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Rainforest study

Kacey Sheldon takes a look at a wood-carving of a sloth that was brought to her class by former Novi School District teacher Mary Knaver. Knaver was at Orchard Hills to talk to students about her experiences in the South American rainforest.

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A new hospital?

A new hospital in Brighton? It's a possibility, say representatives of the St. John Health System. But Novi's Providence Park — a 250,000-square-foot outpatient treatment center, owned and operated by fellow St. John's affiliate Providence Hospital in Southfield — is the first choice for a new hospital site.

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High-flyin'

Novi's Dan Thelen takes his turn at the pole vault in last Thursday's Regional Track and Field meet. He took fifth overall in the contest.

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City insurance rates expected to rise

Officials say cause is growth, not ongoing litigation

By Victoria Sadlocha
 STAFF WRITER

The anticipation of an insurance rate premium increase has prompted City of Novi officials to shop around for a new insurance carrier.

Novi Chief Operating Officer Craig Klaver said the city expects a 30-percent increase in the cost of insurance for its upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1.

The cost of the upcoming policy is estimated at \$635,000.

Novi's insurance premium budgeted amount for its present fiscal year is \$487,000.

Klaver said he expects actual insurance premium costs will come in at \$488,000, only \$1,000 off what city officials anticipated it would spend.

City growth was the main reason given for the rise in premiums.

"Insurance costs increase as the

city grows, as roads grow, as our population increases," Klaver said. "As we grow as a community, our rates increase."

Mike Forster, assistant director of Risk Management Services for the insurance entity of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, said premiums for all pool members are increasing.

The League has been Novi's insurance provider since 1995.

Forster said what is not a factor

in Novi's increase is lawsuits.

With pending litigation settlement talks between Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership looming over the city, many residents have questioned just how city-named lawsuits have influenced Novi's premiums.

Serving as an assistant director of a company providing services to about 683 municipalities in Michigan, Forster said for a community of Novi's size and substantial quantity of retail and other developments, the number of lawsuits against the city is not high.

"If anything, it is a little low," Forster said.

Kevin Murphy said with the scope of activity in Novi, it has relatively low claims. He's director of Risk

Management Services of the insurance entity of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool.

"It gives the appearance to us to be a well-run city," Murphy said.

Klaver did not count out the city's current litigation with Sandstone as a possible contributing factor in the increase, but said its relevance is diminished because the whole concept of being in a pool is to average costs among all participating communities.

Forster explained the rates for the nonprofit pool are driven by losses of the group as a whole so insurance payouts impact all members.

"What we would pay out over Sandstone, if anything, will not affect the League," Murphy said. "It will affect the insurance pool. It has already affected the pool and its members."

Insurance mediation began on April 30 with all parties involved in the Sandstone litigation and the city's former insurance carrier, the Michigan Municipal Risk

Traffic turmoil

Novi residents frustrated with traffic congestion caused by Grand River Ave. work

By Victoria Sadlocha
 STAFF WRITER

The combination of road improvements and bittersweet feelings has emerged in Novi with the commencement of construction on Grand River Avenue earlier this month.

After halting activity stretching from Beck Road to just west of the Grand River Avenue and Wixom Road intersection for the winter season, road workers and monstrous equipment reappeared on the site May 8 to resume the needed widening project.

An extension of the avenue work was added last week when Beck Road from Grand River Avenue south to 11 Mile Road was blocked.

The May 15 closure created additional travel difficulties, testing drivers' patience.

Novi resident Linda Olszewski is just about out of hers.

Olszewski lives on Birchwoods Drive, which is off Wixom Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads, miles from the construction on Grand River Avenue at the Wixom Road intersection.

"Traveling from my house to the Outback Steakhouse took 45 minutes the other night," Olszewski said. "I had company in the car and my dad was going bonkers."

It frustrates Olszewski that a short drive to Grand River Avenue west of Beck Road from Wixom Road would take such a long time.

"In my opinion, there must be someone directing traffic at the Wixom and Grand River intersection while Beck is closed," she

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Photo by John Heider

Marine Steve Monaghan salutes as the Stars and Stripes are raised at the start of last year's Novi Memorial Day remembrance ceremony.



Period of remembrance honors all who served

By Victoria Sadlocha
 STAFF WRITER

Monday, May 27 marks a special day for the City of Novi.

Not only will city streets be filled with bands, floats and American flags, but the special Memorial Day holiday also commences a period of appreciation and remembrance.

The time of respect honors all Novi residents who have served our country and begins with the City of Novi 2002 Memorial Day Parade and Service.

The parade, organized by the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Memorial Day Committee and sponsored by the Lions Club, begins at 10 a.m. moving from the entrance of the Novi Town Center, southwest to the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile Road between Novi and Taft roads.

"We have a lot of entries," said Gwynn Tilmann, City of Novi Recreation coordinator. "It looks like it will be a larger parade than in the past."

More than 25 groups will be represented, strutting through Novi in remembrance of those who have died serving our nation.

Some of the parade participants include a tumbling team from All

Star Gymnastics, participants of the Novi Bike Decorating Contest, horses and color guards from the Mounted Division of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Arabian horses from Harmony Acres, Novi schools' marching bands, representatives from the Novi police and fire departments, many local Boy and Girl Scout troops and a pack of scale model World War I Bi-wing airplanes from the Lions Air Force DeWitt Squadron.

The squadron promises to entertain the crowd with its parade aircraft specifically designed to thrill viewing audiences.

Representatives from the organization said the squadron will engage in a "dog fight" during the procession using water-bullet machine guns and will dazzle watchers with its "formation flying."

"We have had a lot of community interest in the parade this year and welcome everyone who wants to show their patriotism," Tilmann said. "It gives residents a chance to come out and support past and present individuals who have served or are serving our country."

Immediately following the parade, a memorial service pro-

gram will be held at the Novi Civic Center.

The service features an address by guest speaker Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson of the Tuskegee Airman.

The special service will additionally include a wreath dedication, gun salute, the playing of "Taps" and a patriotic musical finale.

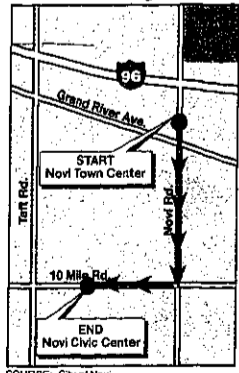
The ending of the holiday festivities commences a city remembrance period which will conclude June 30 with the City of Novi Vietnam Veteran's Welcome Home Celebration.

The 1 p.m. event held at the Novi Civic Center will honor all area men and women who served in the Vietnam War.

On Dec. 17, members of the Novi City Council approved a resolution requested by Novi City Mayor Richard J. Clark to officially proclaim the last Sunday in June as a day to remember and honor Vietnam War veterans.

"World War II was considered the good war, Korea was considered the forgotten war and Vietnam, unfortunately, was the war of the forgotten veterans," Clark said. "It is time for us to set the record straight and recognize those men and women in our community who served their country stepped for-

Memorial Day Parade



SOURCE: City of Novi

ward without question and did their duty."

In 2000, the city honored World War II veterans and last year it recognized veterans from the Korean War.

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Novi Schools to approve district-wide technology upgrade

By Angelo Parlove
 STAFF WRITER

Novi Schools plans to upgrade building wiring district-wide this summer, as part of the technology portion of the \$75 billion bond issue passed by Novi voters last June.

It is expected that the Novi Board of Education will approve the bid from Analysts International of Auburn Hills at its regular meeting on June 6, which will jump-start the project that will include data, voice and video wiring to all district buildings except the high school.

The proposed bid award to Analysts International is expected to be for \$88,460,50, well under the \$110,932,000 originally budgeted for the project.

The technology upgrade will see new voice and video wiring for the Novi Middle School and Deerfield Elementary, as well as additional data and voice wiring at the Educational Services Building, Novi Meadows and Novi Woods, Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks Elementaries.

The Novi High School wiring upgrade will be bid separately at a later date.

In all, seven companies responded to the technology upgrade project, with all bids received and publicly read on April 30. James Koster, Novi Schools' assistant superintendent of finance, said that Analysts International meets the terms, specifications and scope of work at the lowest bid.

Analysts International came in

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Jessica Dean and Tim Jarrell head for Western's prom Friday night in Troy.

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Brian McFarland, right, hold friend Jordan Tank as their friends take photos before the start of their Walled Lake Western 2002 Prom.



Walled Lake Western enjoys A Midsummer Night's Dream

By Christopher Wiesman
WALLEDLAKEVILLAGEMENT

There are few moments in our life that we will remember as long as we have left high school. Traditionally, one of those is the prom. Prom, for those who aren't aware, is the illustrious end-of-the-year formal for seniors and at some schools, juniors. Of all the dances a school might have, prom is the most important. Teens prepare for it months in advance, picking out clothes, finding a date, etc. But the anxiousness or anger caused by this dance is nothing compared to the impending date itself.

Walled Lake Western's prom, themed "A Midsummer Night's Dream," was held this year at the stunning Petruzzello's in Troy. Seniors and their dates either draw themselves or paid to be escorted by way of a limo. As they arrived, they found themselves finding their skin against the bitter winds. In a very un-Shakespearean turn of events, the frosty May air clashed with the glitz and glamour of prom.

Equipped with shawls and jackets, the teenagers filed their way in. After depositing tickets, the typical roar of greets and laughter surrounded the golden room. As senior Rachel Seiderman said, "It was probably one of the most regal-looking places to have a prom."

As the three hours quickly ticked away, prom-goers were treated to a dinner of chicken and roast beef and then urged to move on to the dance floor. Thankfully, everything went off without a hitch. Not a negative word was to be heard among classmates.

Such smooth and calculated simplicity might almost mask the fact that many spent hours preparing for this event. Girls, such as senior Barbie Urquhart, spent about four hours getting ready. As senior Lindsay Cook points out, "That amount of time is normal for girls who have to have their nails, hair and makeup done."

However, not only girls spend countless hours getting ready. Senior Will Gardner, the only person who dared to wear a kilt to prom, spent about two hours preparing for a night that, for most, will be permanently emblazoned in their memories. But such lengths seem almost petty in comparison to the time that is spent at the prom itself. It is one of the last time seniors can gather together and celebrate the fact that they survived 12 years of school.

"Even if prom was held at Big Boy's, the fact that we can get together and just enjoy ourselves makes it one of the best nights you'll ever have," said former senior Crystal Hittinger. "I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."



Melissa Desautel, right and her date Alex Saenz await the beginning of their dinner at the prom.



A couple heads to the dance floor during last Friday's Walled Lake Western Prom.



Megan Eckrich and Bryan Hodges dance together during Friday night's Walled Lake Western Prom at Petruzzello's in Troy.

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WL budget meeting steams council members

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake's 2002-2003 budget was passed after two council members stormed out of the council chambers May 20.

Council members Linda Ackley and William Burke walked out of council chambers at the budget adoption meeting after other members voted not to adjourn the meeting. However, the budget later passed after Ackley and Burke walked out. Ackley, Heather Hill and Mayor Bill Roberts had voted down the budget the first time around that night. Hill soon made a motion to adjourn. However, she stayed to work out the budget kinks when other members voted the adjournment down.

Monica Lesnau, council member, was pleased that the budget was approved.

"Despite differences of opinion, we were able to come together and negotiate through our differences and arrive at a compromise," Lesnau said. "We arrived at a budget that works for our citizens, our city, and enables our department heads to

further the work of their departments. Yes, two people did leave but five other people stayed and they did their job professionally."

Five votes were needed to pass the budget. Although Roberts originally turned down the budget, he also stayed to see it through to fruition, she said.

Burke and Ackley wanted the meeting adjourned because they disagreed about a \$3,000 retainer fee designed to have consultants McKenna Associates at planning commission and council meetings as needed.

However, Burke and Ackley had previously requested City Manager Phillip Vawter to find out exactly how much McKenna would require the budget fiscal year beginning July 1.

"You are making me approve something when I don't know what the hourly rate is," Burke said. "You're trying to make us look like we're against saving money. I have to justify to taxpayers why we're spending a higher amount of money. If you were really interested in finding out (about the rate) you would have found out. Phil, it's precast-

nation." Lesnau told other council members that it would be wise to raise the retainer fee for the consultants services to \$5,000. However, the retainer fee was later raised to \$6,500 after council member Heather Hill proposed a higher fee.

"If we raise it to \$5,000, it doesn't mean we have to spend that," Lesnau said. "But it means that we can spend up to \$135 an hour for McKenna."

Mayor Bill Roberts said McKenna's consultants have helped the city with planning needs at council meetings and planning commission meetings.

"Their paperwork and statistics have been used in court proceedings," Roberts said. "By and large, they have done a good job."

Ackley agreed and acknowledged that the fee should be raised even higher than the \$5,000 proposed fee.

"I think these firms have saved us," Ackley said. "We haven't been in any lawsuits for awhile. I don't know why all of a sudden we are cutting corners."

However, Burke did not want to approve the budget without knowing what the exact amount would be for the consultants services.

"You're willing to take it without knowing where you are going," Burke said. "I told you all along, I don't want to be a rubber stamp."

Hill noted that the city has not always been happy with McKenna's consulting services. She also noted they are sometimes not needed at meetings.

"We don't need them here picking their noses," Hill said. "And we're about to do it again."

However, she lamented that the services are needed and suggested increasing the fee to \$6,500. She told Ackley and Burke it wasn't necessary to point fingers.

"I asked for this before at the budget meeting and Mr. Burke asked for this tonight," Ackley said. "I'm pointing fingers."

Council member Diane Carter agreed, after Burke and Ackley walked out, that she has not always been pleased with the consultants work. She suggested finding another consulting firm for the city, which will be decided at a future council meeting.

Roberts said setting money aside for McKenna's consulting services doesn't necessarily mean that the money would have to be paid to them if council members decide to go with another firm.

Lesnau said consulting services are sometimes not needed in certain circumstances.

"We don't need them sitting there, holding the hands of our planning commissioners," Lesnau said. "We just don't need it."

Roberts pointed out the services are needed in case someone does something clarified or if something comes up.

"I think it would be a good idea to have a heart-to-heart talk with McKenna," Roberts said.

The budget overall was affected by a proposed revenue that did not increase like officials thought it would, Vawter said. Therefore, taxes also did not increase. However, the city will provide the same services as always for residents.

General Fund

General Services:\$1,179,579
City Council and Mayor:\$39,976
Public Safety:\$2,812,754
Department of Public Works:\$441,764

Total:\$4,470,573

Major Road Fund:\$345,737

Local Street Fund:\$240,726

Library Fund:\$437,587
(includes a total levy of .8490 mills for operating purposes)

Capital Improvement Fund:\$756,435

Sewer Operating and Debt Fund:\$1,557,004

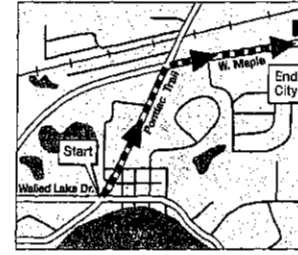
General Fund:\$315,130
(includes a total levy of 1.9972 mills for Refuse Collection)

Downstream Development Authority Fund:\$1,022,482

Total from all funds:\$10,331,602
(includes a total levy of 17.7281 mills for the fiscal year)

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Walled Lake Memorial Parade Route



Four marshals lead Memorial Day parade

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

The Walled Lake Memorial Day Parade is planned to be even more special this year as the city pays tribute to police officers, firefighters and men and women who serve in the military.

The parade, 11 a.m. May 27, will begin at E. Walled Lake Drive and turn north on N. Pontiac Trail. Marchers will then turn east onto E. West Maple Road where they will stop in front of the Veterans Monument in front of city hall.

However, parade spectators need to get to town early. Three local middle school girls will perform at 10:55 a.m. as they sing an emotion-filled "National Anthem" in front of historic Stonercrest at Pontiac Trail and Liberty Street.

Mary Sheridan, Walled Lake parks and recreation member, pointed out that spectators will have a lot to see this year. More than 80 floats or participants are planning to make their way through Walled Lake streets.

Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place winners, she said.

The Flint Scottish Bagpipers in kilts will be gracing Walled Lake streets with their traditional ethnic sound.

"We have the whole group," Sheridan said. "Most cities only get one or two but we grabbed all of them. I'm really excited about that."

Other communities, firefighters and police officers will also be participating in the parade. Commerce Township, Wixom, Wolverine Lake village firefighters and police officers will carry the American Flag on Walled Lake's streets with Walled Lake's fire and police departments.

Mayor Bill Roberts will be speaking in front of city hall. Later parks and recreation members will recognize grand marshals Irving Scheel, a WWII veteran; Ladwan Weaver, a Korean War veteran; Bill Friar, a Vietnam veteran and Sally Evans, a Desert Storm veteran.

Spectators may be moved with emotion as local students play a melancholy "Taps" and "Amazing Grace."

Recognizing Memorial Day this year is even more worthwhile this year because of what our country went through in the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington D.C., she said.

"It's not (special) just because of the fallen comrades," Sheridan said. "But also because of the service people, who had to leave their families and their country to fight for world peace."

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GRAND MARSHALS

Name: Dr. Irving Scheel
Resident: Walled Lake
Military Service: He served in U.S. Army from 1945 and 1946 during World War II and he was discharged with the rank of sergeant - squad leader. He served overseas with the 571st AMB Co. in at Karlsruhe, Germany where he supervised a crew operating a 37 mm anti-tank gun.
Affiliations: He is a life member of the Wixom/Walled Lake Lions Club. He was a member of the Walled Lake Library Board for many years. He has participated in 42 Walled Lake Memorial Day parades. He has been a practicing chiropractor since 1958 in Walled Lake.

Name: Ladwan Weaver
Resident: Commerce Township
Military Service: Joined U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He served two and a half years on an aircraft carrier, where he worked as a quarter master in navigation. He spent his last year of service in the admiral staff of Commander of Carrier Div. 1.
Affiliations: He is a member of Wixom VFW and American Legion, where he is a commander for the American Legion. He has served three years on the Walled Lake Planning Commission.

Name: Bill Friar
Resident: Walled Lake
Military Service: He joined the Air Force in 1953 and served three years in Europe. He was honorably discharged in 1961 to join the U.S. Army, where he served eight years as a paratrooper. He was sent to Detroit to restore law and order during the 1967 Detroit riots. He was then sent to Vietnam where he received combat awards.
Affiliations: He served in the Walled Lake Fire Department as a firefighter and later worked as the city's fire chief for eight years before retiring. He also served six years as a Walled Lake auxiliary police officer.

Name: Sally Evans
Resident: Walled Lake
Military Service: She joined the U.S. Army in 1961 and served during Desert Storm. She obtained rank of petty officer in third class E-4 in 1992 and obtained the rank of petty officer second class E-5 in 1994. She was awarded a certificate for passing through the Panama Canal and earned a Smallback Certificate for passing through the equator. She received three good conduct medals, an ESWS Award. She received awards for Desert Storm and another for Desert Shield.
Affiliations: She does charitable work for the Easter Seals, Disabled Veterans Administration and the Salvation Army. She holds a Michigan Real Estate license



Top, Daryl Hardy rides around on an 1886 American Star bicycle at the Wixom Founders Day Festival Saturday. Left, Carlton Crawford, of Wixom, polishes his 1937 Chevy for the public to admire. Right, Alexis Lawrence, 6, hand feeds a Shetland-Jacob sheep.



Founders Day

First annual celebration a success for Wixom

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

It's not everyday that sheep are sheered in Wixom but more than 20 sheep lost their coats as onlookers celebrated the First Annual Founders Day Celebration.

The May 18 event, held from 11:45 to 3 p.m. at the historic Gibson House, was a good time for everyone who attended, according to Deanna Magee, Wixom's director of community services.

"We had quite a few people come out despite the cold weather," Magee said. "It went well."

Residents were able to take a look at antique cars and an

antique big wheel bicycle.

"The antique cars were a hit," said Linda Hinkley, director of parks and recreation. "People enjoyed looking at cars from the early 1900s."

They also were able to ride a train, watch a barbershop quartet, listen to story tellers, watch a puppet show and a blacksmith demonstration. They took tours of the historic Gibson home and looked at displays of pictures and other Wixom memorabilia.

Hinkley said the sheep sheering was interesting to watch, she said.

"The big attraction was the petting farm and the sheep sheering," Hinkley said. Children enjoyed riding on the

train, which rode them all around so they could see all of the day's happenings.

"They had the biggest smiles on their faces," Hinkley said.

Others got a kick out of seeing the inside of the historic Gibson House for the first time. The Victorian style home was built in 1870 by Matthew and Mary Gibson, who were early Wixom settlers.

"There was display boards of Wixom's historical data dating back from the 1870s through the 1950s," Hinkley said.

Many people dressed as they did long ago, she said.

"Even Mayor McDonnell and his wife, Jeer, were dressed up in Victorian era clothes," Hinkley said.

The event wouldn't have come together without the help of the Department of Public Works, the Wixom Police Department, the Wixom Library and the Wixom Parks and Recreation, she said.

The Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Wixom Historical Society also made the event a success.

"They all did a great job," Hinkley said. "Without them, it would not be possible."

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Police Reports

Novi Police

CLASSIC CAR
A Novi resident called the Novi Police Department on May 17 to report a classic car had damaged the vehicle in his driveway. The car was a 1962 Chevrolet. The car was parked in the driveway of 13300 Westwood Dr. when the damage occurred. The car was a 1962 Chevrolet. The car was parked in the driveway of 13300 Westwood Dr. when the damage occurred.

ROAD RAGE

A 61-year-old Clinton Township man made a report with the Novi Police Department on May 17 at about 1 p.m. stating he was the victim of road rage. The complainant said while he was in the Novi Road exit lane to turn onto West Oaks Drive, an unknown Volkswagen Passat drove forward, honked his car and pushed it when the light turned green. He told police, as he continued to make the turn, the two males in the car pulled up next to him yelling obscenities. The man said they threw a cup of pop into his vehicle, covering him completely. However, she said she didn't know what he believed the males were in their twenties, but did not have a further description. Novi police told him without identification, it would be hard to locate the suspects.

Walled Lake Police

GIRL GOES GONZO
Walled Lake police were dispatched to Club Liquid May 18 when a 17-year-old Clarkston girl asked for security guards. The officers noticed that the girl was staggering and trying to climb on a large security guard, whom she was yelling obscenities at. When police went up to her, she

started yelling foul words at them too. The girl kept fighting and kicking police officers until they administered pepper spray. She took a preliminary breathalyzer test, which came out .10. The girl's mother was contacted, who told police to keep her in jail until the next morning when she would be sober. The girl was issued a ticket for minor in possession and disorderly conduct.

WARREN WOMAN ARRESTED

A 22-year-old Warren woman was arrested last week after police looked up her car's license plate on the patrol car's computer and noticed she had a warrant out for her arrest. The warrant for her arrest was for retail fraud. The woman was pulled over in her black Ford Escort at Oakgrove and South Drive. She admitted to police her license had been suspended. However, she said she didn't know about the warrant. She said she recently spent time in jail and she thought it was already taken care of. The woman also admitted to police she uses drugs, including heroin. The officer found needles, syringes, a drug pipe, a spoon and seizers in her car. She was issued a citation for drug paraphernalia and a suspended license. A court date was set for June 4.

Better buckle that belt

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Novi Police Department have joined a nationwide effort to crackdown on teenagers traveling in cars without seat belts during Memorial Day weekend.

The department will join more than 11,000 law enforcement agencies participating in the Operation ABC - America Buckles up Children - Mobilization.

Goals of the mobilization are to promote seat belt enforcement, child passenger safety and the implementation of drunk driving laws.

"Our teens and young adults are dying at far higher rates in crashes because they are caught in a lethal intersection of inexperience, risk taking, and low seat belt use."

Sgt. Terry Whitfield
Novi Police Department

Statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show 5,189 teens died and another 75,000 were injured in traffic crashes in 2000.

Whitfield said this year about 8,000 Americans of all ages will die in crashes simply because they failed to buckle their seat belts.

Enforcement gets people to buckle up," Whitfield said. "Seat belt use in states that conduct high-visibility enforcement is 10 to 15 percentage points higher than in states that simply conduct public education. If every state conducted high-visibility enforcement, we would save 5,000 to 7,000 lives each year."

The Operation ABC Mobilization is conducted two times a year by the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign of the National Safety Council in conjunction with law enforcement agencies, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the National Transportation Safety Board.

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Traffic: Frustrations grow with congestion

continued from front

The light at that intersection is so short and only four cars get through a light.

Residents are not the only ones affected by the construction.

"Business has been slower," said Kristina Schiarulli, an employee at the Novi Outback Steakhouse.

Schiarulli said since opening in March, the Grand River Avenue restaurant has not seen grand-opening crowds normally associated with the popular eatery because of the construction.



Photo by John Heider

Traffic along Grand River Avenue west of Beck is getting congested as construction continues on road improvements in the area.

"Now that construction has started again, we believe it is in earnest," he said. City officials said since the construction has begun, they have taken steps to try and alleviate the congestion.

Employees evaluate and adjust the placement of barricades.

He expects it will be mid-June when all Beck Road closures surrounding Grand River Avenue will be complete.

Novi City Briefs

SPRING PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

The City of Novi will host a spring perennial exchange on Saturday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Novi Civic Center. The free program provides an opportunity for community members to exchange perennial flowers with other participants.

CITY OFFICE CLOSURES

Novi city offices, the Novi District Library and the Novi Recycling Center will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

RIVER DAY

The City of Novi River Day will take place Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon. Every year on the first Saturday in June, area residents will be invited to the Novi River Watershed, working together to clean and enhance the community's river environment.

free food and drinks provided to all who lend a hand. For more information, call (248) 347-0416.

CITY OF NOVI INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The first organizational meeting for Novi's International Festival takes place today at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The festival will showcase different countries with ethnic exhibits and is a unique opportunity to share your culture with others.

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Calendar of Events

International Festival Meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 23
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road
 TIME: 6:30 p.m.
 DETAILS: This is the first organizational meeting with head committee and country sub-committees forming. The festival will take place June 21.
 PHONE: (248) 347-0900

Rummage Sale

DATE: Saturday, June 1
 LOCATION: Church of the Holy Cross, 46200 W. 1st Mile, Novi
 TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., respectively
 DETAILS: All profits of sale will go to local charities. From 1 p.m. on Saturday, merchandise will be sold for \$1 per grocery bag, bring your own bag. At 3:15 p.m., any leftover merchandise will be free.
 PHONE: (248) 349-1175, 9 a.m.-noon

AAU Baton Twirling Qualifier

DATE: Saturday, June 1
 LOCATION: Sara Banks Middle School, Warren
 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 Muscareo at 604N1 Roadcom or visit the AAU Web site at www.aausports.org.

Friends of the Walled Lake Library Fundraiser

DATE: Sunday, June 3
 LOCATION: 415 Copper Mug, 1704 W. Maple (corner of Dierker) in Walled Lake
 TIME: 7:30 a.m.-registration, 8:30 a.m.-shoutgun 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, 248-937-3527.

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, Midland
 TIME: 10:30 a.m. shoutgun start, four person scramble format
 DETAILS: Join us for a relaxing day of golf, food, prizes and friends! This is a scramble outing 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 Departments Fire Prevention Educational Equipment.
 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.-shoutgun 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.
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Rep. Nancy Cassis Golf Outing

DATE: Friday, June 21
 LOCATION: Links of Novi
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.-registration, 10:00 a.m. shoutgun start, steak dinner/reception immediately following golf.
 PHONE: For additional information, please call 248-348-5000 ext. 205.

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

American Cancer Society Third Annual Relay For Life

DATE: Saturday, June 22 to Sunday, June 23
 LOCATION: Novi Middle School
 TIME: 10 a.m., Saturday to 10 a.m., Sunday
 DETAILS: Team-based fundraising event. Participants will spend a full 24 hours

walking laps on the track, socializing, picnicking, playing games, dancing and participating in planned activities raising funds for the American Cancer Society. Teams of families, friends, co-workers, civic groups, religious organizations and schools are a few of the community teams participating.
 PHONE: For more information about organizing a team of your own, contact your American Cancer Society at 248-557-5353 or visit www.cancer.org.

International Association for Exposition Management 8th Annual Golf Outing

DATE: Wednesday, August 7
 LOCATION: Links of Novi
 TIME: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.-registration, 10:00 a.m. shoutgun start, four person scramble format, steak dinner and awards reception immediately afterward.
 DETAILS: Whether you are a veteran golfer, or just beginning to learn the game, we invite you to join in the fun. Proceeds to benefit IAEM and the Dwar Athletic Association of America. PHONE: For additional information, please contact Terri Freytag at 248/348-5500 ext. 205.

To get your event listed, call editor Cal Stone at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or e-mail him at cstone@hthome.com.net.

Tax code initiative comes from Novi

Novi city assessor Glenn Lennon, Stephanie Simon, the city's legal counsel, and Jennifer Wintrow traveled to Lansing May 15 to see their idea to clarify Michigan's tax code take its first steps through the legislative process.

The House Tax Policy Committee May 15 unanimously approved House Bill 5935, which clarifies the way poverty guidelines are set in order to give residents property tax exemptions.

Novi city advocates contacted State Rep. Nancy Cassis after they realized the need to correct the general property tax act so it refers to the poverty guidelines in the federal register as a measure to gauge exemptions.

"The change will save local municipalities time and money, and end confusion over what poverty guidelines or poverty thresholds should be used when giving property tax exemptions."
 "These local officials have provided a great service to the state of Michigan by getting directly involved in the process," said Cassis, chair of the House Tax Policy Committee. "I am pleased and proud they contacted me for help."
 Simon explained the benefits of the legislation and thanked Cassis for her help in addressing the issue. HB 5935 now goes to the full House for consideration.

Is Brighton new home for St. John's hospital?

By Kasey Eyerly
 DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

A new hospital in Brighton? It's a possibility, say representatives of the St. John's Health System.

Local St. John's affiliate Brighton Hospital, an alcohol and chemical dependency treatment center in Brighton Township, has been labeled an "alternative strategy" in a plan to build a new hospital affiliate in the western Oakland County/Livingston County vicinity, according to Brighton Hospital President Mike Woolley.

Novi's Providence Park — a 250,000-square-foot outpatient treatment center, owned and operated by fellow St. John's affiliate Providence Hospital in Southfield — is the first choice for a new hospital site.

Located off I-96 at Grand River and Beck Roads, the \$125 million investment has all the infrastructure in place to support an inpatient facility, and is in a prime location to meet the growth boom in Livingston and west Oakland County, explained Providence President Rob Casalou.

But Providence has not been able to convince the state to give its approval for the Novi location despite more than a decade of trying, he said.

"We have made it very clear that our first objective is to build a hospital there," said Casalou.
 "We have discussed the option that, if we're not successful in Novi, about building a new hospital in Brighton" under the Brighton/Providence name. (It's got 90 acres of beautiful land and a great location, so we're kind of

holding it in reserve."
 Providence has been working without success for the past decade to obtain what is known as a certificate of need from the state Department of Community Health. The certificate essentially is a license that grants the hospital permission to build a new inpatient facility.

So far, Providence hasn't been able to convince the state to grant the certificate. Tight state regulations prohibit inpatient facilities from adding new beds; regulations on already existing beds state they cannot be moved more than two miles from their original address, said Casalou.

"The problem that you have is the populations have moved and the growth areas are in western Oakland and Livingston County, and where the beds are located are on the east side of the market (in metro Detroit)," Casalou said.
 "Our argument is we're not trying to add beds," he said. "What we want to do is move beds from Southfield to Novi. What we're doing now is lobbying for a change in those rules."

Providence representatives currently are appealing the state's decision to deny need certification, and will appear before the certificate of need commission June 11. Michigan Department of

Community Health spokesperson Geryn Lasher could not be reached for comment before press time.

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DeRoche runs unopposed in state representative race

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No other republican candidates vying for the sixth district seat filed the necessary documents her seat due to term-limit restrictions.

"I'm looking forward to representing the Republic on Party in November and having the voters as well as a lot of experience to Lansing," said candidate Craig DeRoche. "I'm excited."

DeRoche will face the only representative from the Democratic Party, Northbrook's Melissa Perini.

Perini filed the necessary paperwork to run for state representative on May 9, less than



Craig DeRoche

a month after DeRoche filed his necessary documents.

The nominated candidate will serve a two-year term.

Past Novi City Council Member and Current State Representative Nancy Cassis (R-Now) is unable to run again for the seat due to term-limit restrictions.

Cassis will be seeking the Republican nomination during the Tuesday, Aug. 9 primary for a chance to run in the Tuesday, Nov. 5 general election for a seat in the Michigan Senate.

All candidate information was obtained from the Michigan Secretary of State's 2002 Central Michigan Primary Candidate Listing.

For more candidate filing information, visit www.sos.state.mi.us.

Student-run WOVI 89.5 FM earns statewide awards

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School took home statewide awards for their continued excellence in programming at the student-run radio station, WOVI 89.5 FM.

Novi students earned four awards from the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters (MAEB) on April 17 for their radio production and interviewing techniques. Novi High School student Christian Van De Wiele earned a gold microphone award for his production work on a promotional spot for a weekly program he hosts that features alternative rock. The winning entry mixed voice, music clips and sound effects.

"Van De Wiele has developed a real knack for using our digital audio editing system," said David Legge, Novi High School broadcasting teacher and WOVI 89.5 FM faculty advisor. "It flows smoothly, and is technically precise while capturing the edgy attitude of his show."

Carson received bronze awards for radio production and interviewing, respectively.

Carson's award recognizes a piece he made featuring a California band, One Side Zero, in which the band's music was mixed with interviews with the musicians.

Students entered radio programs they created in several contest categories, including production, interviews, news and play-by-play sports. Each student was judged by the MAEB on the individual quality of their work.

The MAEB awards were presented at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills. Alan Almond, host of "Pillowtalk" on WNIC 100.3 FM, was the guest speaker for the awards ceremony.

The MAEB was founded in 1978 to develop low-power educational broadcasting in Michigan. WOVI 89.5 FM is charter member of the organization and has been on-air from Novi High School since 1978.



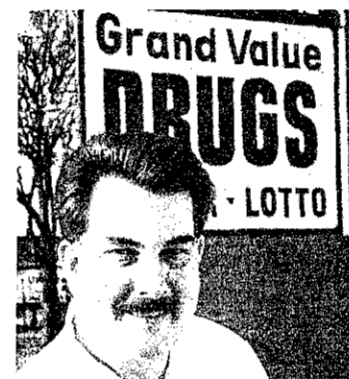
Novi High School DJs Mark Levin, left, and Christian Dewiele ask for contributions from their listeners during the Toys-for-Tots Radio Marathon.

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Novi High School newspaper staff captures Division I honors

By Angelo Parlove
Staff Writer

Staff members of the Wildcat Roar, the Novi High School student newspaper, topped off Division I Michigan schools last month, taking home an impressive array of competitive journalism awards at the Michigan Inter-Scholastic Press Association (MISPA) Spring Conference.

and feature writing, page design, infographic design, photography and illustration.

"I'm extraordinarily proud of the students," said Lydia Cadena, the Wildcat Roar staff advisor, "It's an honor to work with them."

Novi High School MISPA first-place winners were Stella Chang, illustration; Phil Hruszka, feature column writing; and infographic design; Alexandra Oliveira, informative feature writing; Katherine Smertsky, news photography; Carolyn Vermeulen, feature spread design; and Carla Zurburgen, news photography.

Second place finishers were Justina Chiang, news story; Derek

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Wildcat Roar staff advisor

Gratow and Nick Hurwetch, editorial and spread design; Erin Robertson, front page design; and Steve Salaga, news photo. Third

place winners were Brian Doyle, sports column; Alexandra Oliveira, sports feature writing; and Erin Robertson, news analysis.

Novi High School MISPA honorable mention finishers were Kim Coleman, ad layout; Derek Gratow, editorial writing; Nick Hurwetch, review writing and feature spread design; Mike Katus, sports spread design; and Sara-Beth O'Connor, feature column and sports feature writing.

Rita Traynor, Novi Schools' assistant superintendent, recognized the efforts of Cadena as a component of the Wildcat Roar success, as well.

"[Cadena] has done an excellent job," she said. "It really is a real paper."

The awards were presented at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing on April 18. The spring conference's guest speaker was Bobby Hawthorne, a leader in scholastic journalism and author of "The Radical Writer," a book on journalism writing for students.

MISPA was founded in 1921 and seeks to improve communication through better school publications, as well as provide opportunities for journalism teachers, advisers and students to share ideas.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 109 or at aparlove@nl.home.com.net.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-048

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mozart Homes LLC is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer at 22319 1/2 Hwy 16 (Mack-Crawford Estates) from the date of the meeting until May 24, 2002.

A public hearing will be held on the date of the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to May 23, 2002.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on May 23, 2002 at the Novi City Council, 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 23, 2002.

SARAH FAICHERT
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
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15-23-02 NRIN 1110709

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, Construction Board of Appeals, Historical Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Library Board, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, 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 on to the City Web Site at www.novimichigan.com to fill out an application. Please submit your application by Wednesday, June 5, 2002 to allow time for scheduling appointments. Interviews are 15 minutes each. City Council meetings are televised.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
CITY CLERK

15-23-02 NRIN 1106623

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 10, 2002

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected one (1) member to the board of education of the district for a full term of four (4) years ending in 2006. THE FOLLOWING PERSON HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCY:

George F. Kortlandt

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2002.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 10, 2002, and will be conducted by the same school officials for these elections of the Community College District residing in this school district.

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.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2006.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

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Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2002.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:


PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Instructional Technology Center, 25425 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Oshard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

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Obituaries

John R. Sabourin

John Sabourin, 45, of Novi died suddenly at home on May 11, 2002. He was born May 14, 1956 in Detroit.

Mr. Sabourin was employed at Moore Production Tool in Farmington.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years and high school sweetheart, Jeanne; one son, John Jr.; his father's pride and joy, recent U of M graduate and Novi firefighter; one daughter, Jacqueline (Jaych), his baby girl and princess; and a Novi high school senior, his loving mother, Elaine (Nickie); three adoring sisters, Pat Nawrocki, Linda Kochanski and Carol Westerdale; seven brothers, Paul, Mike (Dak), Glenn (Lawne), Larry (Ariene), Stephen (Pac), David (Lori) and Ralph; his father-in-law, Roy Price; six nephews and 10 nieces, with whom he had a special fatherly bond and was a Godfather of five. He was a friend to all.

He was preceded in death by his father, John (Jack) and his brother, Jim.

Funeral services were held May 15 at Church of the Holy Family, Novi. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Since John had such a special bond with all the children in his life, memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Family Youth Ministry at Holy Family Church, Novi or the Children's Charity of your choice.

Arrangements made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

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LIBRARY HOURS
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[Note: Beginning May 26, the library will be closed on Sundays during the summer.] We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Tall. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The library's Youth Services department is looking for teen volunteers to help with our Summer Reading Program. Volunteers should be in the 6th grade or above and be able to work two hours a week from June 24 to August 2. Applications are now available in the library and must be returned by Wednesday, May 29. For more information, please contact one of our Youth Services librarians.

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSING
The library will be closed Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Our June selection is "Plain Truth" by Jodi Picoult. The group meets Monday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Drop-ins are welcome.

STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
The library will be closed Tuesday, June 4, for a staff in-service day.

Walled Lake City

HOURS
The Walled Lake City Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and is closed Sundays. The library is located at 1499 E. West Maple Rd. in Walled Lake, next to City Hall. Find out more about what's happening at Walled Lake City Library by visiting our Web site at walled-lake.lib.mi.us.

FUNDRAISER
Friends of the Walled Lake City Library and AF's Copper Mug will be hosting a tent party and fundraiser on Sunday, June 2, from 2-10 p.m., at 1704 West Maple (corner of Decker) in Walled Lake, featuring live blues music and a 50/50 raffle drawing. A \$2 donation is requested for admission. For more information, call (248) 624-9659.

GARAGE SALE
The Walled Lake City Library and Friends of the Library are holding a benefit garage sale on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., just west of the firehall on E. West Maple Rd. in Walled Lake. Proceeds from the sale will help grow the library's building fund. Donations of items for the sale are welcome. Call the library at (248) 624-3772 for details.

SUMMER READING

The library's Summer Reading Program, "Camp Read," kicks off on Saturday.

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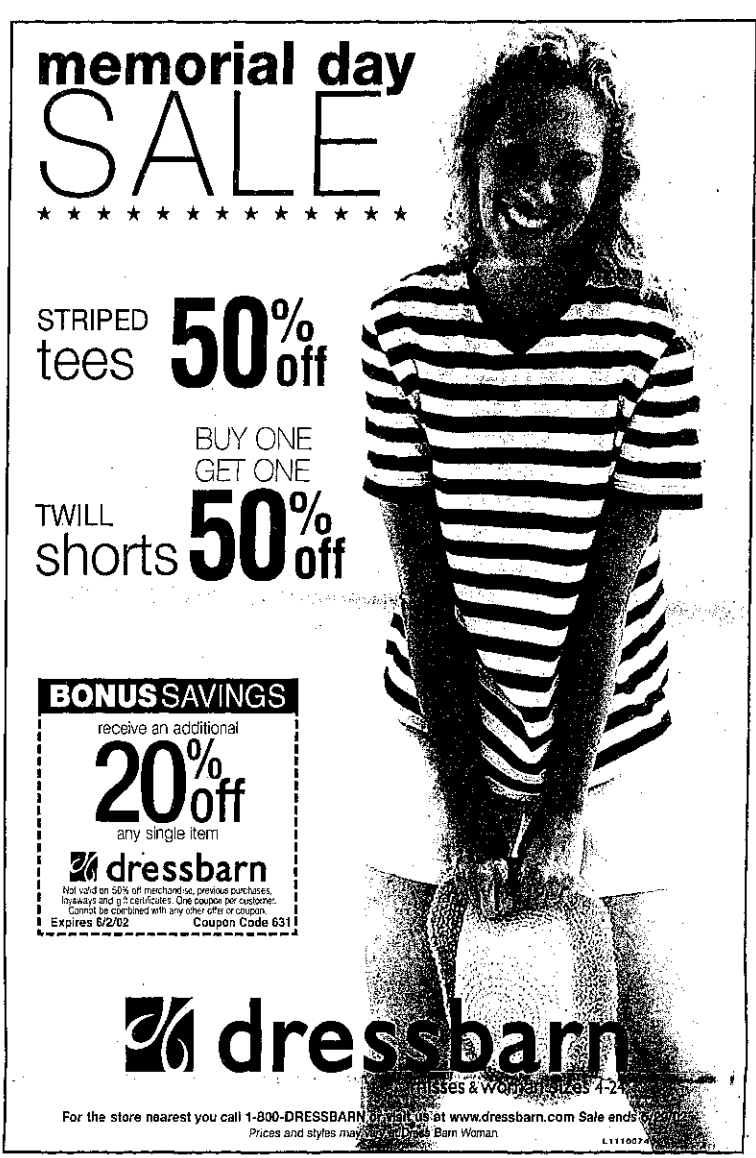
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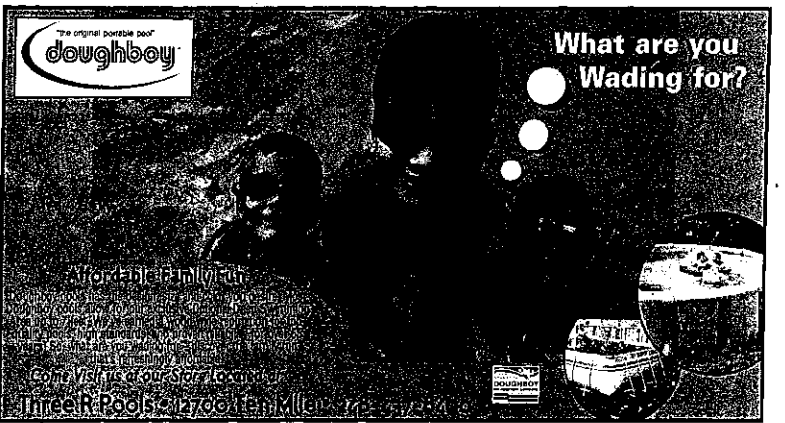
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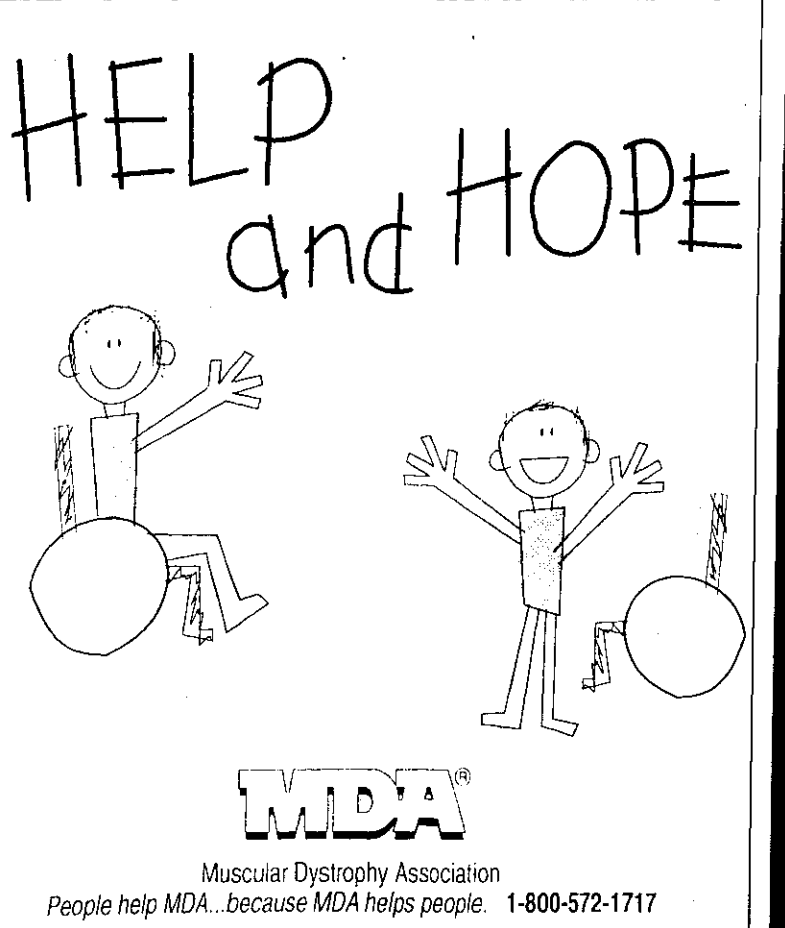


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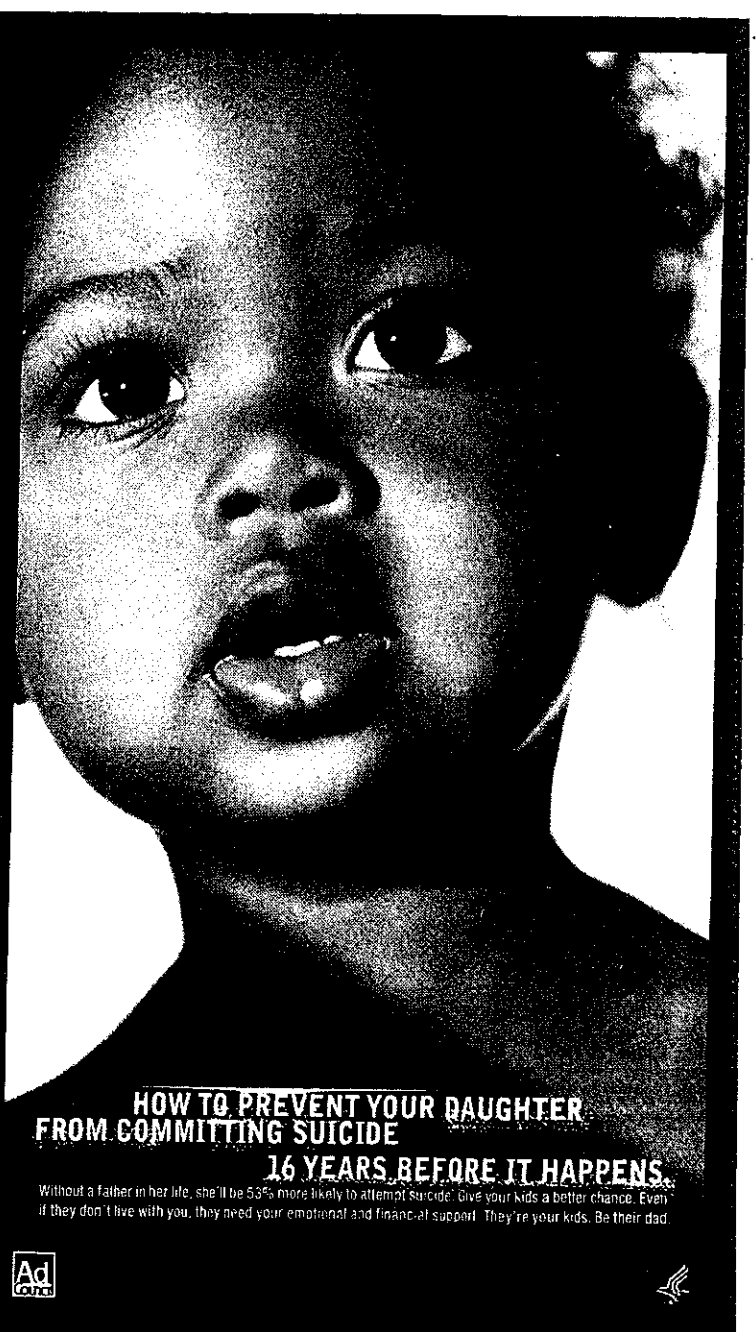
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Ad Council



First-graders adopt Amazon River school

By Angelo Parovic
STAFF WRITER

Former Novi School District teacher Mary Knauer visited Orchard Hills first grade students last Friday with a video about the Amazon River school. She presented her recent travels to Yara Yara, Peru, a small village along the Amazon River in South America.



Kacey Sheldon takes a look at a wood-carving of a sloth that was brought to her class by former Novi School District teacher Mary Knauer. Knauer was at Orchard Hills to talk to students about her experiences in the South American rainforest.

Novi City Council Briefs

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held Monday, May 20 immediately following the regular meeting of the Novi City Council. Members of the Novi City Council held executive sessions on a regular basis to discuss ongoing litigation with the city of Novi. Monday's meeting was scheduled to discuss the proposed settlement proposal and other litigation matters. All executive sessions are closed to the public.

REPLACEMENT VEHICLE

Members of the Novi City Council unanimously approved the replacement of a piece of equipment stolen from the city last year. The contract was awarded on May 20 to Industrial Vehicle Sales, Inc. In the amount of \$6,495 for a Kawasaki Mule Utility Vehicle. The funds came from the city's insurance carrier. A claim was submitted after last year's theft. A police report was also filed, but no one was apprehended.

NEW WIDE FORMAT COPIER

Members of the Novi City Council gave city officials their approval on May 20 to purchase a wide format copier costing \$234,495. The special needs copier will be purchased from Gyver Reprographics through the Oakland County Purchase Agreement. The document distribution and image management system will be located in the city's Plan Review Center. The equipment will allow the capturing of existing hard copy and CAD documents as images through media and electronic file format conversion, management of architectural engineering drawings and

the phase out of the current document reproduction and distribution system.

TRAFFIC SIGN PLACEMENT

New traffic signs coming to Novi's Royal Crown subdivision. Members of the Novi City Council unanimously approved traffic control orders which will allow for the permanent installation of two traffic control signs in the Novi subdivision. The first sign will not allow stopping, standing or parking between 8:30 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday on the east side of Moorgate Street from Haverly Street to Irvine Drive. The second sign will not allow parking on the west side of Moorgate Street from Haverly Street north to Thornton Creek Elementary between 8:30 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The new signs will be placed to provide a safer crossing location for elementary school students.

MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Officials running the City of Novi Minor Home Repair Program reviewed the approval needed to solicit formal sealed bids from qualified service providers to complete approved construction projects. The city's criteria for selection will include the bidder's ability to provide available licensed contractors and staff, perform lead-based paint hazard assessments and monitor work during construction. The program was designed to help low to moderate income households fund home improvement construction projects such as installing a handicap accessible deck ramp or replacing a leaky roof. The city anticipates receiving 854-875 in Minor Home Repair grant funds through the Community Development Block Grant program for Oakland County's 2002 program year.

THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK

Members of the Novi Youth Assistance "Think Before You Drink" poster essay contest were honored Monday, May 20 during the regular Novi City Council meeting. The contest was held in recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month.

FERTILIZER APPLICATION ORDINANCE

Members of the Novi City Council unanimously approved

the second reading and adopted a fertilizer application ordinance which will amend the city's current code of ordinances. The newly adopted regulation was created for the purpose of achieving fertilizer application in a manner that protects natural resources, including the application of fertilizer on areas of turf without using harmful quantities of certain elements, and the promotion of appropriate timing and location for the application of fertilizer. The first reading of this ordinance was approved on March 18, pending its submission to the Department of Agriculture. The department has since given its verbal approval.

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Sub-committees form heart of Main Street program

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

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WL business owners get updated on Main Street

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake business owners were the first to publicly hear that Walled Lake was chosen to spend an additional two years in the Main Street Oakland County program.

Walled Lake was selected into this year's program in 2000. However, according to Bob Donahue, a Main Street Oakland County planner specializing in historical revitalization, the city will be in the program for a total of five years.

Walled Lake will receive additional funding from the program since they were one of the first cities in Oakland County to join the program.

"Give us your input. We're going to build a better Walled Lake."

Casey Ambrose
DDA chairman

architects will offer additional workshops, including topics on environmental issues and preservation throughout the program.

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Two businesses may qualify for design assistance program

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Two businesses may soon get a new look in Walled Lake. Russ Lewis, a planner with the Main Street Oakland County program, encouraged business owners to fill out an application to be offered free architectural advice.

Lewis, at the May 16 business owners meeting held at the Boothhouse in Walled Lake, told owners that if they are selected they will receive advice on how to make improvements on their buildings' exteriors, signage, lighting and landscaping.

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Russ Lewis
Main Street Oakland County planner

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A day to remember: Memorial Day 2002

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Some things to think about

My muse didn't visit me this week, so this is a kind of a mish-mash of ideas and thoughts this time around. Roadwork: Last week I had to leave work early for an appointment in Brighton, but I needed to stop at the Meijer on Grand River to cash a check on the way. Big mistake. I didn't keep track of how long it actually took to get from Novi to Brighton, but I was so late for my meeting that I needed a shave by the time I got there.

LETTERS

Celebrate Michigan Week It's time to celebrate our state! Michigan Week is May 18 to 27. It kicks off some of the best months of the year - summertime in Michigan. And with it comes summer vacation. Time to explore new territory. Time to experience a new destination. A chance to visit some of our favorite places, many right here in Michigan and some in your own hometown.

Run was fun I would like to express my appreciation to the Novi Police and The Department of Public Works for their support in helping to make the Meadowbrook Lake Fun Run a successful event.

Why students are tops Mr. Parlove, My name is Mike Koss, and I am one of the 50 valedictorians at Novi High School that your recent editorial concerned, and I thought that hearing a student's perspective on the issue would help to clarify matters somewhat.

Writer's got it wrong I am insulted and furious with this young man's comments in my 16th's paper. His trash talk of Novi's graduating class of 2002 and its 17 percent "honors"

Rec proposal deserves support

Memorial Day weekend is coming up. It's the first spring holiday of the year, and for many families it's the first time to get out in our magnificent parks and recreating areas. If you're looking for good places to get out into nature over the weekend, I suggest three: Bald Mountain Recreation Area, near Lake Orion in Oakland County. The 4,637-acre area was originally acquired for public use with money from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Council members need a "time-out"

I was the only person, besides Council members, who City Manager Phillip Vawter, Treasurer Joyce Golden and Deputy Clerk Sandy Crocker at the final Walled Lake budget hearing May 20.

GUEST COLUMN

Teen seatbelt use targeted this holiday

More than 2,500 teens die annually in traffic crashes simply because they failed to put on a seat belt. So how do you get teens to buckle up when they think they are invincible? It's simple, warn them about heavy fines, saturation patrols and heavy enforcement periods.

Therefore, he discovered that the urban design committee was able to make significant strides. Donnelly and others on the committee toured other cities to get ideas for Walled Lake. There are a lot of existing buildings that have potential for great things, he said.

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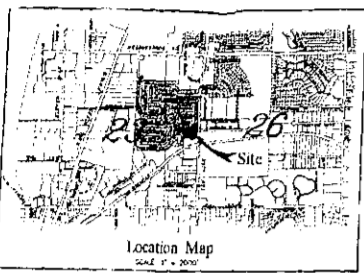
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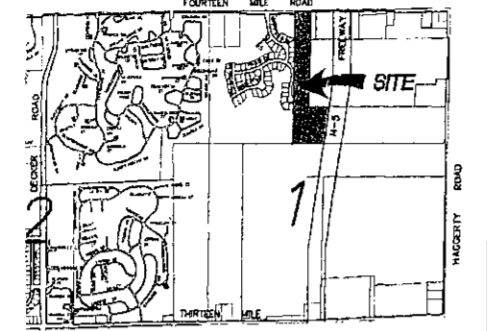
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Novi Motive staff members (from left): Dean Davidson, Jeff Rhodes, Joe Widak, Jim Passow, and Marybeth Widak.

Novi Motive ready to take on the challenge of getting your vehicle back on the road

By Annette Jaworski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When it comes to fixing your car, it's important to find someone you can trust. With more than 25 years in the Novi area, Novi-Motive is proud of the fine reputation they've established as a family business. As a Goodyear factory authorized outlet, their work is also backed by name brand recognition. Their affiliation with Goodyear, Gemini and Jasper is another assurance of top quality service.

"Many of our customers have 100 percent of their work done in our facility...That's a 100 percent loyal customer," said owner, Joe Widak. For example, if your car is repaired at a Goodyear Gemini dealer, and there's a problem while you're out of town, the warranty service can be performed at another Goodyear Gemini dealer. It works the same way in their affiliation with Jasper, who is the largest engine re-builder in the United States.

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Novi-Motive covers every kind of service from a simple oil change and tire rotation to

installing a complete new engine. They service any make or model of car, including foreign cars and motor homes. And of course they offer a full line of Goodyear tires.

Another popular service offered by Novi-Motive, Inc. is their Draw-Tite hitches, a perfect addition for today's SUVs. Last but not least, they offer shuttle service and rental cars from their own fleet for \$22.99 a day with 100 miles a day allowance.

Novi-Motive has grown up side by side with the Novi community, beginning in 1970 at the I-96 and Novi Road interchange and moving into their current location in 1977. They started with nine bays at their current location at Novi Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads, and have expanded to a total of 19 bays in 1996.

Finding a place where women feel comfortable is also important to the staff. Pamela Novi-Motive customers feel equally at ease here.

"In fact, over 60 percent of our customers are women," said Widak.

Women are found throughout the business from the front desk to owners. The company involves all of the members of his family, says Widak.

He and his wife, Bette serve as owners. Daughter, Mary Beth Widak is there six days a week and has a degree from

TIPS FROM REPAIR MAN

Although they agree, cars are better made and last longer without problems. A little attention can go a long way in keeping them problem free.

1.) The cheapest maintenance in the world is to change your oil, says the expert. By keeping up with regular oil changes, you can prevent the possibility of costly engine replacements. Novi-Motive offers a frequent oil changes club. You get a punch every visit and the seventh oil change is free.

2.) Rotate the tires for safety. People should think of rotating their tires, every other time they have an oil change, he recommends.

3.) Learn how to open the hood and check your fluid levels yourself. All the important things they want you to check, the manufacturer sets out there - so check it.

4.) Read the owner's manual. Each one should have a regular maintenance schedule that should be followed to keep the car in top running condition.

5.) Keep a file on all the maintenance and repairs that you have done. It might be helpful if warranty work becomes necessary on your car.

6.) Turn on your AC every month, even in the winter to keep the system lubricated as well as to keep down odors in the springtime. The refrigerant oil keeps the pistons and seals from drying out, as well as keep the springtime odors out of your air conditioning.

7.) When in doubt, call us, or stop in, said Widak. If it doesn't seem right, or sound right, trust your instincts and have it checked out.

Northwood University in automotive management. The other daughter, Sondra L. Tarp, takes care of the daily books.

Other employees have been there long enough to seem like part of the family, as well. Some have been with Novi-Motive from the beginning. "General Manager, James Passow has been with me 26 years. Thomas Trevarthen has 21 years," noted Widak. "And

all of our managers started out as techs, and they're all certified."

Not only has their facility grown through the years, they've grown in expertise also, keeping pace with today's technology. Service Technician, Dean Davidson explains that since today's cars are largely computerized, they have the capability to diagnose problems quickly. This not only finds problems that currently exist in the engine, it also lists a history of any previous problems as well.

If any updates and improvements are made to a particular engine, they can often be reprogrammed through the computer as well. Another device called a dynamometer simulates road testing, among other high tech tools.

Big changes have also been made in the area of environmental guidelines, which have become far more stringent, adds Widak. Disposal of certain materials, such as oil and freon from air conditioning must be handled precisely, often with costly fees. Novi-Motive is careful to fully comply with all these regulations.

The floor is entirely sealed and all of the bays are above ground to prevent ground contamination.

Novi-Motive is located at 21530 Novi Road, for service call (248) 349-0290.

Look for specials they are offering in celebration of their 25 years in business. Open six days a week for your convenience. Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No Experience Necessary

You don't need a gym to lose weight, try the office

By Tim Kissman
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

The only real sign that summer is around the corner, heaven knows Michigan weather is NOT an accurate barometer. Is switching everyone in the office, myself included, try to increase our outdoor activities and eat better at lunch.

If there's a French fry silver of truth in the corporate world, it's that eating better at lunch always leads to weight loss. Right? C'mon, cut me some slack. It's true I promise.

Activity and smart eating lead to thinner, stronger bodies, or so they say on all those infomercials, but what they don't tell you is how hard it is to stay active in the workplace and still do your job effectively.

A healthy body means less time out sick, so small business employers pay attention.

Now, before I go any further, I have to exclude those lunchtime runners, usually middle-aged or later males, who jog at lunch without their shirts through the throats of business people trying to make it from office to office.

These guys found the time to exercise and can stop reading. They apparently stop worrying about what other people think, too, and wear runner's shorts, athletic gear made famous by Datsy Duke on the Dukes of Hazard. Except they're nylon and leave even less to the imagination.

For the rest of us blokes, who would have no place to shower or lunch if we decided to run at work, though the idea of running three-miles in a business suit is semi-appealing, even in this horrible weather, there are

alternatives. Cutting back on calories and increasing activity is the way to weight loss and healthy eating. If you're going to start a diet, consult your doctor or nutritionist. I'm no weight loss expert and don't pretend to be, but I can tell you what has worked for me.

Pull up a tray and write these tips down because all the gals from the administrative staff and I have this figured out. Lock, stock and barrel.

- Drink it up. Water and diet soda are the way to go. Neither has any calories and fills you up. While water is the ultimate weight loss helper, and should be a staple in any diet, healthy or otherwise, it does get bland after a while. That's when I switch to diet cola. I used to hate the taste, preferring original everything to the diet alternative. But ever since I started reading labels and finding out how many calories exist in a can of soda, I changed my tune.
- Walk instead of ride. Among the over-the-hill joggers are the office folk who don't while gym shoes and truck around the city blocks for the duration of the lunch hour, trying to get that brisk walk. To them I say great! If I could fit in a jog, walk or swim during lunch I'd do it. Keep it up and don't forget to increase the frequency and pace and you'll be fit for summer in no time. Take the stairs instead of the elevator, and instead of shipping that overnight package to the office a few blocks down the street, walk and deliver it yourself.

- Have fun with it. Join an office club, or take bets with co-workers, challenging each other to drop some weight, or just eat better. It's always easier to be active when you have someone by your side, in front of you, or just behind you, prodding you to take a few more steps.

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



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Tim Kissman

Business in Brief

Dunphy hired as executive coach by Barton Group

Livonia-based The Barton Group has brought to its staff Northville resident Bill Dunphy as an executive coach.

Dunphy coaches managers and executives related to their interpersonal skills, work habits and time management issues. Dunphy was the former director of organization development at Michigan Blue Cross / Blue Shield.



Bill Dunphy

Points, Rineman installed by NALS

Beverly L. Points and Roberta A. Rineman were recently installed into office at the 41st annual meeting and educational conference of NALS of Michigan.

Points was installed as immediate past president and is a legal assistant at Miller, Retow & Associates in Howell.

Rineman was installed as first vice president. She is a legal secretary at the Public Defender's office, 44th Judicial Circuit Court, Howell.

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Novi Motive Service Advisor Tom Trevarthen, right, runs a computer analysis of a GM car with the assistance of Dean Davidson.

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Engineers representing Novi Schools did a site tour at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, an Analysts International wiring project. They determined the company performed "quality installation and installed to industry specifications in all telecommunication rooms visited," as reported on the Novi Schools data, voice and video wiring analysis.

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

Insurance: City's rates to increase

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Management Authority, to see if the insurance companies are going to release any payments associated with the case.

Novi City Attorney Gerald Fisher said nothing has been decided and talks are still on-going.

Novi officials additionally anticipate an increase in what is the equivalent of an insurance deductible.

Klaver said deductibles used to be about \$50,000, then they went up to \$75,000, and in the last couple of years the city's deductible has been \$100,000.

"We might be interested in looking at the alternative of going to a high-

er deductible," Klaver said.

The city is seeking quotes with a \$100,000 deductible, but will also see what type of premiums are associated with policy's carrying a higher deductible amount.

In the last couple of years the city has tried to solicit bids for the most competitive policy with no luck.

Klaver said this year the city has two different brokerage firms out in the market trying to find Novi the most cost efficient insurance carrier.

Klaver attributed the lack of bites to an overall hesitation by private firms to insure municipalities.

He explained about 15 to 20 years ago it was a normal occurrence. But, through the years, the court

system has nibbled away at government immunity making it easier to bring a lawsuit against a municipality.

"In general terms our governmental immunity is not what it was," Klaver said.

Since that time, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority and the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool have been the major insurance provider for state municipalities.

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Assistance: Two may qualify for design help

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will be on W. Walled Lake Drive in the former Weir's Music location, she said.

However, one more business still needs to be selected for assistance.

she said. Not only will the city be able to get design assistance next year but there is also a chance they may be able to get expert help for additional businesses in the future.

"We want to encourage as many people as possible to apply," Corlan said.

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



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Kensington Valley Conference champs

Jim Hanson and his crew take home KVC tennis title after topping Pirates

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats tennis team made a goal of winning the Kensington Valley Conference title at the beginning of the year and the did just that.

The 'Cats, led by coach Jim Hanson, beat Pinckney 5-3 May 13 to earn to title before going on the blast Howell. The Wildcats then took to the task of winning in their regional, but failed to make it out against some of the toughest teams around.

"I am very proud of these players," Hanson said. "I thought their

good play carried over into the Regional, but it was a very difficult regional."

Difficult indeed. The Wildcats had to face such teams as Rochester Adams and Rochester. The team scored 14 points, but needed 18 to gain admittance into the state finals.

"Five of our eight flights made the semi-finals," Hanson said. "We just needed to pull off a couple of more wins. We were pretty close and had some very close matches in the semis."

Bowing out of the Regional was not the news of the hour though. The Wildcats were able to hoist

their Kensington Valley Conference title with joy after blasting the Pinckney Pirates 5-3 in the final game they needed to win to secure their crown.

"We officially won it with our match against Pinckney," Hanson said. "It was a well played match for both teams. We pulled off a close 5-3 win there."

The 'Cats didn't earn the title through luck, but rather hard work.

"We've pretty much been playing the best tennis of the season towards the end," Hanson said. "If you look at our league meets and at the scores, most of them could

have went either way."

The 'Cats topped a good week off by beating Howell as well.

"Howell is much improved from previous years," Hanson said. "We knew after Monday that we had won the conference and we weren't about to let Howell wreck our undefeated season in duals."

The Wildcats ended their season when they fell in the Regional, but can stand proud with the dual meet record of 6-0-1 -- the tie coming against Brighton.

"We were the only team in the KVC without a loss," Hanson said. "It was a three team affair between us, Hartland and Brighton. It real-

ly could have went any way."

And what of next season?

"Theoretically, we have all of our singles back and we will lose four of our eight doubles players," Hanson said. "The JVs had an outstanding and successful season and they are going to give me some players that will fit in well with the varsity next year."

"The bottom line is, we had an outstanding year, but there is more room for improvement. We have to keep striving to get better."

And improve they may. With a solid core of singles returning and plenty of experience under their belts, the Wildcats may be one of

the tougher teams in the Kensington Valley Conference come next year.

"The KVC is always a tough conference to play in," Hanson said. "All of the teams we play are getting better each and every year. Brighton is always tough and Hartland is becoming a big factor now too. It is all about who can reload in the conference and not about who has to rebuild."

The 'Cats will have plenty of challenges awaiting them next year. Instead of looking to Brighton as the possible top team, everyone will be looking at Novi as the defending champions.

Districts should be fun

The Novi Wildcats girls' soccer team will be taking the field against some of the best competition around when they host the district soccer tournament May 28-June 1.



Sam Eggleston

The Wildcats, who are coached by Brian O'Leary, will be facing off against Ann Arbor Huron in a game that may prove more than intense May 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows Stadium.

Though Huron is going to come more than ready for a challenge (don't they always?) the Wildcats have been on a hot streak as of late, and I am not doubting their ability to earn more than a couple of wins in this tournament.

With injuries to Tina Fennelly and Nina Schmitt, O'Leary noted recently that he hadn't found a line-up that he was completely comfortable with yet. That is going to be a tough one, but I don't doubt that Maureen Pawlak, Nikki Herman and Colene Brackman are going to prove more than helpful in any situation that the 'Cats are going to come across.

Another thing the Wildcats will have going for them is the amazing goaltending of Kellie Pfeiffer and Amanda Church. You could easily see either of these girls taking kicks in between the posts and shutting them down. Church had the daunting task of coming in for Pfeiffer after a broken arm sidelined her and did an impressive job of taking care of the net before the starter's return. If something were to happen to either of them that found them sitting the bench due to injury, the other would be more than qualified to take the job.

O'Leary seems to be one of those coaches that not only knows what he is doing on the field, but off as well. His teams have, at least from my point of view, been well-gelled and not afraid to face a challenge. He has a knack for taking a troubled team that is having difficulty finding their groove, and getting them headed in the right direction with a full-head of steam right out of the gates. I have no doubts in my

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Novi's Dan Thelen takes his turn at the pole vault in last Thursday's Regional Track and Field meet. He took fifth place overall in the contest.

Headed for state

Moore, BuWalda making Rockford trip

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats boys' track and field team was witness to some unexpected events and some expected ones recently as they competed in the Regional meet and in a dual meet versus Kensington Valley Conference rival Howell.

The Wildcats were no doubt expecting Tim Moore to come

away with a top-spot in the Regional meet, as he did, May 16 but they couldn't have been expecting to beat Howell the way they did May 14.

"Going into the last race, the 4-by-400 relay, the score was Novi 68, Howell 64," Coach Robert Smith said in a prepared statement. "[The] winner of the 4-by-400 wins the meet."

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Jen Mehl is only girl Wildcat going to finals

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

With horrible conditions seemingly slowing everything and everyone down, the Novi Wildcats girls' track and field team is happy to be sending one to the Lower Peninsula Track and Field Finals in Rockford June 1.

The 'Cats, led by coach Sue Tomanek, will be sending Jen Mehl, a sophomore, to the Finals

after she notched a clearance of 9-foot-6 in the pole vault May 16 to earn herself a rare and coveted place in Rockford.

"That's big," Tomanek said. "We're really proud of her. She had cleared 9-foot twice before going into the Regional and she said she wanted to get 9-6. She nailed it."

Mehl showed what Wildcat determination can do as she notched the

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KVC kings

Baseball gets third straight league crown

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi baseball team clinched their 2002 Kensington Valley Conference championship last week. Unfortunately, it was the same week that brought the team their first conference loss of the season.

With the KVC crown perched atop their heads, the team is setting their sights on the post-season and preparing for the playoffs.

"These guys are determined to go farther in the state playoffs than we did last year," Novi coach Rick Green said.

Novi started a double-header off this weekend against Northville with a 4-1 victory. By the end of the closer, Novi had taken two non-conference wins away from the Mustangs.

In the first game, Trevor Scott pitched tremendously and got the win. He pitched almost all the game and only let in one run on one hit. In the final inning, Mike Crawford came in to close out the game for the Wildcats.

"He's been our stopper all sea-

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Kittle sets her sights on future

By Sara-Beth O'Connor
SPECIAL WRITER

Novi High School senior Bethany Kittle began to play sports at Novi in the fall of her freshman year. She played on the freshman basketball team. That winter, Kittle moved onto volleyball, which she eventually earned her varsity letter in and played for three years.

That spring she joined the track team. This was the sport that Kittle enjoyed the most, seeing as she participated in it during middle school and high school.

"In seventh grade I had to decide between softball, soccer and track," said Kittle.

Her dad, Bruce Kittle, was the influence on her decision. He was a runner and Kittle followed his lead.

She enjoyed running so much that she traded in shooting hoops and joined the cross country team her sophomore year.

As a senior, Kittle is a track captain and runs distance.

"I run the 800, one mile, and two mile, but it varies from meet to meet," said Kittle.

Kittle's track season is coming to an end and she will miss the unity of the team.

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GAME OF THE WEEK



Novi Wildcats

Soccer in District Tourney Thursday, May 30 at Novi Meadows 5:30 p.m.

Knights fail to make state playoffs

Rugby boys fall in Eastern semi-finals to St. Joseph's

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

For the first time in the club team's five-year existence, the Northville Area Knights failed to make the state championship tournament. For the first time since 1997, they are not playing in the Eastern Division playoffs. The Knights, who are made up of Novi and Northville players, fell to St. Joseph's in the semi-final contest of the Eastern Division playoffs. The game, played on May 11 at the home field of the Knights, was a tough one to watch. The Knights were unable to score any points, and St. Joseph's won 10-0.



The Knights coach, Bob Cornell, said he is looking forward to next season. "The good news is, we have a very young team," he said. "The very young team that we have had a winning season and a winning record this year and played some good rugby. Next year, we are going to have 16 players that look like they will return and we feel that we will be able to put together a team with just them. There is enough talent in our area that we can spread them out and make a good team."

Northville 20, Livonia 0. The Knights went into the Eastern Division tournament looking to earn victories and they managed to get one right off the bat. Senior Billy Adkins took the ball in three times against the Livonia team in the tournament opener. "I was in a tank into the open field, he wasn't even touched," Cornell said. "This open-field running ability is incredible. It is so impressive that once he was just the first line, no one could catch him or tackle him down."

Mike Perkaj is tackled by Knight rugby Nick Cain in the regular season game that found Brighton earning the victory. Brighton goes on to win first state championship. The Bulldogs, in only their fifth year of existence and in only their second varsity season, defeated four-time defending state champion Grand Rapids Catholic Central 10-3 to win the Michigan Youth Rugby League championship. Brighton's defense was the difference. The Bulldogs had a five-minute goal line stand and never allowed Central to score a touch that could have given the defending champs a chance to tie the game.

Brighton goes on to win first state championship

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

You don't have to convince the Brighton rugby team that defense was championships. They led that experience Saturday afternoon. The Bulldogs, in only their fifth year of existence and in only their second varsity season, defeated four-time defending state champion Grand Rapids Catholic Central 10-3 to win the Michigan Youth Rugby League championship.

Four times Central crossed the goal line but was unable to place the ball on the ground for the touch, worth five points. The final time Central crossed the goal line, a player attempted a touch but a Brighton defender dove between the player and the ground not allowing Central to get the touch. A scrum followed and Brighton won it, allowing Eric Maust to punt the ball out of danger.

Brighton opened the trophy by beating Grand Rapids Forest Hills 15-7. Brighton got touches from Aaron Kanamun, Mike Perkaj and Caleb Bowersox. The Bulldogs was a traveling trophy presented to the annual state championship. This was the third time Brighton competed in the four-team state tournament. The Bulldogs have taken a second and two thirds. Brighton did not qualify in the event last year.

Lacrosse drops pre-playoff contests to tough squads

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats lacrosse team left the spring of two consecutive losses in the past two weeks, but came away with a sense of accomplishment nonetheless. The Wildcats, who had a first-round bye in the playoffs, will have returned to action when they played Delta State High School Tuesday (after the Novi Mets beat 10-7 earlier this season).

Crabrook 4, Novi 3. The Wildcats found themselves in a very tight match-up against one of the best lacrosse teams in Michigan when they took on Crabrook. "I've been coaching for nine years and I haven't been involved in a game like this since I played back in high school," Wilson said. "Crabrook plays a very possession-oriented game. You have to really limit the amount of mistakes you make because they hang onto the ball."

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Sports shorts

Coaching positions available. Walled Lake Consolidated School recently announced they have openings for the following positions: Walled Lake Northern: head volleyball coach, assistant volleyball coach and head wrestling coach.

Fastpitch girls tryouts. Tryouts for the Northville Broncos Girls Travel Softball team will be held May 25 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and May 26 at 2 p.m. They will be held at the Hillsdale Middle School baseball diamond.

Football camps. The Walled Lake Central Vikings, coached by Chuck Agostini, will be holding various football camps this summer.



Novi's Sarah Ehlers tees off at Pebble Creek. The 'Cats golf team has been improving this year.

Girls earn second win of very tough season

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi girls golf team snatched their second win of the season last week against the Pinckney Pirates. After falling to Howell last Tuesday, Novi came back and won a close match against Pinckney, 21-21.6. Novi moved up to 2-5 in the conference with the win. Laura Vaughn and Jennifer McKenna led the team, each shooting a 51 on the day.

McKenna also has been impressive this year, especially because it is her first year golfing. "Jennifer McKenna is really coming on strong," Harris said. "She is improving daily and showing great promise." Other players had big days also, including Sarah Ehlers who shot a 52. She birdied the last hole with a 30-foot putt from the fringe. Sara Goodman shot 56 on the day. "Sara Goodman had a great round going other than two bad holes," Harris said. "She was hitting the ball well."

Howell 199, Novi 223. Howell beat Novi and handed the Wildcats their fifth conference loss on the season last Tuesday, a day before the Pinckney match. Novi's medalist was Jackie Chudy. "Jackie Chudy, as a freshman, is doing real well," Harris said. "Laura Vaughn also played well and scored a 53. Sarah Ehlers scored 59, and Jessica Chudy shot 60 on the day. Also, Brittany 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.

Next Level Athletes

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section is dedicated to the men and women of Northville Area and Walled Lake. They have taken the next step in their athletic careers by participating in college and beyond. It is here you are able to applaud them for their efforts and their abilities.

Hillary McCrumb, freshman, Adrian College. Will be playing the pavement of Adrian College's track this season as she joins herself to the long distance events, but the women's track and field program. McCrumb is a freshman for the Adrian squad, is a graduate of Northville High School.

Mike Wadowski, freshman, Volunteer State Junior College. A graduate of Detroit Catholic Central, he recently completed his first baseball season at Volunteer State Junior College in Tennessee. Wadowski is the

Way to go Mustangs!

The Mustangs, a team of 9-year olds from Novi, competed in the Super Series May Day Class baseball tournament held in Novi on April 26-28. The Mustangs competed against teams from Ohio and Michigan and brought home the championship crown in their age division.

The tournament hosted 60 teams from around the Midwest in the age groups from 8-11 years old. The Mustangs were the only team from the State of Michigan to win the top honors in any age bracket. The Mustangs, with a record of 3-1, earned a spot in the Championship Game against Sylmar (Ill.) Mavericks. Last year's champions. In the championship game, the Mustangs defeated the Mavericks, 12-9, to win the tournament and a berth in the 9 and under World Series Championship in Dallas, Texas in July.



Novi Mustangs (Left to Right): Top Row - (Coaches) Dave Regnier, Craig Bonnell, Rick Valade, Andrew Valase, Clay Moerman, Bret Jewell, Colin Talbot, Nick Regnier, Bottom Row - Frank Drazilinski, Mason Pew, Greg Lorrain, Matt Bonnell, D Lynn Magliocco, Brendan Fitzgeralds, Christopher Valade.

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Head Coach: Rick Green
May 24 Howell 4 p.m. H
May 28 Pre-District TBA A
June 1 District TBA H
June 8 Regional TBA A

Boys Track
Head Coach: Bob Smith
May 24 Oakland County 3 p.m. A

Softball
Head Coach: Sunny Literal
May 24 Howell 4 p.m. H
May 28 Pre-District TBA H
June 1 District TBA H
June 8 Regional TBA A

Soccer
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May 26 District TBA H
May 29 District TBA H
May 31 District Finals TBA H

Girls Track
Head Coach: Curt Sienarth
May 24-25 Oakland County TBA A

Baseball
Head Coach: Ken Connor
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June 1 District TBA A
June 8 Regional TBA A

Soccer
Head Coach: Todd Crawford
May 28 District TBA A
June 1 Regional TBA A

Softball
Head Coach: Ron Repicky
May 28 District TBA A
June 1 District TBA A
June 8 Regional TBA A

Boys Track
Head Coach: Mike Fomanek
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Girls Track and Field
Head Coach: Mark Kwiatkowski
May 25 Oakland County TBA A

Softball
Head Coach: Gordon Glennie
May 25 Chelsea Inlet TBA A
May 28 District TBA A
June 1 District TBA A
June 8 Regional TBA A

Boys Track
Head Coach: Mike Fras
May 25 Oakland County TBA A

Soccer
Head Coach: Joel Sharpe
May 28 District TBA A
June 4 Regional TBA A

Baseball
Head Coach: Mark Kowalczyk
May 28 District 4 p.m. A
May 29 Brighton 4 p.m. A
June 1 District TBA A
June 8 Regional TBA A

Boys' track: Moore in finals

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As strange things go, the Wildcats didn't win that particular event, but they did win the meet.
The 4-1/2-400 was a dead heat, Smith said. "Two close to call. The starter and the pickers could not determine who won, so it was declared a dead heat. We split the points."
Novi and Howell were both awarded 2.5 points for the meet, giving Novi the victory with 70.5 points and Howell took second with 66.5.
The 4-1/2-400s race came in with Matt Emmecker running the opening leg in 54.19 seconds. Trent Sisson taking the baton 400 meters in 52.98 seconds. Drew Hoffman taking third with a 53.14 and Derek BiWaldia anchoring at 51.75.
"It had to be one of the most exciting races I've ever seen," Smith said.
And if that wasn't enough, the Wildcats found one of their own breaking the fourth school record of the season, Dan St. Clair improved upon the district record he set last season. He notched a throw of 157-feet-4.5 for an improvement of over eight feet from his previous mark of 149-feet-0.5. St. Clair knows the meaning of aiming high.
The Wildcats will have resumed action when they hosted the KVC meet Thursday (later the Novi News went to print) in hopes of earning a conference title against some of the toughest competition in the area.

TRACK & FIELD

Novi70.5
Walled Lake68.5

Regional meet

In one of the toughest Regional Track Meets in Oakland County, if not the state, the Wildcats managed to notch a fifth-place finish behind powerhouses such as Milford and Brighton as they scored 51.5 points.
Moore led the way for the Cats as he notched a first-place finish at the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:23.1 to gain admittance into the Lower Peninsula Track and Field Finals meet in Rockford June 1 before coming back and showcasing off his amazing stamina by taking first in the 3200-meter run as well. Moore's two-mile time was clocked at 9:25.
BiWaldia put on the after-burners in the 300 hurdles, taking second place with a 40.6 time, which was just 0.2 seconds behind first place finisher Bryan Lash of Milford.
Not to be outdone, Dan Thelen tied for fifth in the pole vault with a throw of 147-feet-7. Emmecker rounded out the point gatherers for the Wildcats with a high jump of 6-feet.

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Girls' track: Mehl qualifies

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to action Tuesday (after the Novi News went to print) when they hosted the Kensington Valley Conference meet.
"The conference is tough," Tomasek said. "We are going into it with a team goal of taking fourth or higher. There are three teams that we beat in dual meets that we would like to beat again and one that we thought we should have beat. We will have to see what happens."
According to Tomasek, the same top runners and field event participants that competed in the top spots of the Regional will be vying for the top spots in the conference.
"I think Mehl, Christina Lis, Anise Hayes and The Iron are our top point getters at this point," she said. "I think these four have the best chance and I think they will all have good performances."
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Baseball: KVC champions

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and game we'll be examining alive."
Peter Babayan pitched for Novi and threw four strike outs, six hits, and one walk. Novi had no errors in this game, which allowed them to take the win. Adam Haberman belted a three-run homer for his three RBIs on the day. He was also walked once and was hit by a pitch twice.
Novi batters were hit by pitches seven times in the second game. Gorman went one-for-three and had three RBIs, a home run, and scored two runs. Zora went three-for-four and had an RBI and scored twice. Jake Ray had a two-run double.
This game clinched Novi's outright KVC championship for the third year in a row.
"It was fitting that Pete pitched the three-pitch," Green said.
Novi 17, Hartland 7
Dan Tolkane pitched the win for the Wildcats and Dunwell helped him out in the final inning. The game was over in five innings. Haberman went a perfect three-for-three on the day and had an RBI and two runs. Evan Rodriguez also had three hits and the scored twice. Dunwell hit a three-run double and Simpson batted in three runs.

Novi 5, Northville 1
The second game of the double-header was very similar to the first. Again, strong pitching allowed the Wildcats to take home the win.
Eric Zora took the mound for Novi, pitching the entire game with strike outs, six hits, and no walks.
"He was in command the whole game," Green said. "He could throw any pitch he wanted to over the plate."

Novi Junior Varsity Scores

NOVI JV LACROSSE
Final Overall Record: 9-6
The Novi junior varsity lacrosse team ended its season last week on a positive note by winning two games. The young Wildcats finished the season with a solid 9-6 record.
"Our defense played very good last week, allowing only six goals in the two games," said Coach John Ludwig. "The leaders on defense were goalies Ryan Bell and Corey Simone and defenseman Kyle Sullivan, Sean Costello and Jeff Pincus."
Novi JV defeated Lansing Waverly, 8-2, last Thursday. Leading the offense was Jeff Pollicchio with three goals and one assist and Kevin Gee with two goals and two assists. Mike Summerville and Bobby Clemenys had one goal each and Denis Berry had one assist.

Kittle: Looking to future Two Viking boys make cut

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Next year at Michigan State University, she plans on joining a sports team.
"I want to play intramural football because I couldn't when I was little," said Kittle. "My parents said I would break in half."
Her parents have been her biggest supporters through the years. They have gone to every activity that she has been involved in.
"She always wants to split the bill," said Schram. "She likes equality."
This is one quality that Schram noticed in Kittle before they started dating. The couple started their relationship as friends when they went to the Novi-Hartland football game. Soon thereafter homecoming came up and the two found themselves dancing with each other a bit that night. Their relationship blossomed from there.
Most recently, Kittle and Schram attended prom together.
"It was the first time I had a serious boyfriend at a dance," said Kittle.
She wore up the dance floor in a light purple dress and enjoyed "Love Shack" by the 152s the most.
"It's an all around good dance song," said Kittle.
With prom in the past, Kittle is getting ready for her last days of school. As the class of 2002's president, she has many things to plan for in the next week she has the senior breakfast, senior picnic, and graduation where she will give a speech. She is receiving the honor of attaining salutatorian



Bethany Kittle

status. This was with the help of her favorite teacher, Brian O'Leary.
"He is God's gift to math," said Kittle. "He's so smart, and he knows exactly how to explain math to kids so they understand it."
Kittle will take her memories of high school with her to Michigan State University next year. She will miss her friends but is ready to graduate.
"There's nothing left to do," said Kittle. "It's all been done."
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By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Central Vikings boys' track and field team did just about what they expected they would do in the Regional track meet May 16.
"Two of the squads competitors qualified for the state meet while the Vikings earned four medals from three runners."
"We did what we expected, to tell you the truth," Walled Lake Central track and field coach Mike Fras said. "It is a tough region and we just aren't that good."
The Vikings qualified Brian Chrzanowski, a junior, in the 110 high hurdles with his time of 14.80 seconds. Chrzanowski, who also took fourth in the 300 IM hurdles, won every high hurdles event he was run this season.
"We knew the competition was

going to be much tougher at the Regional," Fras said. "We didn't know if we would be able to do it, but we came through for our sign."

The second Vikings to earn a trip to Rockford June 1 was Bryan Davicel, who took second in the long jump with a leap of 21-feet-5.75.
"Those were our two highest hopes," Fras said. "Bryan came through on his last jump and barely made the finals."
Junior Brandon Strahl was the only other Viking to medal in the meet, taking fifth in the high jump with a 5-foot-10 finish.
"The high jumps across the state are the lowest I have ever seen in my life," Fras said. "The weather conditions have been so terrible."
"The final tally found the Vikings taking eighth in the Regional meet."

"I am very pleased with that," Fras said. "We are a very young team and I felt we did very well."
The Vikings will have wrapped up their season with a running in the WLA conference meet Tuesday (after the Novi News went to print) in competition with the powerhouses. "Walled Lake Western is probably the favorite. I expect they will do very well. Harrison has sprinters that no one can compete with, except maybe Western. The Western division is very strong and I expect those teams to take many of the top places tomorrow."
"As far as goals, Fras said he is looking for his kids to do their best."
"I am looking for personal records from the kids that compete tomorrow," he said. "I am just looking for them to do their best."

Central girls take third in regional meet

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

Sarah Chrzanowski took first place in their region with her pole vault of 10-feet. This jump will allow her to compete against other top athletes at the state meet.
Jacqueline Becker will also be traveling to the state meet as a result of her throw in the shot put. Becker was one place out of an automatic bid, but her distance of 35-feet-8.75 was over the 35-feet-7 loss needed to attend.
Central also enjoyed success in the relays. The 3200-meter relay, 800-meter relay, and 400-meter relay, teams all qualified for the state competition. Both the 3200 and 800-meter relays took third place. The 3200-meter team ran a time of 9:54.40 which was just under the qualifying time of 9:55.30. The 800-meter team made it under their qualifying time by less than a second. They ran a 1:47.2. Just under the 147.9 time needed. The 400-meter relay team took second at the regional competition with their tie of 51.30. They also earned a shot in the state finals.

GOW: Districts fun

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that it is going to be able to get the pistons pumping in the next week meaning that the Wildcats have been this season.
"The Wildcats have seemed to be one of the more focused teams heading into the post season as they have gained momentum since the beginning of the year. A tough squad that is still plenty young with tons of raw talent, the Novi kickers are going to be looking to notch a victory in their first game against Ann Arbor Huron and, hopefully, beyond.
With the combined experience of O'Leary at the helm and the dedication and talent of the Wildcats on the soccer squad, I have a feeling that this is going to be more than a regular game. Ann Arbor Huron is going to be coming with their weapons loaded and ready to fire when they take the field. The Novi defense will be a talented program with lots of talent in their own right — but the Wildcats may equal that. And if by chance they don't equal Huron's talent, they have the home-field advantage.
I am picking the Cats to come away with the big win and keep their post-season hopes alive."
Novi 4, Huron 3
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Sports Short

More football camps
Walled Lake Western High School's Warring football program, coached by Mike Zielinski, will be hosting a defender and an offensive camp this summer. Both camps are offered for players from any school grades 7-12. The defender camp is June 14-16 and will be instructed by the WLW coaching staff and will include the fundamentals, drills and reads of the 1-1 and 4-6 defense. The offensive camp is July 19-21 and will include fundamental Wing-T series and drills. Camps are 70 dollars each or \$100 for both. For more information, contact Coach Mike Zielinski at (248) 956-4419 or e-mail him at zkzielinski@walledlake.k12.mi.us.

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Sam Eggleston

It is quite possible that the Walled Lake Western Warriors baseball team will win the Western Lakes Activities Association Western

Division title as well as the WLAA conference title — heck, I even expect it.

It is rare that I become impressed by a sports team. I have seen so many good ones that I have trouble finding one that really draws my attention. If you have been reading the sports pages of Walled Lake sports over the past few weeks, you may have noticed that the Warriors have indeed drawn my attention and I can safely say that I am impressed.

No, they aren't undefeated and they are not the best sports team I have ever covered — but they may just be the most team-like team I have covered. They are friends on and off the field, they play well together, they stick up for each other and they do things together even when they aren't playing ball.

Now and then, when you watch a movie from the 1970s and early '80s, you see groups of "jocks" hanging out together. The entire football team or basketball team might stay the night at each other's places the night before the big game or they might be out hitting the soda shop together. This is something you just don't see anymore. Yeah, there are the groups of athletes that hang together, but most of the time they do that even when they aren't playing sports together.

The Walled Lake Western baseball team does. They hang together and have meals together, they go to movies together and just have fun together. It is what you really look to see in a team in this day and age.

All of that and we aren't even touching on their talent. This team has an outside chance of making a big dent in the state playoffs if they continue on the path they are currently on. Yeah, they have had their bumps in the road, such as los-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Warrior Mike Pisha throws against the Mustangs in a home game in May.

ing to an energized Northville squad recently, but they have also had their huge victories — such as beating Farmington Hills Harrison earlier this season.

Coach Ken Connor, who has memories of the Upper Peninsula from his early days in teaching and mentions those small little towns I used to

cover up there in my early days of writing, is a coach that cares for his team and what they stand for. He strives to teach them to be the best athletes they can be and it shows in their record and when they play — as well as when they aren't playing.

I have to say, Warriors, that you have indeed caught my

attention. Now, just keep catching everyone else's as you make your way through the post-season.

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Warriors boys sending 11 to LP state finals

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

In boys track, the Walled Lake Western Warriors took third as a team in the regional competition and are sending 11 young men to the Lower Peninsula Track and Field Finals state competition which will take place in Rockford June 1.

"We were happy," said Western head coach Mike Formanek.

The Warriors are sending three individual athletes and three relay teams to the state meet. In the regional competition, the Warriors were a half point away in team scoring from the second place team.

Aaron Lawson ran an 11.00 to take second in the 100-meter dash and qualify for states. Kyle Gordon nabbed the top spot in the long jump with his distance of 21-feet-10. Gordon also qualified in the 200-meter dash where he took second. The final individual qualifier was Neal Naughton with his time of 9:37.10 in the 3200-meter run. While placing third usually means an athlete wasn't fast enough to make the state cut, Naughton's final time was below the state qualifying time and thus he was an exception to the normal rule.

"His time was better than I anticipated," Formanek said. "He ran a great race."

The Warriors took first place in the 800-meter relay. The team consists of Gordon, Lawson, Steve Tomina and Steve Darby. The team ran a time of 1:29.80 and just barely edged out Pontiac Northern's 1:30.00.

The 1600-meter relay team, comprised of James Grace, Alex Cleland, Dan Hutchins and Tomina, also fared well. They took third in their event with a time of 3:26.90, just behind Pinckney's 3:26.80.

The 3200-meter relay team took fifth at the meet, but they are also

headed for the state meet. Steve Asponal, Jesse Brodak, Neal Naughton and Kevin Naughton all combined to run an 8:09.50.

The 400-meter relay team also almost qualified. The anchor pulled his hamstring on the final leg of the race and Western fell out of state-qualifying position. They still managed to take fourth in the event with a time of 4:42.00.

The Warriors also managed to make the top six places, but not qualify for states in a few other events. Cleland tied for fifth place with his jump of 5-foot-10. Kevin Naughton took fourth in the 1600-meter run. James Grace did well in the 300-meter hurdles and took third place, just barely missing out on a state qualifying position.

Earlier in the week, the Warriors defeated Farmington Harrison so that the team became Western division champions. Earlier this week (after the Novi News went to print) the team competed in the conference meet to decide who was the winner of the Western Lakes Athletic Association. Prior to the meet, Formanek had hopes of placing well in that competition.

"It's not going to be an easy thing to do," Formanek said. "If we perform well we should be in the running."


Western finished their season undefeated in their division with a 6-0 record. Now, they look on to do well at the Oakland County meet on Friday and the State Finals on June 1.

"I think we have a legitimate shot at bringing home some medals," Formanek said. The top eight runners in each event receive a medal.

For now, the team wants to focus on the upcoming meets and hope that they will propel them into the state meet.

Formanek said, "If we can just kind of keep a little competitive edge and perform well at those meets those will carry us through the state meet."

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