spitfire, to say the least) and Haberman (how come Hammerin' Haberman comes to mind?) would probably be willing to give up their dinners for a week to compete in a sport for just a couple of hours. I think these guys are addicted to being good athletes because there is no sign of them slowing down.

With a trio like the above, most teams wouldn't have to look much further for a core for their program, but the 'Cats have plenty more talent where they came from.

Trey Simpson, Mike Crawford, Jeff Dunwell, Darren Guffey, Mike Hart, Pete Kobylarek, Matt Kollch, Tyler Mohr, Scott Kortlandt, Jake Ray, Doug Ray, Evan Rodriguez, Trevor Scott, Brian Swift, Dan Treliarne and Eric Zorza. Most of these names sound familiar? They should. The majority of these athletes are also the core of most of the boys sports teams at Novi throughout the seasons.

Kobylarek is showing that he can hit a big white ball as well as a small white ball while Simpson and Swift, along with Davis, are fresh off of a district title in basketball. Crawford, Dunwell, Kollch, Mohr, Kortlandt - the list of top-notch, multi-sport athletes goes on and that isn't even with the Ray brothers pounding their way onto the scene.

The pure athletic talent pulsing through this team's veins is absolutely staggering, and they are milking it for everything it is worth.

The Wildcats, led by baseball helmetsman Rick Green, have managed to stay undefeated in one of the toughest conferences in the state of Michigan and

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Undefeated in KVC

Haberman and the gang want to keep it that way

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

All good things come to an end - including winning streaks. Just ask the Novi Wildcats baseball team and they will tell you the same thing.

The 'Cats, led by coach Rick Green, were on a 14-game win streak before taking a loss to the Western Lakes Activities Association's Plymouth Salem 7-6 in the opener of a double-header May 4. However, Novi bounced back to beat them 5-4 in the closer.

The Wildcats had notched five wins in just a week, blasting the Brighton Bulldogs 6-0 and 4-2 in a double-header April 30 before notching a 10-4 win over Howell May 1 and dual a victory over Lakeland 16-2, 8-5 on May 3.

"We took a 3-0 lead and then got a little sloppy," Green said of the Salem loss. "At one point we managed to take the lead again, but they came back in the seventh to get the win."

The Salem Rocks fell behind 3-0 in the beginning of the contest, but managed to make a comeback in the middle innings. The 'Cats, led by a talented crew of individuals, retook the lead for a 6-5 advantage heading into the final inning before the Rocks came back for the victory on a mental error.

"We made a big base-running mistake that cost us," Green said. "We got ahead in the game and thought we could breeze through it. Sometimes when you think that way, you make mistakes here and there and that is what happened."

The Wildcats were not about to be denied a victory though, and came back to earn a 5-4 victory over the Rocks in the second game. The 'Cats trailed 4-1 in the sixth inning before Adam Haberman cranked a homer to pull the game within two runs. The 'Cats were able to come back and take the win.

"He had right about 34 RBIs and four homers," Green said of the big bat of Haberman. "I think he is on a roll and is going to finish very strong for us."

In the first game of the double, the 'Cats looked to Pete Kobylarek to lead the way from the mound, where he took the brunt of the loss. Kobylarek threw seven innings and collected four strikeouts, four walks and scattered five hits.

Matt Gorman led the offensive attack, going 2-for-4 with two runs scored, while Trey Simpson collected an RBI, scored a run and went 2-for-4 at the plate. Eric Zorza went 2-for-4 in the loss.

The second game found Zorza collecting the win in the contest while Haberman led the offense with three RBIs and a homer while going 2-for-4 at the plate. Matt Kollch went 2-for-4 in the win.

The Wildcats (15-2, 12-0 KVC) will return to action when they host South Lyon tomorrow at 4 p.m. before visiting Detroit Country Day Saturday at 11 a.m. The 'Cats will



Photo by John Helder

With this swing, Wildcat Adam "Hammerin'" Haberman got a base hit and knocked in two runs in last week's home game against Milford. Haberman has 34 RBIs on the season.

also host Hartland May 15 at 4 p.m. before visiting rival Milford May 17 at 4 p.m.

**Novi 16, Lakeland 2
 Novi 8, Lakeland 5,
 eight innings**

The Novi Wildcats continued their domination of the Kensington Valley Conference, earning two wins over the Lakeland Eagles May 3.

"We wanted to stay on a roll,"

Green said. "We came into this double-header wanting to stay undefeated in the league, and that is what we did."

The first game found Brandon Davis collecting the victory, notching five innings of play and allowing two runs while whiffing seven batters. Davis also went 3-for-3 at the plate and scored three runs. Evan Rodriguez collected an RBI and scored twice while going 3-for-3.

Kobylarek went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and three RBIs. Simpson collected a home run and three RBIs while going 1-for-4, and Mike Crawford went 2-for-3 with a RBI and scoring three runs in the win.

The second game went eight innings and found the Wildcats collecting a win after coming from

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Always getting better

By Brian Doyle
 SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi girls golf team has been improving at a very high pace as of late. The team got the KVC season started off on the right foot at the end of last month with a win. Recently, though they've had three tough losses in the KVC, the team is getting better with every round they play.

Golf

"Things are looking up and we are seeing progress," Novi golf coach Debra Harris said.

Novi went up against the Hartland Eagles golf team last Thursday, and although they lost, they shot their season best score, 195 strokes. The team improved 23 strokes from the 218 that they shot against South Lyon only two days earlier.

"The girls were very excited to see the improvement and practice paying off," Harris said.

Novi's Lindsey Broadwell and Brittany Neville tied for the medalist, both shooting a 48 on the day.

Those two, along with sophomore Laura Vaughn, have been the top golfers for Novi most of the year. This was Novi's third loss in the KVC, but the team feels that they are improving constantly.

"We are 1-3 in the league at this point and improving each match," Harris said.

On the Tuesday two days before that game, Novi suffered their second conference loss of the season against South Lyon. However, the team improved still improved from their previous match by two points. Sarah Ehlers shot a 53 that day and was Novi's medalist.

The team also showed dramatic improvement at the Pre-KVC meet held at Tyrone Hills on April 29. Novi took seventh and their medalist was Vaughn who shot a 104 on the day. The team had a 43-stroke improvement over their last tournament score, which was the Oakland County meet. Novi shot a 438 on the day.

On April 25, the team traveled out to Brighton to play the Bulldogs. Novi shot a 228 on the day but it was not enough to beat Brighton. This was Novi's first KVC loss on the season. Neville led Novi as the team medalist with a 52.

"Brittany is coming on and getting more confident in her play," Harris said.

Besides Neville, a group of young Novi players also had a good showing at this meet.

"The young players are starting to see improvement," Harris said.

In Novi's first KVC match of the year against the Lakeland Eagles on April 23, the team rose to the occasion. Neville shot the top score for Novi of 52. This was her first, but certainly not her last, appearance as the team's medalist. Novi shot 225 on the day edging out the Eagles who shot 235.

The Novi golf team has been improving at a solid rate and is looking onto the rest of their season. They will go up against Pinckney tonight in their sixth KVC match of the year.

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

GAME OF THE WEEK

Novi Wildcats Baseball
 VS
South Lyon

Friday, May 10
 4:00 p.m. at Novi

Fly fishing: You don't have to go far to do it

By John Helder
 STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

What's a trout fisher in southeastern Michigan to do? The season began this past weekend, and streams containing the little cold-water gems are available but they're "up north".

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Johnson's holds one major distinction: Although its fish populations are augmented by the DNR and its stocking efforts, it is also the only naturally reproducing trout stream in southeastern Michigan.

The modest-sized creek flows east through Washtenaw County's Salem Township and continues through Wayne County to Northville. There, it eventually hooks to the southeast and runs into the Rouge River system near the city's Edward Hines

Park along Seven Mile Road.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources stocks the creek every spring in numerous locations with good-sized brown trout, but the real appeal of Johnson's is the chance to hook into one of its "hold-over" foot-plus sized brown trout. (To see a photo of a 17" Johnson's Creek brown trout found by the DNR during a 2000 survey go tourism.jpg.org.)

With its width often being less than a good-sized flyrod, the creek is notorious for its narrow passages and lack of wiggle room for the bank-

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Northville's Johnson's Creek: A fly fishing gem



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

John Bueter fishes the Johnson creek last trout season near Rural Hill Cemetery. Bueter has found that the creek contains numerous brown trout, both those planted by the DNR and "holdovers" that have reproduced on their own.

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walking or wading fisherman. But with a little effort and exploration the seeker can find themselves fishing what Northville flyshop owner and Johnson's promoter John Bueter calls "our beautiful little gem."
Access to Johnson's can be found where a number of roads cross over the creek. Along Beck Road, north of Six Mile Five Mile, south of Napier, along Seven Mile Road, west of Sheldon Road, and notably along Northville's Fish Hatchery Park off Seven Mile.
The creek's bottom alternates with rocky, fine gravel areas to faster water, with a silty, muddy bottom in slower areas. The creek's depth averages about a foot to a foot and a half, and while it's enticing to anglers to the west in Salem Township, its "fisher-looking water" is nearer the city of Northville.
Johnson's sees a wide variety of insect hatches through the spring and early summer and, according to Bueter, closely follows the emergence schedule of Michigan's most famous river: the Ausable.
To tag into one of the creek's trout, fly-fishers should carry a good assortment of elk hair caddis (mid-May events can see tremendous caddis hatches along the creek); small Adams; and, when top-water action isn't happening, a mixture of small nymphs that can be drifted through the deeper, fishier-looking water.
"Look for quieter areas, slower water, eddies and pools," said Bueter. He also suggests throwing a woody banger or two. "Small streamers are remarkably successful in that water."
Anglers slinging small streamers should look for undercut banks near faster water, on the creek's outside bends - that's where the bigger fish should be. Cast streamers down and across, letting the current pull the fly towards the bank and, if possible, to the undercut. Some action given to the fly as it nears the undercut will produce strikes from hungry browns.
Spinners can find success by using small, light-weight rods, with four to six-pound test and tiny Mepps spinners. As with streamer fishing, cast down and across and let the creek's current give the lure some action. Fish the deeper pools and below the bank's tag alders and other trees and bushes that have roots lying in the creek.
When fishing along the miles of Johnson's water anglers are encouraged to respect property owners' rights. While there is plenty of access for the public, most of the land along the creek is private and trout-seekers should only get out of the water to avoid hazards or in areas that are clearly owned by the city.
Also, please pack out whatever you bring in and maybe a few bits of litter left by those less-conscious and mind your tramping along the banks. There's some fragile soil along the creek that if trampled by too many feet will quickly erode into the water.
Johnson's Creek: A small stream with wild trout, a wonderful treasure in our own backyards.
For more information on Johnson's Creek and to get involved in efforts to protect it, please contact Mindy Carr with the Johnson's Creek Protection Group at 734-761-1010.
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'Cats have good showing at Invite

By Sam Eggleston
SPECIAL WRITER

TENNIS

The Novi Wildcats tennis team earned two big wins in the KVC and fell to a very tough non-conference opponent last week before finishing off by capturing second place in the Novi Invitational. The team's best showing at the tournament.
The Wildcats, led by coach Jim Hanson, blasted South Lyon 8-0 before capping Milford 7-1. The loss came to Jim Arbon Green Hills, a team that is ranked in the state as the Novi netters fell 7-1 before taking second place in the Novi Invite.
That is the best we have ever done in the four years we have held that tournament," Hanson said. "I was pleased with how we played all week long."
The Novi Invite found North Farmington sweeping the singles flights and winning the three doubles flight while the Novi Wildcats collected championship in number one doubles, first doubles, and four doubles.
The one doubles team of the Wildcats and Jim Hanson beat a tough Rochester team in three sets, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 while the second doubles team of Josh Christopherson and Matt



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Week: Tons of talent

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seem to have no signs of slowing down.
With the KVC title lined up in their sights, and their nearest conference foe an impressive five games behind them, it would take a huge fall that no one expects for the Cats to lose the title.
But that isn't enough.
Green noted in a recent interview that his team is looking to stay undefeated in the KVC, and his thoughts reflect my own - they have an amazing chance to do just that.
The Wildcats are going to have teams, like the South Lyon

Lions, the Brighton Bulldogs and the Milford Redskins, looking to bring the baseball game to its knees. I just don't think it is going to happen.
I am picking the Wildcats to earn a big fat "W" when they take on the Lions this week. In fact, I am going to go out on a limb here and shout out what I really feel - the Wildcats are going to be undefeated in the KVC this season and are going to simply walk away with the title.

Novi 1, South Lyon 1
in five innings and Wildcats will be undefeated this season in the KVC.

Reid: Extremely busy senior headed for NY

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At Syracuse she will be majoring in broadcast journalism or TV film. All of Reid's hard work earning commensurate less paid off. She will be receiving the Founders Scholarship for \$12,000 a year.
In the past four years of high school Reid has managed to keep herself busy with sports and other activities. She has also developed her personality.
"She is very smart and definitely the most caring person I know," said Paquette.
Paquette and Reid met in Mr. Kutz's Algebra A class in eighth grade.
"We often talked about the meaning of life," said Paquette, "but we haven't figured it out."
Before Reid leaves for New York, she will continue to enjoy the rest of her senior year.
"I really don't have spare time, but when I do, I hang out with friends,"

Said Reid.
This past spring break, she made the time and went on a cruise with eight other girls.
"We had been looking forward to it since we were freshmen," said Reid. "We were so blessed to go on a Caribbean cruise, but we would have had fun where ever we went."
After graduation Reid plans to spend time with her friends. She will also spend time with her family on an Alaskan cruise.
Reid's biggest supporter is her mom, Beth Reid.
"She lets me know when I make a mistake and helps me learn from it," said Reid. "We're really close, and she is always more nervous than me at poem competitions. She just wants me to get out of it low much I put in."

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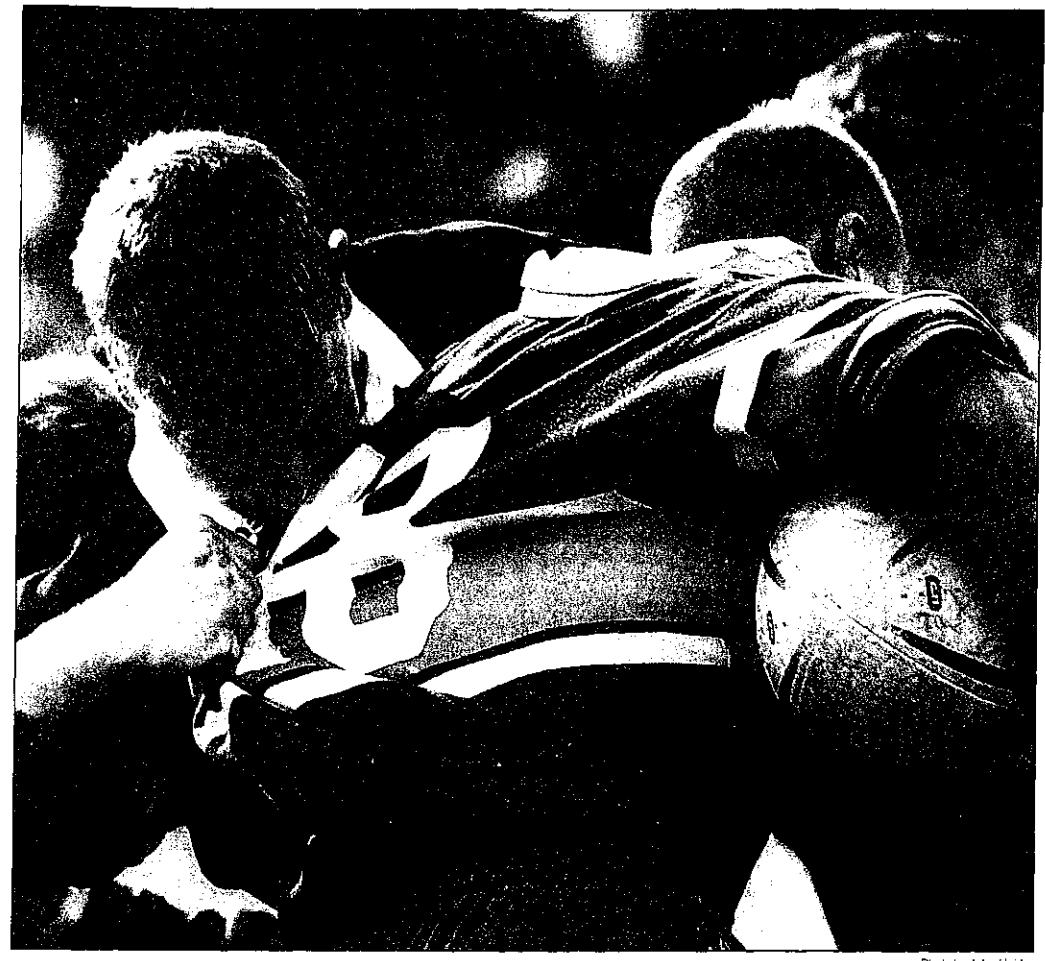


Photo by John Heider

Northville-Nov 9 Knights ruggar Brett TeBeek is tackled by a host of Livonia rugby players during their game in Southfield in mid-April.

Knights upended by Brighton

Novi ruggers looking to next match, playoff picture

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITERS

The Northville-Nov 9 Knights rugby team found that having a shorter and narrower field is the truest definition of home-field advantage when they took on the Brighton Bulldogs May 1.
The Knights, led by coach Ron Cornell, found they were having trouble getting their offensive weapons working with the narrow field, which prevented the squad from pitching the ball to the outside where they could utilize the speed of players like Billy Adkins. In the end, the Knights fell in the contest, their first loss of the year, 15-10.
"They have a really short field there and if we had a penalty anywhere inside the 50-meter line it gave them a chance to kick," Cornell said. "We have too many

penalties and it killed us."
With a fairly large and enthusiastic crowd watching, Brighton got five-point touches (rough equivalent of a touchdown in a football game) from Caleb Bowersox and one late by Garon Geis, and then relied on its defense to win the game.
"Northville is always the game of the year for us," said Brighton's three-year player Geis, who scored 10 of the Bulldogs' points. "It's been on and off the last few years. Last year they beat us in the playoffs and knocked us out of regionals so this was a huge grudge match for us."
The Knights scored points of their own when scrum-half Alex Gutierrez nailed a penalty kick to bring the game to 5-3 in the early going. Not long after, Gutierrez took the ball in on a penalty try that was awarded after the scrum-half was tackled by his

collier with a clear path to the try zone.
"It was obvious Alex was going to score," Cornell said. "The Brighton kid dove in sheer desperation and grabbed his collar. If he hadn't grabbed the collar, Alex was clearly going to score."
The Bulldogs improved to 3-0-1 in league play and to 4-2-1 overall. Northville-Nov 9 fell to 3-1 in league action.
The Knights will have returned to action when they hosted Berkley yesterday after the Novi News and Northville Record went to print before going into the playoffs Saturday.
Northville-Nov 9, 15, Traverse City 0
The Knights had a hard-fought match against the newcomers from Traverse City and pulled out a win.
The Northville-Nov 9 ruggers

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Novi JV Lacrosse

NOVI JV LACROSSE
Overall Record: 6-5
The Novi junior varsity lacrosse team won two out of three games last week to raise

its record to 6-5 for the year.
The Wildcats lone loss of the week came last Saturday to East Grand Rapids, 8-6. Jeff Pollicchio led the scoring with two goals and one assist. Parker Beard had two goals, Bobby Clemens and Keven Gee each scored one goal, and Joey Donitnick had one assist.
One day earlier, Novi JV defeated Troy High School, 4-3. Keven Gee scored two goals, Jeff Pollicchio scored one goal and one assist, Andrew Summerville, Erick Shulgain and Jason Kiriell each scored two goals. Jeff Pollicchio and Keven Gee each had one goal and one assist. Josh Back had one goal, and Bobby Clemens had two assists.
Ryan Belt had an outstanding game in goal, allowing just one score. Andrew Summerville, Kiriell Shulgain and Jason Kiriell each scored two goals. Jeff Pollicchio and Keven Gee each had one goal and one assist. Josh Back had one goal, and Bobby Clemens had two assists.

Continuing their victorious ways

Pawlak still leads team in goals

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

In the Kensington Valley Conference, the Novi girls soccer team has seemed to be a bit unstoppable, running over opponents after opponent.
The team, led by coach Brian O'Leary, improved their record to Pinckney Pirates and the Howell Highlanders last week.
Novi sat out the Howell Highlanders 7-0 last Friday thanks to Maureen Pawlak and Nikki Herman scoring three goals each, and Kerri Timar adding another of her own. That was Novi's seventh Kensington Valley Conference win, and in their last two games the team had a combined score of 18-1.
"A lot of it is, we're starting to play the whole game," Pawlak said. She has done very well recently with two three-goal games in a row.
Just two days prior, Novi took care of the Pinckney Pirates in an 11-1 mercy. Novi had six different players scoring in that game. The Wildcats went up 4-1 in the first half, but scored another seven goals in the second half to finish off the Pirates.
"We played a lot better in the second half than we did in the first," O'Leary said.
Although Novi scored four goals in the first half and only let in one, with a minute to go, there was still a lot the team feels that they could have done better.
"In the first half, we held the ball too long," O'Leary said.
The team talked about what they were doing at halftime and came out in the second half charging, knocking in two early goals within 30 seconds of each other.
"Timar knocked in the first less than a minute into the half and 29 seconds later Kerri Smith added another for Novi to make a 6-1 lead."
"We just realized we weren't playing our game," Pawlak said. "In the second half we moved the ball quicker and were more spread out. We're always better when we do that."
In the second half, Novi came out and scored seven goals in just over half an hour to take the win. The team was led by three-goal performances from Chelsea Atiyeh and Pawlak. The latter said that it was her team that allowed her the opportunities to score.
"Our team worked really well together," she said.
Timar had two goals in the game and Herman, Sarah Schmitt and Smith each had one. Yesterday, the team went up against Brighton (after the Novi News went to print), who is the only squad that Novi has not beaten yet.
Brighton is the arch rival of Novi and their toughest competition.
"All the other teams in the KVC are real competitive with each other," O'Leary said. "We're real competitive with Brighton."
A lot of the games that Novi has been playing in, they have tried to build upon for the Brighton confrontation.
"Every single game, we'll say 'we need to work on this to get ready for Brighton,'" Pawlak said.
Brighton and Novi were both equal going into that game, and beating the Bulldogs was essential to their goals for the season. The number one priority for the Wildcats, however, is snagging the top spot in their conference.
"Our main goal for the season is to win the KVC," Pawlak said.
Novi has only one loss and it occurred in non-conference play. The team looks to continue their success for the rest of the year building on everything they've done so far. There are fundamental things that the team must do in order to play well.
O'Leary said, "As long as we move the ball, we'll be OK."

Baseball: Undefeated in Kensington Valley

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behind in the contest. Trevor Scott started the day off on the mound, but was relieved by Crawford, who earned the win while allowing two hits, walking one and striking out three. Crawford also went 2-for-4 at the plate with three RBIs.
Brian Swift notched a triple in the top of the eighth before scoring on a Rodriguez single. Crawford sealed the victory with a double that scored two runs to put the Wildcats up by three. Davis went 3-for-4 to lead the Cats, scoring two runs and a RBI in the win.
Novi 6, Brighton 0
Nov 4, Brighton 2
The Novi Wildcats beat the Bulldogs twice April 30 as Crawford picked up the victory in the first game while Simpson collected two doubles and four RBIs. Gorman collected three runs in the contest along with three stolen bases.
The second game found the Cats earning yet another KVC win with the mound mastery of Davis producing eight strikeouts as he gave up four runs and 10 hits. Simpson led the offensive charge, going only 1-for-2 from the plate but cranking a three-run homer in the first to give the Wildcats the advantage.
Rodriguez went 3-for-4 with two RBIs while Zorra went 2-for-3. "That game we came out strong at first and just breezed through the rest of the game," Green said. "We try to get the jump on every one, then relax and play defense."

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Warriors girls full of dedication

Tough season full of success for Western in eyes of coach

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

A group of dedicated athletes has been working hard all season long for the Walled Lake Western girls track team. Although the team is not huge in numbers, according to coach Curt Siebarth, it is huge in heart.

"I'm proud of the way all the girls are working," Siebarth said.

The team is young and is comprised of just over 40 girls. The team is yet to find their first win and is 0-3 in dual meets. Despite injuries and conflicting events, an even smaller group of girls competed in the Stafford Relays, which they hosted on Saturday.

"So many things gutted our team," said Siebarth of the other events and injuries. "The girls that were here ran hard and gave it their best."

The team brought on a group of girls who did well and competed in a lot of relay-only events.

"All the girls were running a lot of events," Siebarth said. "They were really tired."

Western's best place of the day was in the 4x800 relay. The team of Rebecca Rudey, Jackie D'Agostino, Whitney Tobel and Kristen Jarrel took second for Walled Lake Western.

The Warriors also did well in the 4x200 and took third place. Carly Wilson, Jamie-lee Austin, Brittany Forbes and Abbey Crandall were members of that team.

The team of Ashley Bellrose, Adina Walton, Jessica Beard and Diana Houghton took fourth in the shuttle hurdles. Walled Lake Western also took fourth place in the 4x400 relay behind the running of Crandall, Rudey, D'Agostino and Tobel.

D'Agostino and co-captain Jenny Jakubiec have provided the team with leadership all year long.



Walled Lake Western's Ashley Guzik threw the shotput 23-feet-9 in last week's home meet against Northville.

Photo by John Heider

"We have two captains who are doing an outstanding job of leadership with the team, in terms of helping the coaches out as athlete-leaders," Siebarth said, referring to D'Agostino and

Jakubiec.

In the shot-put relay, sprint medley relay, distance medley relay and the 4x100 relay, the team took sixth.

"I'm extremely proud of the

way they ran," Siebarth said.

The team also went up against Northville in a dual meet last Thursday. Houghton did very well in that meet and took first in the shot-put, second in the 100-

meter dash, and second in the 110-meter hurdles. Houghton is a sophomore and she and freshman Ashley Bellrose have been

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Open spots for new coaches

If ever there was a chance to begin or advance a coaching career, this looks like the one to do it.



Sam Eggleston

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District has announced the openings of the newest school in its family — Walled Lake Northern, which is scheduled to begin classes this fall.

The Northern Knights, if anything like Western and Central, should be a tough program with plenty of quality athletes to fill the vacant positions. The only thing the Knights need right now are coaches to guide those athletes.

The positions open include assistant football coach, assistant boys' soccer coach, assistant girls' basketball coach, assistant girls' swim coach, head boys' cross country coach and head girls' tennis coach — and those are just the fall openings.

For the winter, Northern has openings for a head boys' basketball coach, a head boys' swim coach, a head wrestling coach, a head boys' girls' ski coach and a head volleyball coach. Spring has openings for a head baseball coach, a head boys' tennis coach, a head boys' track and field coach, a head softball coach, a head girls' soccer coach, a head girls' golf coach and a head girls' track and field coach.

With such a slew of openings, the Walled Lake athletics director, David Yarbrough, has requested that any interested candidates contact him at (248) 956-2074 or via email at Yarbrod@walled-lake.k12.mi.us.

I can just imagine that anyone who is interested in such positions as those above must be true competitors, because that, in my experience covering them, is what Walled Lake Athletics is all about. These aren't push-over athletes we're talking about here. Nope, these schools have seen state championships come and go and I have no doubts that Walled Lake Northern is going to be any different.

The question, it seems, is who is willing to lead these athletes? Who is willing to dedicate their time and their efforts in to watching these athletes become some of the top competitors in the Western Lakes Activities Association? I know I find it tempting, but do you?

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Warriors surprise Drew Stanton, Hawks

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors are looking as strong as ever as they moved into first place in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Warriors recently defeated Livonia Churchill 11-1 after splitting with Berkeley in a double header 8-9, 7-4 May 4 and

pouncing on Farmington Hills Harrison 1-0 May 3.

"It was a classic baseball game," Walled Lake Western coach Ken Connor said of the Harrison game.

Baseball

Harrison would have runners at first and second with one out and try to lay down a bunt or hit the ball and just couldn't do it. The same thing

was happening to us."

That is what happens when you take two of the best pitchers in the Detroit Metro Area, if not the state of Michigan, and throw them against each other.

Senior Warrior Mike Pisha earned the win over his Harrison counterpart, the highly touted Drew Stanton. Pisha sent 11 batters packing and scattered five hits as he went the distance while Stanton only had three strike

outs and allowed three hits while taking the brunt of the loss.

"There were all kinds of pro scouts there watching Stanton," Connor said. "Pisha definitely opened a door for himself with his performance."

The Warriors capped the game and earned the win as Pete Busciglio got on first base on an error and advanced to second on a wild pitch before he was driven home on a hot single by Ryan

Beech.

"Ryan just got up there and smacked a single for the game winning RBI," Connor said.

Beech was one of three Warriors to get hits in the game while Jon Michaud collected one as did Pisha.

The Warriors (14-3 overall, 9-1 WLAA, 6-0 Western Division) return to action when they host

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