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City officials receive positive reviews

Novi manager and clerk came out on top during public review

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Despite a smattering of negative comments intended for Novi's city manager, performance reviews for two Novi officials were stellar.

During an Aug. 26 special Novi City Council meeting, Novi City Manager Richard Helwig and Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius received public performance evaluations.

First up, receiving a perfect evaluation, was Novi's city clerk. "Thank you for the contribution you've made to the city and for your professionalism," said Louis Csordas, Novi city councilman. "Your review from my standpoint would be outstanding."

"I get many calls from residents," said Kim Capello, Novi city councilman. "Ninety-nine percent are complaints and none are for your department."

Other members of council echoed Capello's comments.

"It certainly seems the city clerk's office is a well-oiled machine," said David Landry, Novi city councilman.

Efforts leading up to the clerk's rave reviews include an emphasis

on voter education, bringing the department's document disaster relief program closer to completion, organizing Novi's deeds and easements for easy reference, cross-training all of her employees and the past year's processing of 11 liquor licenses and 70 Freedom of Information Act requests.

For the current year, Cornelius plans on moving forward with developing an e-packet system where all city council representatives would receive meeting packets via e-mail, enabling the city clerk's office to process passport applications by the beginning of next year.

"Currently, Northville is the closest location," Cornelius said. One suggestion asked of



R. Helwig

performance. "We are truly fortunate to have her at the helm of that department," said Richard Clark, City of Novi mayor.

"That is a tough dialog to follow," joked Helwig at the end of the clerk's review.

To begin his, Helwig listed past year city accomplishments.

One of Helwig's self-professed accomplishments included bringing 17 months of Sandstone litigation to an end.

Crediting his staff and city attorneys, Helwig emphasized the importance of not only concluding settlement talks, but doing so without giving up an additional 20 acres of North Novi Park and without ruining the city's credit rating.

"Moody's even afforded us an upgrade on our taxable bond rate," Helwig said.

The city manager also felt Novi's budget process went smoothly with fiscally prudent results.

"I do think in the end we

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New bridge likely

RCOC says replacement of Grand River Ave. bridge over CSX railroad tracks looks probable

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

A public hearing held by the Road Commission for Oakland County last week provided what looks like good news for City of Novi construction projects.

Replacement of the Grand River Avenue (just west of Novi Road) bridge over the CSX railroad tracks was up for discussion during the Aug. 22 hearing to gain input on the commission's \$126 million 2002-2003 fiscal year budget.

RCOC Information Officer Craig Bryson said he feels the public hearing was productive and it appears the \$7.14 million replacement project will be included in the final budget up for approval in September.

"The assumption is it (the bridge reconstruction) is going to start late this year and go into 2003," he said.

Funding for the project includes \$3.72 million from the non-critical bridge fund divided equally between the city and RCOC; \$3.75 million from Tri-Party Funding; \$1.57 million from the RCOC; and \$1.475 from the city's 1998 Road Bond.

Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson, who attended the public hearing along with City Manager Richard Helwig, said the delay now is securing the authority from CSX for the work.

"There is a triangular relationship with MDOT, CSX and RCOC that are all involved and the RCOC is making progress on resolving," Pearson said.

During the hearing, Helwig also thanked the commission for its assistance and coordination in

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Photo by John Heiler

Happy to be back!

Enjoying some physical fitness and their first day back at Village Oaks Elementary are students Molly McLaughlin, left, Hilary Russell, right, and another classmate, center. The students were in the school's gymnasium around ten o'clock in the morning.

New fire station contractor appointed

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Novi City officials announced a new contractor has been chosen to finish the Novi Fire Station No. 4 and Training Center project left hanging in limbo after Greystone Construction defaulted on its contract earlier this year.

Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson said the new contractor, Project Control Systems, Inc., has already delivered construction documents to the city.

Novi officials said Project Control Systems is a reputable contractor in the area and recently performed the improvements to the city's police station.

Representatives from the new contracting firm said they would sign essentially the same contract in the same format that Greystone Construction signed with the city.

Novi City Manager Richard Helwig had hoped workers would be on site as early as Aug. 21, but the finalization of documents with the projects bonding

company, Liberty Mutual, is still being worked out.

Although melding the desires of the city and an insurance company with its own interests to protect has proved laborious, Pearson said the bonding company had to be involved to protect the city's financial interest.

"Since the original contractor's default earlier this year, restarting the project has taken extra steps that the community did not ask for, but has had to address," Pearson said.

Members of the Novi City

Council helped speed up the process by approving agreements with both the bonding company and the new contractor during its Aug. 12 meeting.

Agreed upon terms include requiring the bonding company to pay the city for additional costs for having the new contractor take over the 10,800-square-foot station and requiring Project Control Systems to complete the job in 210 days.

The 210-day time table is

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This is one time when dangerous dumping's allowed

Opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste part of upcoming event

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Dropping off household hazardous waste will be one of the activities Novi residents will have the opportunity to participate in during the city's Fall for

Novi educational and entertaining event.

Sponsored by the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, the collection will happen in conjunction with the Sept. 7 civic center events, providing residents of eligible communities the opportunity to clear out their abodes.

"Essentially any type of household chemicals found in the kitchen, garage, workshop or basement will be collected," said Mike Csapo, RRRASOC general manager. "We also take used computer equipment

including peripheral devices."

Other materials accepted will be oil-based paints, household and automotive batteries, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners and fluorescent light bulbs.

There are some items though that will not be accepted.

"The biggest item people generally want to get rid of that we do not accept is latex paint," Csapo said. Other non-collectibles include explosives, ammunition, needles, appliances and pressurized containers of unknown origins which Csapo said is for health and safety reasons.

Organizers of the city event and representatives from the RRRASOC are excited to have the collection as part of the festival's activities and urge eligible residents to participate.

"It is important to remember if a lot of the drop-offs were not coming from a home, they

would be considered federally-mandated hazardous waste," Csapo said. "So we need to treat it as such."

Consequences of not properly disposing of the accepted waste include spillage of harmful solutions into stormwater drains and the possibility of contact with animals and

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Increasing voter turnout is priority one

■ City Clerk Cornelius vows to bring more voters to poles

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Motivating the 23,000 non-voting Novi residents to get out and vote is one priority Novi's city clerk revealed during her Aug. 26 performance review.

Maryanne Cornelius informed members of the Novi City Council that disseminating the message of how important it is to vote will be one of her main goals this year.

"It is our privilege that we have in our country," Cornelius said. According to statistics reviewed by the Novi City Clerk's office, 24 percent of Novi residents voted in the August primary election.

That means about 23,000 residents in the city did not vote, Cornelius said.

One solution prescribed by Cornelius is what she coined the "trickle-up" effect.

What that entails is educating the city's youth about voting, hoping the message will be received loud and clear with a hint of pressure aimed at parents in head to the poles.

Last election, Cornelius partnered with Novi High School initiating a mock election with students in the school's social studies program.

"I trained the students to work as precinct workers that day," Cornelius said. She also recruited some of the older students to work in the primary election held earlier this month.

This year, Novi's city clerk plans on pushing the "Kids Vote" which is an educational, awareness program developed for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, therefore reaching more of Novi's youth.

Other actions taken by Cornelius include monitoring the progress of the initiative in climate, needing a reason to register as an absentee voter and producing a video titled "How to Vote."

The video provides instructions on how to register and vote, an explanation of absentee voting, a discussion on pending legislation and insight into the future of voting.

Another idea being kicked around by Cornelius is starting an incentive-based, voter-turnout competition with Novi's surrounding communities.



Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius, right, takes a look at some documents from a City Council meeting with her deputy clerk Nancy Reuter.

Cornelius was named the 2001 Michigan Municipal Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Municipal Clerk's Association, an organization she served as past president of.

She joined the city about two years ago after serving 10 years as city clerk for the City of Walled Lake.

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Novi clerk, manager reviewed

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ing. Topping the list was lack of awareness.

Clark agreed with both of Helwig's initiated accomplishments. "We owe a debt of gratitude to Rick Helwig that we can never repay," Clark said.

The former mayor pro-tem told Helwig she did not appreciate having to do her job and his. Bononi also made her disappointment with the Village Oaks paving debacle known.

Helwig concurred saying, "that was an embarrassment to everyone and a matter that cannot be tolerated. The project could have been completed last fall."

Concluding the review, Helwig said he looks forward to a year not dedicated to resolving Sandstone settlement talks.

The city manager said he will now focus on moving forward with organizational changes, road improvements and spending more time communicating face-to-face with members of the community.

"There is no question we are falling short in many areas, but we are committed to improving," Helwig said. "We are moving full speed ahead."

During her portion of the review, Lorenzo read a long list of what she believed needed improvement.

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LAKES AREA TIMES

Higher fees long-time coming in Walled Lake

■ Council OKs new building fees structure

Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Anyone pulling a permit in Walled Lake will have to dig a little deeper in their wallets.

Council members approved a 20-percent increase for some building fees at the Aug. 20 council meeting. However,

according to officials, the increase is long overdue. Many construction fees have not been raised for permits or inspection services in more than 10 years.

The fees will cover the cost of inspection services as well as cover the cost of personnel and overhead expenses for the city's building department. Permit fees are not establishing by the number of inspections necessary for every project. Instead, they are charged by how much money it takes to run the entire department.

The building department had only been receiving 30 percent of its revenue from people pulling permits in Walled Lake. However, the higher fees will bring outside funding for the department up to 50 percent. Therefore, the building department will only have to take another 50 percent out of the city's general fund to pay the department's employees' salaries and other needed items.

"I think funding it at 100 percent would be difficult for our community to bear," said Leslie Meyers, Walled Lake building director.

The city has charged \$30 for re-inspec-

tions since 1984. Residents will now have to pay \$50 if inspectors have to come out a second time.

"It costs more to send them out now," she said. "It makes people more careful by making sure their stuff is done right the first time."

Meyers didn't want residents to have to pay a lot more for services. Therefore, most higher fees will be paid by developers.

However, residents had been paying \$30 for fence permits. Now, residents will pay \$50 for the same service. Other similar fees also went up but others such

as replacement windows or doors remained the same.

"The things that affect residents the most didn't change," Meyers said. "All we're trying to do is make sure it's developers who will be paying their own way. In the next few years, we will see re-development. We didn't want to be hard on the average homeowner."

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WL plays key role in corridor study

Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Council members approved a resolution Aug. 20 to acknowledge receipt of the West Oakland Corridor Study and continue their involvement on the steering committee for the study.

The city has been involved in the road study to find and improve north-south routes from I-96 to M-59 for the past two years.

"As a 15-member panel, we evaluated the pros and cons of all corridors for the purpose of improvement," said Leslie Meyers, Walled Lake planning director and steering committee member. "It was a very democratic process."

City officials believe they need to continue participating in the study because Walled Lake will receive the weight from cross traffic. However, there are no proposed corridors running directly through Walled Lake.

"We were a border community," said Meyers. Road improvements to all corridors will give people easy access into Walled Lake to dine and shop, she said. Therefore, it's important for Walled Lake to oversee the process to ensure the city's interests.

The study was originally intended to find one corridor that would become a north-south highway. However, that plan was abandoned last year after the committee couldn't get past residents' pleas not to have a highway running through their backyards. Environmental concerns also limited corridor options.

The study is now focusing on improving all north-south corridors and east-west corridors, which would alleviate traffic congestion.

However, Haggerty was a good honor to start with, but the state wanted M-5 to end at Pontiac Trail, she said. Haggerty was picked as a boundary road to be examined.

Major north-south routes for future road improvements are the Millford Road corridor, the Wilcox Road corridor and the Beck Road corridor, which includes Berstein, Oxbow or Bogie Lake Road.

The big question now is who will pay for road improvements. "There's some hope that communities can band together and change how roads are funded," Meyers said. "We're going to support them. There's a support team that's looking into additional funding mechanisms. We'll assist them in securing the funding available."

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Walled Lake Managing Director of the DDA, Charlene Long, left, stops in at merchant Susan Linnan's All for Walls last Thursday afternoon.

Taking the reins

Long named WL DDA managing director

Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER



C. Long

Charlene Long, who has been working for the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority for the past two years, has been named the new managing director of the DDA.

She is replacing Tracy White Conlon, mainstreet manager, who left the DDA in May. "I'm very excited and honored to have been chosen as the new managing director of the DDA," Long said. "What I'm striving to do is bring more people into our downtown as business owners or as customers. I would like to see

Walled Lake become even more pedestrian friendly and see even more vibrant businesses that attract people into our downtown."

Long, who attended Oakland Community College and Oakland University, began her career with the department in May 2000 as a part-time administrative assistant. By July she was asked to become a full-time administrative assistant to keep up with the demands of the DDA.

"Not too long after I started here, the Walled Lake DDA got involved in the application process of Mainstreet Oakland County," Long said.

The DDA was accepted into the program and new committees were formed to develop revitalization plans for the city.

"I took on more responsibilities and was very involved in most aspects of the DDA," Long said.

It was easy for Long to take on the responsibilities, since she grew up in the area and attended the Walled Lake Consolidated School district. She already knew many of the business owners, who she went to school with.

"When I started here I was already involved in the Commerce Township Historical Society and the Friends of the Foster Farm House," Long said. She is the president of the historical society and treasurer of Friends of the Foster Farm House.

Long flung herself into her job by becoming involved in the DDA's promotions committee, which comes up with special events for the downtown area. Casey Ambrose, DDA chairman, said they had more than 20 applicants, which they narrowed down to Long and one other candidate for the job. However, Long was the best choice.

"She will be great for the community because she has already been great for the community," Ambrose said. "We sought qualified candidates and she was selected from the best of the best. Sometimes you have to look outside to see how valuable things are in your own backyard."

Long said she is looking forward to serving the community even further as the managing director for the DDA. "This is my community and I am very dedicated to the community," Long said. "I care about what happens in this area."

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DDA chairman

Officials review allowing alcohol in Sims Park

Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Want a cold brew and feel like drinking it in the park? Residents are not permitted to do that now, since alcohol consumption is banned from all public Walled Lake parks. However, that may change.

Chip Quasney, a parks and recreation member, asked council members to lift the ban at Sims Park only. Therefore, people would be allowed to visit the park and kick back

with a drink or two, under certain conditions. "We have discussed the idea to make recommendations to lift the ban at Sims Park," Quasney said. "The ban would remain in other parks."

However, he has plans to ensure that the park didn't become a hangout for the drinking crowd. They would not advertise the park as a place to come to and drink, he pointed out.

Lifting the alcohol ban would benefit the park program. "I think it would be a good policy," Quasney said. "I would encourage more people to use the parks."

Quasney said, "The ban would not happen overnight. Officials will have to gather information before lifting the ban at the park." Gary Dove, city attorney, said public safety officials need to do their research before any decisions are made. An ordinance amendment would have to be established first.

However, there shouldn't be any legal problems standing in the way, he said.

"I'm not aware of any state prohibition on alcohol in public parks," Dove said. "I don't think there is a state law for relaxing the city standard."

The issue will be followed up at a future council meeting. Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or ddeel@ht.homecomm.net.

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Chip Quasney
Parks & Recreation member

Monument to honor retired firefighters

■ WL Council working on design concept

Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

They fought fires and saved lives, while their free time was spent building Walled Lake's First Fire Association building.

Most of the volunteer firefighters have moved away from the city they once served. Others have passed away. However, officials want to make sure that their memory and their efforts will live on in the city.

Council members are designing a monument to honor the retired firefighters who built the Association Building with their own money and labor. The building was demolished earlier in the year to make room for the new Department of Public Works building.

The monument will list the retired firefighters names and be placed where the building once stood. Bob Triplett, retired firefighter, said it took the men from 1961 to 1971 to construct the building. They would work on it on weekends and their wives would help out by bringing food to the site.

"It took us quite awhile to do it," Triplett said. "We had the building for a good many years. We put a lot of hours on the building without any help from anybody."

Triplett said all of the men were proud of their work when it was completed. "It was a long time coming but we had a beautiful building when it was done," said Triplett. "We were sorry to see it go but progress doesn't stand still for anybody."

Once completed, the building housed the city's only fire truck and was used for social and work-related meetings. In recent years the building was used for the FISH program, a local help group, to gather and pack food and other items for the needy.

Triplett is pleased with city officials' plan to honor the retired firefighters. However, he said he was disappointed when he found out that firefighters would be listed in alphabetical order rather than by seniority.

"I didn't think at the time it was fair," Triplett said. "This is definitely the way I would like to see this."

Ray Swett, council member, wanted the monument to represent the firefighters' wishes. "Since it's a firefighters monument, why don't we honor the firefighters' request?" Swett said.

Triplett just wants the men, who served Walled Lake citizens, to be remembered properly. "Our group keeps getting smaller," Triplett said. "There are five people that are no longer with us but they are in our hearts and our minds. A lot of good men have come and gone and I was lucky enough to have known all of them."

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Calendar of Events

Novi Toastmasters
 DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI
 TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
 PHONE: For more information, call Colleen at 248-695-0226.

Motorsports Hall of Fame "Art of Racing" Exhibit
 DATE: now until Dec. 31, 2002
 LOCATION: Motorsports Hall of Fame, inside Novi Expo Center at 196 and Novi Road.
 TIME: open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday thru Sundays after Labor Day.
 DETAILS: \$4.00/adult, \$2.00/seniors, \$2.00/children. Special exhibit of original paintings by noted motor racing artist, D.R. Shank. Limited edition prints of many of the paintings are available for purchase in the Hall of Fame gift shop.
 PHONE: (248) 349-7223.
Schoolcraft College Community Choir Additions

DATE: Tuesday evenings by appl., Sept. 3 and 10
 LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Hagerty Road, Livonia, Room 310 of the Forum Building.
 TIME: Audition times to be arranged with Director Gerald Custer.
 DETAILS: The 50+ voice choir meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and includes both Schoolcraft College students and experienced singers of all ages from communities throughout the metropolitan area.
 PHONE: Contact choir President, Shari Clason, at (248) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Department at (734) 462-4435.

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors
 DATE: Sept. 4
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
 DETAILS: New Board Members for 2002-2003 year will meet and begin to plan activities for the upcoming year. We are a social and civic, non-profit organization for people of Novi and the surrounding communities.
 Also, on Sept. 26 at 6 p.m., 2002 Kick-off Dinner and Fall

Fashion Show, Hudson's Cafe and Marshall Field's at Twelve Oaks Mall. This annual dinner and show is held to generate membership and involvement in our organization.
 CONTACT: Faye Kneidel, NNN president (248) 449-4446 or fknidel@hotmail.com

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Days
 DATE: Saturday, September 7 and Saturday, October 12
 LOCATION: September 12: Novi City Hall, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd. between Novi and Tall Roads-use High School parking lot entrance on 10 Mile Rd., West of the light at city hall.
 October 12: behind RRRASOC, 20000 W. 8 Mile Road center via Maple Ridge, North off of 8 Mile, just East of Evergreen Road.
 TIME: 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. both days

DETAILS: residents may take used computer equipment, oil-based paint (no latex paint), household and automotive batteries, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs and other common household chemicals from their homes, garages and workshops. These are the final two days for 2002 for drop off.
 PHONE: for more information

including tips on drying out latex paint, call RRRASOC at 248-208-2270.

Quick Date
 DATE: Sept. 10
 LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Rd., Novi
 TIME: 7 p.m.
 DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for 5 minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun & exciting! Pre-registration required. Cost is \$40
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Gardeners of Northville & Novi
 DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 10
 LOCATION: Novi Library
 TIME: social time 6:30 p.m.; program starts at 7
 DETAILS: Jim Neubacher will give a presentation on Dahlias. He will also bring several samples from his very extensive garden. We will have our meetings for the remainder of the year at both the Northville and Novi libraries, on the second Monday of each month. We will have expert speakers every month as well as master gardeners at our meetings who will keep us updated on the latest information in print and on the net. Membership is open to women and Men in both com-

munities and we are looking forward to a very diverse group of individuals who are interested in learning and sharing their knowledge.
 PHONE: Yvonne DeMatos, president, (248) 348-1946; e-mail: gardenersofnorthville-novi@comcast.net; or visit the web: www.gardenersofnorthville-novi.org.

Financial Planning Seminar for Individuals and Small Businesses
 DATE: Thursday, Sept. 12
 LOCATION: Providence Hospital, 47601 Grand River, Novi
 TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 DETAILS: Sponsored by Novi Community Credit Union and Providence Hospital & Medical Center. \$10 fee includes lunch and a chance to Win \$100 savings bond!!
 PHONE: Any questions or to R.S.V.P. call the Chamber at (248) 349-3743.

"Fighting for Rachel" Fundraiser & Chili Cook-Off
 DATE: Sunday, Sept. 15
 LOCATION: A's Copper Mug, 1704 W. Maple/Corner of Decker, Walled Lake.
 TIME: 2 p.m.-2 a.m.
 DETAILS: Please join us to help Rachel fight the battle

against Leukemia. Admission tickets: \$2.00 at door, value cards \$10.00 each, raffle tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Special Appearance by: The Simone Vitale Band, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Donations may be made to: Fight for Rachel Davls, Charter Bank, c/o Joe Lezotte, P.O. Box 400, Troy, Mich. 48180. Bikers welcome.
 PHONE: (248) 624-9659.

Induction Seminar by Welduction Corporation
 DATE: Friday, November 8
 LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, Novi, Mich.
 DETAILS: The seminar will include technical sessions and videos covering various induction applications and heat treating systems. Attendees can also tour Welduction's manufacturing and commercial processing facility.
 PHONE: To register or for more information, call Welduction Corp. 1-800-798-3042 or 1-248-735-2800.

Send calendar items to Col Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48168 or e-mail to cstone@ht.homecom.net.

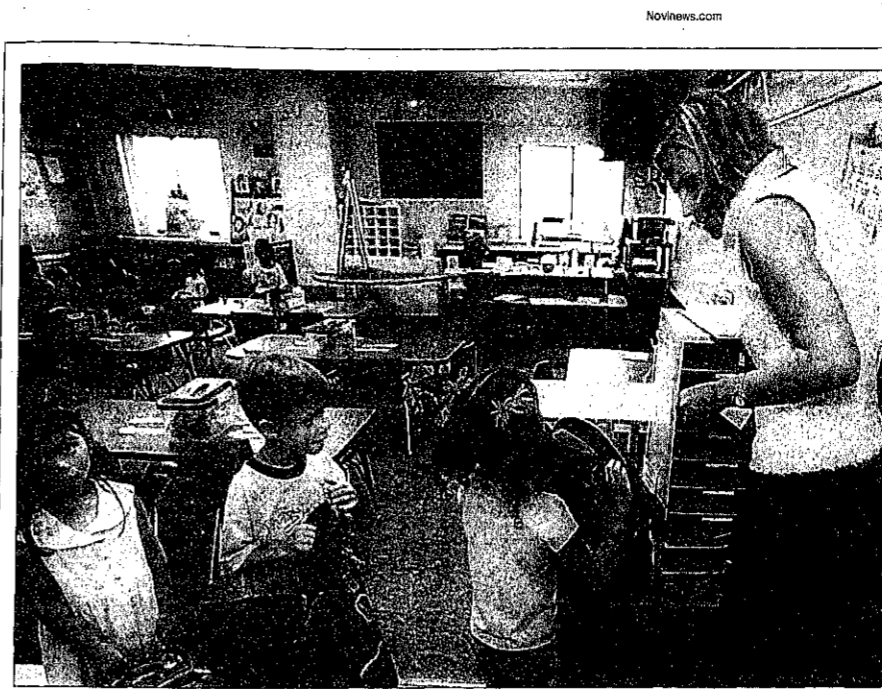


Photo by John Heider

First graders first day
 Walled Lake Elementary School first grade teacher Amy Olnech prepares her students for their buses after the first day of school last Wednesday.

Novi Adult Ed has a little something for everyone

By Phil Foley
 STAFF WRITER

Whether you want to learn how to make a gingerbread house or how to turn on your PC and work your way through the mysteries of Windows XP, the Novi Community Education Adult Enrichment Program has a little

something for you this fall. According to program facilitator Joyce Rob, brochures are in the mail for Novi Community School District residents and class registration will begin Sept. 4. Rob said Novi area adults will have 112 classes to choose from and children will have nearly as many after school enrichment

programs to select. Class prices range from \$10 for some of the arts and craft type offerings up to \$165 for the builder's license class. Youth offerings range from \$10 up to \$85 for some of the weekend camp programs.

Rob said the programs run the gamut from semester-long health and fitness classes to one-session enrichment programs. "We have a lot of computer classes," she said. Class registration will be held 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 4 at the district's Educational Services Building on Tift between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Registration will also be held at Novi High School

from 5-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays starting Sept. 4. The academy is a 30-hour block of instruction designed to give the public working knowledge of the police department's personnel and

Area residents can also get a catalog mailed to them by calling 248-449-1206.
 Phil Foley is a reporter for HomeTown Newspapers. Reach him at (248) 437-2011 or by e-mail at pfoley@ht.homecom.net

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Wedding



The Tylls

Kristin M. Calandro and Paul Tyll were married June 29, 2002, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. Rev. Joseph Maffia officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of John and Peggy Calandro of Novi. She is a 2002 graduate of University of Michigan and is employed by Bean Public Relations Agency of Albany, N.Y. The groom is the son of Joyce and Ed Chisolm of Novi and Art and Colleen Tyll of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The groom is also a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed by North American Funding of Clifton Park, N.Y.

Lydia Ruben of Novi served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Adrienne Barnosky of Grosse Ile, Sara Effring of Novi, Carole Winteman of Novi, Kaycie Tyll of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Ann Peterson of Corona, Mich. Arthur J. Tyll of Chicago served as best man. Groomsman were Ben Cunningham of Novi, Dan Colligan of Novi, Patrick Calandro of Novi, David Turner of Plymouth and Art and Michael Stachowiak of Wash. A reception was held at Excelsior Banquet Center, Southfield. The couple honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise. Clifton Park, N.Y.

Obituaries

Elizabeth P. Heliker

Elizabeth Heliker, 85, of Walled Lake died August 22, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Grant Heliker and one son, Captain C.E. (Diane) Heliker. Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Sherwood of Pontiac and Neva Heliker of Walled Lake; four grandsons, Charles and Anthony Sherwood and Grant and Michael Heliker; and one sister, Laura Harris of Traverse City. A funeral service was held August 27 at First Baptist Church of Walled Lake. Interment will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Patricia E. Mastro

Patricia Mastro, nee Shaban-Richard, of Novi, died August 25, 2002 in Farmington Hills. She was 80. Mrs. Mastro was a native Detroit and was employed as a secretary to A. J. Fisher, Sr. She attended Detroit Business College, was a member of the Christ Child Society and a descendant of Gabriel Richard. Survivors include her husband,

Memorials to the church would be appreciated. Arrangements were made by Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Aldo, two daughters, Betty Ann (Bill) Mahoney, and Diane (Clark) Hubbard, one son, Aldo Patrick, four grandchildren, Billy, Jill, Grey and Emily; and three great-grandchildren. Natalie, Nicholas and Griffin. A funeral mass will be held Thursday, Aug. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Gesù Church, 17204 Oak Drive, Detroit. Interment will be at Mt. Elliott Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, Mich., 48207-3496. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, Mich., 48375.

Engagement



Effring-Taggart

Herb and Carol Effring of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara, to John Taggart, son of John P. Taggart of Hamilton, Ohio and Theresa M. Maag of Carleton, Texas. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is currently employed as a mechanical engineer for Nissan. The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of The Asheville School, Asheville, N.C. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2001 with a bachelor's of business administration degree and 2002, with a master's of science degree in accounting. He is currently employed as an accountant by KPMG. A November 2002 wedding is planned.

On Campus

Novi residents, Jacqueline McKirdy and Jenae Harris participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Caesar Chavez-Rosa Parks KCP Extended College Day program at Central Michigan University. McKirdy participated in the marketing workshop and Harris participated in the education workshop. The KCP initiative is a program adopted by the Michigan Legislature in 1986 to increase educational opportunities for underrepresented students. McKirdy and Harris are both students at Walled Lake Western High School. McKirdy is the daughter of Sharon McKirdy of Novi and Harris is the daughter of Robin Harris of Novi and Greg Harris of Hammett, Ind. Two Novi High School graduates recently performed in "The Sound of Music" at Central Michigan University's Bush Theater in Mount Pleasant. Jennifer McCracken, daughter of John and Debra McCracken, played the role of a nun and a party chaperone in the student production of "Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II's 1959 classic, Elisabeth Goodheart, daughter of Greg Goodheart and Christine Wilkins-Goodheart, played second trombone in the orchestra for the production, which faculty member and director Mary Jo Lodge said has a darker tone than the 1965 film version to Stardom. Both young women are CMU sophomores studying music education.

Commerce Township resident Rachel Weber was named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for spring 2002 semester. A November 2002 wedding is planned. Summer Township resident Jennifer McCracken, daughter of John and Debra McCracken, played the role of a nun and a party chaperone in the student production of "Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II's 1959 classic, Elisabeth Goodheart, daughter of Greg Goodheart and Christine Wilkins-Goodheart, played second trombone in the orchestra for the production, which faculty member and director Mary Jo Lodge said has a darker tone than the 1965 film version to Stardom. Both young women are CMU sophomores studying music education. Commerce Township resident Rachel Weber was named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for spring 2002 semester. A November 2002 wedding is planned.

Novi City Briefs

Summer tax bills

Summer 2002 property tax payments are due without penalty on or before Aug. 31, but will be accepted through Sept. 3 because of the Saturday due date and Monday holiday. Postmarks are not accepted as date of payment. A 4-percent penalty will be added to all unpaid Summer 2002 Property Tax bills.

City offices closed

All city offices, the recycling center and the Novi Public Library will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day. All closed facilities will

reopen Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Novi seniors

Area seniors are invited to participate in "Kick Up Your Heels" line dancing at Meadowbrook Commons. The popular class is an enjoyable way to exercise and have fun to music. Classes begin Sept. 5 and are held on Thursdays. Beginners are invited to attend at 1 p.m. and advanced dancers at 2 p.m. Drop-in-only admission is \$2 per person. No experience is necessary.

Novi Ice Arena

Open registration for the Fall

2002 Learn to Skate program is Aug. 26 through 31. The seven-week session will begin Sept. 9. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Friday afternoons, Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Those ages 3 years and older are invited to register. Free open skating and skate rental will be offered to those interested in joining the Learn to Skate program 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and 10 to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 7. Regular open skate hours are noon to 1:50 p.m. Monday through Friday and 3 to 4:50 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Skate rental is \$2 and admission ranges from \$2 to \$5. The Novi Ice Arena is located at 42400 Arena Drive, south of 10 Mile Road east of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 347-1010.

New York, New York

Tickets are now available for the senior musical variety show "New York, New York." The Novi Theatres Senior program will be held at the Novi Civic Center noon Sept. 11 through 13 and 1 p.m. Sept. 15. Tickets range from \$12 to \$17. With the exception of the Sept. 15 show, ticket price includes lunch. The Sept. 15

admission includes light refreshments. For more information, call (248) 347-0414.

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band invites interested adult musicians to come and join the group. There is no audition and everyone is welcome. The band rehearses every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information about the band, contact Jack Kopicnik at (248) 932-9244.

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In the Service

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MELODY SAROKI ARABO

SCHOOL: Keith Elementary, 3rd grade.
EDUCATION: Michigan State University, Bachelor's in elementary education, history and English minors.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "...because my experiences at Maple Elementary as a Bilingual Paraprofessional and student teacher were wonderful."
WHO I ADMIRE: "...my sixth grade teacher, Mr. Graham (Anchor Bay School District). He inspired me to be a teacher and I hope that I will be a positive force in my students' lives just as he was to me."

ELENI ANASTOS

SCHOOL: WL Western High School, teacher consultant.
EDUCATION: B.S. education, special education emotionally impaired from Western Michigan University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I applied for a position in Walled Lake because it has a positive and progressive reputation."
WHO I ADMIRE: "The people I admire most are my grandparents. They came to the United States as young adults from Greece and became true American success stories."

KRISTEN BERRY

SCHOOL: Clifford Smart Elementary, language arts.
EDUCATION: B.A. audiography and speech sciences from Michigan State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I did my student teaching in the Walled Lake School district and feel that it is a great place to be."
WHO I ADMIRE: "My mother because she not only modeled how to be a wonderful person but also because she taught me to strive to achieve the best in life and always expect more of myself."

CHRISTOPHER BLACKMER

SCHOOL: WL Northern High School, history.
EDUCATION: B.M.E. 1995, Central Michigan University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "Outstanding music program with potential and great resources for the students. Great administrative support for the fine and performing arts."
WHO I ADMIRE: John Whateue, director of bands at Michigan State University. He's a master teacher and mentor.

WILLIAM BOGGS

SCHOOL: WL Northern High School, history.
EDUCATION: B.M.E. 1995, Central Michigan University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "Walled Lake schools has a reputation for excellence in education."
WHO I ADMIRE: Ghandi — "Through extreme self sacrifice, using peaceful means, he changed the philosophy, thinking and self-respect of those around him, which led to freedom and a new life for citizens in India."

MONA ANN BROSSARD

SCHOOL: Glengary Elementary, third grade, third grade.
EDUCATION: B.A. English and speech from Madonna University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I did my student teaching at Hickory Woods Elementary and learned very quickly that I was in one of the most caring, innovative and student centered districts in Michigan."
WHO I ADMIRE: "...my mother, who even through single parenting and other adversities taught me how important life-long learning is for a stimulating and fulfilling life."

KELLY PIZZUTI

SCHOOL: Keith Elementary, fourth grade.
EDUCATION: B.S. In merchandise management and Post B.A. elementary certification from Michigan State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I interned at Walled Lake Elementary and found the district to be dedicated to providing a student based environment."
WHO I ADMIRE: "...Beth (Petoskey) is a very creative and caring teacher, who is dedicated to motivating all students to achieve their personal best."

DANA PLACE

SCHOOL: Meadowbrook Elementary, reading recovery.
EDUCATION: B.S. child development from Michigan State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I decided to apply for a position at Walled Lake because of the wonderful reputation the district has in educating their students."
WHO I ADMIRE: "I admire my mother for her patience and dedication to the family."

BETH ROBERTS

SCHOOL: Loon Lake Elementary, resource room.
EDUCATION: B.A. science at Eastern Michigan University with endorsements in POH and early childhood education.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I think Walled Lake located me through the Oakland County Consortium."
WHO I ADMIRE: "I admire Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher, because she never gave up on Helen and she would try anything to teach her."

ELIZABETH REBEKA

SCHOOL: Hickory Woods Elementary, resource room.
EDUCATION: B.A. physical education from Michigan State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I feel Walled Lake is an outstanding district that provides excellent opportunities for all students."
WHO I ADMIRE: "I most admire my father because he is the most caring and genuine individual I know."

CHRISTOPHER P. ROBERTS

SCHOOL: Pleasant Lake Elementary, resource room.
EDUCATION: B.S. physical education at Eastern Michigan University.
WHY I CAME TO WALLED LAKE: "I had an outstanding student teaching experience at Glengary Elementary."
WHO I ADMIRE: "My wife, Audra, because of all the hard work she puts into her career, family and our relationship. It doesn't matter how hard her day was, she always has time for our family, friends and the community."

SHAUNA RYDER

SCHOOL: Loon Lake Elementary.
EDUCATION: B.A. in psychology and special education from Grand Valley State University. Certified in mentally impaired, emotionally impaired and learning disabled children.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I live in the Walled Lake area and have seen and heard what a wonderful district it is."
WHO I ADMIRE: "...a special education teacher named Jane Glass. She was very caring and supportive and taught her students to always strive to be the best they can be."

SARA BRUCKMAN

SCHOOL: Mary Helen Guest Elementary, fourth grade.
EDUCATION: B.S. education from University of Michigan.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "Walled Lake is an exciting, growing community. I was a substitute in the district last year and I never went into a school where I didn't feel completely at home and welcome."
WHO I ADMIRE: "My parents. They taught me the importance of education, patience and kindness. They have been a constant example of love and understanding."

AMY PATRICIA BUCHANAN

SCHOOL: Walled Lake Elementary, first grade.
EDUCATION: B.A. in elementary education from Michigan State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "Walled Lake has an amazing reputation as a community that pulls together in order to benefit children."
WHO I ADMIRE: "During student teaching, I worked under an admirable teacher from Dublin Elementary School named Laura Brown. Her energy and dedication to the field of education continues to amaze and inspire me."

KAREN BURRILL-DUGGAN

SCHOOL: Loon Lake Elementary, third grade.
EDUCATION: B.S. family consumer science from Michigan State University, B.A. elementary education from Madonna University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I sought a district that placed children first, while being revered as an innovator and leader in instruction and technology."
WHO I ADMIRE: "As a parent myself, I appreciate the tireless hours and major contributions that my parents gave to assure myself and siblings of a nurturing and loving family."

JANE CULLING

SCHOOL: WL Western, art.
EDUCATION: B.F.A. in art from Michigan State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "Walled Lake is a great school district and I wanted to be a part of it."
WHO I ADMIRE: "I most admire my mom. She raised six children and now that I have a much greater respect and appreciation for her."

CHRISTA ANNE DEAN

SCHOOL: Sarah Banks Middle School, science, social studies.
EDUCATION: B.A. audiography and speech sciences Michigan State University; Michigan Provisional Teaching Certificate from Wayne State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I know that a wonderful district Walled Lake is because I am a product of it. I want to provide today's students with the same education I was fortunate enough to receive."
WHO I ADMIRE: "My mom. Has modeled and taught me the qualities needed to succeed."

JENNIFER EBERHART

SCHOOL: Meadowbrook Elementary, physical education.
EDUCATION: B.S. health fitness, preventative and rehabilitative medicine and teaching certificate from Central Michigan University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "...the district's high expectations, innovation and belief that all students deserve a quality education."
WHO I ADMIRE: "...my grandmother. In a generation where education was not a focus for women she still made it her focus. She is a lifetime student."

BETH SMEDLEY

SCHOOL: WL Western High School, French and Spanish.
EDUCATION: B.A. French and political science from Hope College and M.A. French language and culture from Wayne State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "...I wanted to be a part of a growing district with a great reputation and potential for growth."
WHO I ADMIRE: "I admire Nelson Mandela because, despite having been imprisoned under terrible conditions for so many years, he is a model of peaceful and positive change."

LORILYNN SPARKS

SCHOOL: Commerce Elementary, 4th grade.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's in packaging engineering from Michigan State; Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Oakland University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I am a graduate of Walled Lake Schools and live in the community, and I wanted a chance to give back...to work for a district that is committed to excellence in education."
WHO I ADMIRE: "...my grandpa. He instilled a curiosity in me that has never died."

STEVE SPICKARD

SCHOOL: Walled Lake Middle School, math and science.
EDUCATION: B.S. elementary education, math, science from Oakland University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I applied in Walled Lake because of their reputation as a top school district in the state of Michigan."
WHO I ADMIRE: "My father. He is a hard working and well respected man. Everything he does in this world is for his family."

COLLEEN MARY WALSH

SCHOOL: COLLEEN MARY WALSH SCHOOL: Western High School.
EDUCATION: B.A. Spanish, B.S. education from Miami University, Ohio.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "It is known to be a great place to work and learn."
WHO I ADMIRE: "I admire all of the people in my family, who are and have been wonderful teachers (both professionally and naturally)."

JULIE WEBER

SCHOOL: Northern High School.
EDUCATION: B.A. in education from Madonna University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I was placed in Walled Lake for my student teaching and fell in love with the district."
WHO I ADMIRE: "My mother. She has always worked very hard at both her job and her family life. Even though she worked long hours at her job, she always made time for us."

Hess takes helm at middle school

Mark Hess, assistant principal at Walled Lake Middle School, has been selected principal at Sarah Banks Middle School. Hess has worked with Walled Lake Schools for the past 10 years, beginning his career in 1993 as a fourth-grade teacher at Maple Elementary and Meadowbrook Elementary, and a sixth-grade teacher at Sarah Banks Middle School. In 1999, Hess was named assistant principal at Walled Lake Middle School. Superintendent Dr. James Geisler said, "Mark is an innovative educator who has demonstrated exemplary leadership." Hess earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education from Central Michigan University, and his master's in the art of teaching from Marygrove College.

RONALD EUBANKS

SCHOOL: Keith Elementary, first grade.
EDUCATION: B.S. elementary education, social studies, math from Oakland University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "Walled Lake has a reputation of being a one of a kind district that strives to educate every child using the most effective educational methods."
WHO I ADMIRE: "Dr. Dyanne Tracy is the educator I admire most. Her commitment to education, integrity and student equality sets her apart."

CASEY GUNTZVILLER

SCHOOL: Walled Lake Middle School, physical ed.
EDUCATION: B.S. kinesiology from Michigan State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I am a former student of Walled Lake schools and I wanted to return to teach here to give back to the community."
WHO I ADMIRE: "I admire the people around me because I always find something, whether a personality trait or idea etc. that I like and I can modify and incorporate in my life."

JENNIFER GUSTIN

SCHOOL: Northern High School, math and science.
EDUCATION: B.A. mathematics, B.S. education from Wayne State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I was drawn to Walled Lake because of its dedication to serving all students and the high standards that are emphasized here."
WHO I ADMIRE: "I admire my grandmother for her strength, determination and strong family values."

NELSON HAMBLIN

SCHOOL: Alternative Education High School, science and language arts.
EDUCATION: B.S. in education from Eastern Michigan University.
WHY I CAME TO WALLED LAKE: Walled Lake has an outstanding reputation for being a district that is wonderful to work for. I have only heard positive remarks about Walled Lake and I wanted to be a part of it.
WHO I ADMIRE: "I most admire my father, who sacrificed a lot for my sister and I could pursue our dreams in education and in life. He is a quiet hero."

STACEY LEE HAVENS

SCHOOL: Sarah Banks Middle School, science and language arts.
EDUCATION: B.S. in education from Eastern Michigan University.
WHY I CAME TO WALLED LAKE: Walled Lake has an outstanding reputation for being a district that is wonderful to work for. I have only heard positive remarks about Walled Lake and I wanted to be a part of it.
WHO I ADMIRE: Mrs. Strahler, sixth grade teacher. "She inspired me to become a teacher through her kindness and love of teaching."

MICHELLE JOBOULIAN

SCHOOL: Educational Services Center, school psychology.
EDUCATION: B.A. psychology from Michigan State University, M.A. school and community psychology from Wayne State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "It is a growing district with a sincere dedication to meeting the individual needs of special education students."
WHO I ADMIRE: "My father. His drive and dedication has not only made him successful but an asset to others."

ANGELA JOHNSON

SCHOOL: WL Western, Business and computer technology.
EDUCATION: B.S. merchandising management and teaching certificate in business and marketing education.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I went to Walled Lake schools and wanted to give back to the community that gave so much to me."
WHO I ADMIRE: "Grandmother — she has survived leukemia and remains to have the best outlook on life."

CURT KELLER

SCHOOL: Northern High School.
EDUCATION: B.A. in history from Spring Arbor University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I decided to apply for a position in Walled Lake because of the strong community support for education."
WHO I ADMIRE: "The people I admire most are my parents. They have the greatest influence in my life."

EVELYN LOSSIA

SCHOOL: WL Western High School, WL Central High School.
EDUCATION: B.A. English, B.A. speech St. Mary's College; Teaching Credential University of Detroit; CLAD University of California.
WHY I CAME TO WALLED LAKE: Parents, community and educators work closely together for the good of the student.
WHO I ADMIRE: Jim Corcoran, high school teacher, because of his "ability to interact and motivate all students."

TANYA MARIE LYONS

SCHOOL: Commerce and Magic elementaries, physical education.
EDUCATION: B.S. health promotion from Central Michigan University, Post Bach. Mich. Provisional Teaching Certification from Eastern Mich. Univ.
WHY I CAME TO WALLED LAKE: "I wanted to become part of a highly recognized school district with outstanding staff members and students."
WHO I ADMIRE: My father. "For all of his hard work and dedication. He has taught me right from wrong and has helped me to become the woman I am today."

ERIN ELIZABETH MAH

SCHOOL: Clifford H. Smart Middle School.
EDUCATION: B.A. Alma College, M.A. Marygrove College.
WHY I CAME TO WL: My new husband and I bought a new home in Walled Lake. I really think it's important to become part of the community in which you teach.
WHO I ADMIRE: I admire my parents, Bob and Leslie, for being excellent role models.

MOLLY MAKI

SCHOOL: Sarah Banks Middle School and Walled Lake Middle School.
EDUCATION: B.A. in English education with minor in ESL and French from the University of Montana.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "Walled Lake is a growing area with growing needs for English language learners."
WHO I ADMIRE: "The person I most admire is a former ESL teacher who was a mentor teacher to me."

EMILY MAE MCBRYAR

SCHOOL: Loon Lake and Pleasant Lake Elementaries.
EDUCATION: psychology, special education and endorsements in emotional impairment and mental impairment at Grand Valley State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "...the district and the warm, caring environment of the staff."
WHO I ADMIRE: "The person I most admire is my mother. All throughout my school years, she was always involved, from room mother to PTA president."

SHELIA MCKAY

SCHOOL: WL Northern High School, activities director.
EDUCATION: B.A. in education from University of Michigan, M.A. reading and education specializing in administration from Eastern Michigan University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "I am excited to work with innovative and forward thinking educators. This school district is in the forefront of excellence in education."
WHO I ADMIRE: "Mother Theresa. She was able to make everyone feel wanted."

KEN MELCHER

SCHOOL: Northern High School, CAD/CAM.
EDUCATION: B.S. in industrial technology/technology education from Eastern Michigan University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "The opening of Northern High School is a historical event in the community. I saw this as an opportunity to be the first of history as one of the first staff members at Northern."
WHO I ADMIRE: "I admire my dad. He's been married to my mom for 48 years and he's always been there for my sisters and I."

AMY OLENECH

SCHOOL: Walled Lake Elementary, first grade.
EDUCATION: B.S. child development from Michigan State University, Post B.A. early childhood education and family consumer science from Madonna University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "...because of its reputation and from the wonderful experiences I've had in the district through student teaching and substitute teaching."
WHO I ADMIRE: "Dorothy Gustafson and Teri Hoffman...are master teachers who taught me what it means to teach students."

LISA OLINGER

SCHOOL: Keith Elementary, fifth grade.
EDUCATION: B.A. elementary education from Michigan State University.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "While completing my year-long internship program through M.S.U. at Walled Lake Elementary, I fell in love with the Walled Lake School district. I take great pride knowing I'm a part of a district that truly puts our children first."
WHO I ADMIRE: "Amy Dye, Walled Lake Elementary...is the type of teacher who will do whatever it takes to help her students."

RYAN J. OSSENWACHER

SCHOOL: Walnut Creek Middle School, science and social studies.
EDUCATION: B.S. education from Michigan State University, University of Dayton, Ohio.
WHY I CAME TO WL: "Everyone I talked to told me what a great district Walled Lake is and how many teachers enjoy working there."
WHO I ADMIRE: "One of the people I admire would be my father. He was able to reach many kids during his time as a sixth grade teacher."

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"she-kahn-dah-zah"

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The traditional Japanese music group Shikandaza ("she-kahn-dah-zah") will make a video recording at the Novi Middle School Auditorium, Tuesday, Sept. 3. The public is invited to watch this recording. There is no admission charge. Seating is at 6:30 p.m. and the recording should begin around 7.

Dangerous dumping allowed

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The collection point for the hazardous waste collection event will be behind the Novi Civic Center baseball diamonds.

Participants are asked to enter off of 10 Mile Road one driveway west of the main civic center entrance.

Once participants arrive at the drop-off point, they will not need to get out of their cars.

"Trained professionals will take the waste out of their trucks," Csapo said.

The RRKASAC holds about six of these events per year with the Novi event being the first collection of the fall season.

"These events are very popular," Csapo said. "We will probably see 1,200 to 1,300 cars

FALL FOR NOVI

Other Fall for Novi happenings occurring as part of the festivities will be a Novi Police Department Open House, the Fuerst Farm Fall Clean Up, Fall Perennial Flower Exchange, health screenings by Providence Hospital employees, exhibits by Novi Schools and the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, refreshments served by the Novi Lions Club and fun activities for kids of all ages.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The one attendance restriction is only residents from the

cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Wixom and Lyon Township are invited.

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Library Lines

Novi Public Library

Library hours
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday during the summer. Sunday hours resume September 8. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Tall. For more information, call 349-0720.

Labor Day closing

The library will be closed Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.

Story Time notes

The 2002/2003 Preschool Story Time brochures are now available in the library. Registration for Fall 1 Story Times runs through September 7. Fall 1 Story Times start September 23.

Adult book discussion group

Our September selection is "The Twins" by Tessa de Loo. The group meets Monday, September 9, at 7 p.m. in the west side of the library meeting room. All are welcome.

Board meeting

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday.

September 9, at 7 p.m. in the east side of the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

Walled Lake City Library

Ladies Night Out
The Walled Lake City Library will host its 7th Annual Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m., with storyteller Linda Day. This is a free program, but space is limited, so register early by calling the library at 248-624-3772.

Fill-A-Bag

The Friends of the Walled Lake City Library invite you to their annual "Fill-A-Bag" used book sale on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the library. Fill a bag full of books for just \$2.

Trustee needed

The Walled Lake City Library is looking for a civic-minded resident of Walled Lake to serve on its Board of Trustees. If you are interested, please call the library at 248-624-3772.

More info

For more information about upcoming programs, new materials, and library services, visit the library's Web site at www.walled-lake.lib.mi.us.



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Cushman fever

The rumble of Cushman motorscooters shattered the quiet of Larry Brandon's Novi neighborhood Aug. 25, as 15 of the vintage machines gathered on his lawn along with five of Walled Lake resident Kerry McLean's one-wheeled cycles. Brandon is a member of the Motor City Cushman Club, which is part of a nationwide network of collectors who love vintage scooters. For more information about the club, contact Mike Niefert at (734) 676-1522 or by e-mail at mnief@home.com. The club can be found on the Web at <http://members.aol.com/cushman7482/>.

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New bridge over CSX rail likely

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advancing the 12 Mile Road work and for making it a point to have the Novi and 12 Mile roads intersection paved this year.

The commission recently gave its approval to close down the heavily traveled intersection to complete that portion of the widening project.

The closure is scheduled for mid-September and is expected to last three to four weeks.

City officials said detours will be clearly posted and access to

businesses near the intersection will remain open.

Other construction news coming from the Wayne County Road Commission in conjunction with the RCOC was revealed this week.

Representatives from both commissions announced improvements will be made to the intersection of Eight Mile and Haggerty roads and the nearby ramps to Interstate 75.

The work will consist of full depth milling with roadway overlays and the installation of pedestrian paths and bikeways.

The \$1.1 million project will go to bid in December by the Michigan Department of Transportation with a Spring 2003 construction start.

Funding will be split between the RCOC and WCRC with no expenditures by the city of Novi.

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Two new restaurants coming

With an impressive collection of restaurant and entertainment tenants already committed, investment in the project is well advanced.

Officials from Schostrak Brothers & Co. recently added to the project's allure by announcing the addition of two new top-shelf restaurants to Fountain Walk, each of which will be introducing themselves to the market for the first time at the project.

These latest tenant commitments come from Margarita Mamas and Shima Japanese Restaurant, who will join Imagine Novi (later, Modern Skate & Surf, The Casual Corner, The Great Indoors, Vans Skatepark, Chuck E. Cheese, Cost Plus World Market, Buffalo Wild Wings and Galvan's at the 737,000 square-foot project located in Novi, Mich.

At 60,500 square feet and spanning three levels, Margarita Mamas will set a new standard for the southwestern dining experience for Fountain Walk visitors.

Margarita Mamas is a place "where the fiesta begins and it's OK to dance on the tables." This

restaurant and night club offers 12 flavors of margaritas, Mexican-type food, including overstuffed burritos, tacos, nachos and salsa, as well as music and dancing.

Also, at 6,236 square feet, Shima will unveil its diverse menu of Japanese cuisine, featuring sushi and steak, to Fountain Walk visitors.

The Novi location will differ from the existing Farmington Hills, Mich., location— which has been in operation since 1995, thanks to its conveyor system which will deliver sushi orders directly to customers' tables.

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Novi group celebrating Year of the Rose

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

So far, it's a rosy year for Pat Hibbard and her friends, but then every year is a rosy year for Hibbard and other members of Novi's Roses West Rose Society.

In fact, the nearly 100 members of the Novi women's group and the other 24,000 members of the American Rose Society are in the midst of celebrating the Year of the Rose to mark the Siresport, L.A., organization's 110th anniversary and promote the cultivation of roses.

Roses are grown in every state in the Union and the American Rose Society alone has a registry of more than 25,000 varieties. In 1986 former President Ronald Reagan signed legislation declaring the rose the country's national floral emblem.

Last month Novi Mayor Richard Clark issued a proclamation declaring the city an American Rose City. Hibbard said she hopes the proclamation will encourage people to learn more about roses and then plant them around their homes and businesses.

"Roses are not that difficult to grow," said Hibbard, who until recently had some 400 plants growing at her home. Earlier this year she donated 300 rose plants to the master gardener program at MSU's Tullgate Conference Center on Meadowbrook Road.

Hibbard has been a member of the American Rose Society for 23 years and in 1996 formed Roses West Rose Society, which meets the first Friday of every month.

"You couldn't ask for a nicer facility to hold meetings and workshops," she said. The civic center is the site of the society's



Novi Mayor Richard Clark (center) presents Roses West Rose Society board member Dr. Norman Krieger (left) and society president Pat Hibbard with a proclamation declaring Novi an American Rose City while society directors Mike Kern and Norris Hardemon watch.

annual rose show in June. In October rose expert Jim McVeigh will discuss English roses with society members. English roses were first introduced in 1969 by hybridizer David Austin, and they combine many of the characteristics of Old and New roses.

"They are very fragrant, gorgeous and grow very tall," noted Hibbard, adding the plants will bloom well into late fall.

About the time the English roses have bloomed their last for the season, Paul Scheel will join society members for a Nov. 1 discussion of how to hybridize your

own new variety of rose. There are dozens of rose species and thousands of cultivars, with more being added every year.

However, before society members listen to Scheel discuss hybridizing, they will head off to Saginaw Sept. 6-8 for the American Rose Society's Great Lakes District fall convention at

the Five Points Hotel. The highlight of the convention, said Hibbard, will be the appearance of outgoing American Rose Society president Thomas Cairns.

The following weekend Roses West Rose Society members will be headed to Mansion, Ohio, for another state convention.

For more information about roses and rose society activities, contact Hibbard at (248) 449-4626 or E-mail her at novi-rose@earthlink.net.

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LATE SEASON ROSE CARE

Roses have been cultivated for more than 5,000 years and as a species predate man by some 34 million years. However, according to Roses West Rose Society members there are a few fall and early winter tips that will help get your rose plants in shape to produce spectacular blooms next season.

September - October

- Discontinue fertilizer applications or use a formula that lack nitrogen (0-10-10) to promote winter hardiness.

- Continue spray program for insect and disease control.

November - December

- Clean disease foliage from around roses and discard.

- Water all roses thoroughly before ground freezes.

- Winter protect by placing at least six inches of soil or mulch around rose base or use newspaper collars or cones to protect entire plant.

More information on rose cultivation is available at your local library or at the American Rose Society Web site at www.ars.org.

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It's been 25 years since I graduated from high school. In hindsight, I can say that I did not take full advantage of that time in my life.

Although I was, I think, a good athlete, I never participated in school sports. I never went to prom. I never went to homecoming. I never really attended a single school-related function other than going to school every day (I never even skipped a day).

I hung out with my older brother and his friends, going to movies and concerts. I had a great time, don't get me wrong. But I missed out on a part of youth that everyone should experience.

It wasn't until years later that I made this discovery. I had went to college for a couple of years, moved to southern California, and then came back home and finished my degree.

After I got married, my wife and I lived in Williamston, and soon after I landed a job at the Shiawassee County Journal in Perry. It was one of those entry-level jobs where you do everything - general assignment reporter, photographer, layout, etc.

One of my duties was to cover the local

high school sports scene. The "scene" itself was as new as the job because, like I said, I had never been to a high school sports event.

That's when I found out what I had missed.

I saw students filled with school pride, rooting for their classmates in packed gymnasiums. I saw the locals braving blizzards to watch their kids try to win a regional football crown. I saw athletes sweating it out for the pure joy of competition in wrestling, track and field, tennis, gymnastics, and on and on.

In short, for the next 10 years, I saw firsthand what high school sports mean to students, athletes, schools and communities.

I don't cover sports anymore. We have a very fine writer, Sam Eggleston, who has that honor at the Novi News (and the Northville Record). But I do miss it. I miss standing on the sidelines trying to get that perfect photo of a great catch, or trying to capture the essence of victory (or defeat) on a player's face when time has run out.

Michigan's high school football season begins today and tomorrow. If you're a footballer, you already know what the next nine weeks of autumn will be like. If like me, this is virgin territory for you, take that first step and get it done. You can't make the football games, there's plenty of other high school sports that will get your pulse racing.

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Photo by John Heider

Yes, that is indeed Lord Stanley's Cup sitting right next to the Baseline Jug. Hockey's most coveted trophy was in Northville for a brief visit last week.

Remembering September 11

Difficult though it may be to believe, Sept. 11, 2002 is less than a month away. So much is still the same, and yet so much is different.

If you know of special events that are taking place to commemorate the 9-11, let us know so we can publish them in our Sept. 5 edition. Then, on Sept. 12, we'll be running a lot of stories about how Novi and the

Lakes Area have changed as a result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. We'll be looking at many different facets of living and how those areas have been affected by America's Darkest Day.

But we certainly don't have all the ideas. We'd like to hear from you - the readers. Everyone has thoughts. Everyone has feelings.

Everyone will be pausing 13 days from now, if only for a moment.

Let us hear what's on your mind. Sharing, they say, helps heal the wounds.

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To this year's baseline victors goes the Jug?

The fall 2002 varsity high school football season kicks off this week, and locally it wraps up with the traditional Novi vs. Northville matchup on Friday, Oct. 25 on the Mustangs' home turf.

In 1988, the staff members of the Northville Record and the Novi News came up with the idea of adding fuel to the already-burning rivalry: adding a traveling trophy to be awarded to the winner of the annual end-of-year varsity football matchup between the two schools.

The Baseline Jug, as it was called, was introduced with hardly a whimper. It was only a small ceramic jug, after all - hardly the Stanley Cup or the Vince Lombardi Trophy. But it didn't take much time for players and fans alike to begin salivating over the chance to win the coveted prize. By the late 1990s, Jug Fever hit fever pitch, and the battle for the Eight Mile icon elevated the game to a new level.

Sadly, the Jug met its demise when it was vandalized and out of necessity, destroyed. Convinced that the Jug was as much a part of the game as the game ball, however, the News and Record staffs pulled together, and with the assistance of Guernsey Farms Dairy, developed a bigger, better and more impressive-looking Jug.

Unfortunately, administrators and school officials told us they were no longer interested in making the Jug part of the late-October tradition. We were told the Jug "promoted bad sportsmanship."

At this moment, the Jug sits in the News & Record office, next to a television set and a mini-fridge. It's an attractive item that gets comments from visitors, and certainly comes in handy when staff members need something to lean on. And yet, we've never once heard the Jug chiding office patrons, thereby

eliminating the bad sportsmanship theory. The trophy no more belongs in our office than a printing press belongs in a classroom. The trophy belongs to the players, students and coaches - not our newspapers. It was created to be an item that galvanizes a student body and a team, and gives bragging rights for the next 365 days. In the end, isn't that what high school athletics is really all about?

If bad sportsmanship was exhibited in Jug games, it wasn't the Jug's fault. The blame rests squarely on parents, players and coaches who don't know where team pride ends and rubbing-it-in begins.

We attempted last year to present the Jug to the Wildcats after the team's 47-12 victory. Three weeks later, the Jug was returned to us with the same "bad sportsmanship" re-

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soring attached.

This year, we want to give the Jug away and not see it again until 2003. We hope Novi and Northville high school officials will see it our way. If readers feel the need to echo our sentiments, go ahead and contact the respective administrators and let them know that the Jug is no different than any other trophy awarded to the winner of a sports competition.

FOOTNOTE: If school administrators won't accept the Jug for our sake, do it for the fine folks at Guernsey who donated the steel milk canister when the original Jug was ruined. The McGuire family has provided scoping jobs to hundreds of Wildcat and Mustang players for 50 years. Taking the Jug is the least that can be done.

OTHER OPINIONS

The governor's race is on!

As a result of their conventions over the weekend, Republicans and Democrats now have their tickets set for the November general election. We can look forward to one of the most interesting and consequential elections in recent Michigan history, with the governorship vacant for the first time in more than a decade and both houses of the legislature potentially up for grabs.

At their party conventions over the weekend, GOP gubernatorial nominee Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus picked State Sen. Loren Bennett to be his running mate while his Democratic opponent Attorney General Jennifer Granholm (and State Sen. John Cherry) both selections highlight insights about the structure and dynamics of our major political parties.

Bennett, 51, is completing his second term in the state Senate. Before his election in 1994, he served six years as Canton Township Clerk. He was first elected to the township board in 1980, winning the part-time seat at age 25. He became interested in public office after attending a township meeting in the late 1970s when he was a member of the Jaycees.

By all accounts, Bennett is reasonably effective although not particularly

inspiring lawmaker from Canton Township, the most rapidly growing community in vote-rich western Wayne County. A suburbanite who won in a slightly Republican district, Bennett offers some geographic balance to Posthumus, whose roots are deep in rural western Michigan. Whether he'll be a good attack dog against Granholm remains to be seen.

Most experts I talked with over the weekend called the nomination "safe but uninspired." One pointed out that Posthumus is the underdog in this race, and playing safe is hardly the way to jump-start a campaign that's already well behind.

An alternative, he said, would have been to select a moderate like State Sen. John "Joe" Schwarz - who differs with Posthumus on abortion and gun control but who appeals to suburban women and moderates - and have a big fight at the GOP convention.

"That way, win or lose," said my source, "Posthumus would have demonstrated his willingness to reach beyond the traditional Republican base."

Win or lose? Lose badly, I suspect. The Republican state party apparatus - staunchly right to life and pro-gun - is firmly in control of any GOP convention vote. Schwarz, who could have been an asset to the ticket in the November election, is anathema to the GOP establishment. And history suggests that even Gov. John Engler was not always able to control his own convention against the establishment, witness the 1998 selection of John Smetanka over Scott Romney for Attorney General - a convention choice that opened the way for Granholm's election and subsequent rapid rise.

Looking at the Democratic selection is equally illuminating. Sen. Cherry, 51, of

Clio (near Flint), has a wealth of legislative experience. He served two terms in the state House and four terms in the state Senate, where he was widely respected on both sides of the aisle.

Direct, sometimes to the point of gruffness, Cherry offers voters a contrast to Granholm: He's close to organized labor (Granholm was backed in the primary by only the teachers and the teamsters), has a mixed voting record on abortion (Granholm says she's solidly pro-choice), and is largely pro-gun (Granholm helped organize a ballot drive against the law that eased the barriers to getting a concealed weapon permit).

For Granholm, who clearly understands that a major Republican attack will be on her lack of Lansing experience (she's only served four years in the capital city), Cherry offers reassuring legislative seniority. Moreover, Granholm realizes that if elected governor in November, she will likely be facing at least one house of the legislature controlled by the opposing party. She will have to govern out of the center and to do so she will need somebody who knows the ins and outs of the legislative process. Cherry helps.

And at a Democratic convention, where a majority of the voting delegates are members of organized labor, picking an ally helps solidify the party after what could have been a bruising primary election.

Lady and gentleman, start your engines! The race is on.

Patriotism requires action, not words

What does it mean to be a United States patriot, not only in these difficult times of post 9/11 national confusion and search for unity but an ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill patriot?

That is a complex question, my friends. I have been contemplating this more and more as we approach with solemnity the one-year mark of what one newspaper called "America's darkest hour."

The days and weeks following the attacks on the U.S. were filled with grief, confusion, anger and terror, but these feelings ultimately gave way in the following months to what I found to be a silent, strong determination of the people to support their country in a new, more demonstratively resolute way.

We weren't, in essence, going to let the bastards get us down.

It seems that if we couldn't prove it immediately by our actions, we were going to show them our patriotism with signs, posters, bumper stickers, and flags, which is good in the short-term, but not ultimately, for our altering coun-

try. The ubiquitous slogans "United We Stand, God Bless the USA" became practically more visible than the American flag - printed on T-shirts, bumperstickers, baby bottles, banners and such. The simplistic Lee Greenwood ballad "God Bless the USA" was resurrected from the heap of post Gulf War celebrations and was given free reign on the airwaves. It's main appeal, in my opinion, was for mainly those patriots of faith.

Michigan author Jim Harrison noted a plethora of "In God We Trust" on motel signs as he headed back home from a trip to Montana shortly after Sept. 11. His choice would be for those motels to display "We pray this never happens again," I concur.

I guess I would suggest that ultimately there are people of action and those of words.

Our country, more than ever, needs the former and not the latter.

People, get involved! This thing called patriotism is not a spectator sport and cannot ultimately be conveyed from the back of your car's bumper; we will all benefit as citizens if people get involved in their communities and government.

A former Record reporter, Randy Coble, used to foam at the mouth in his columns in the weeks preceding any municipal, state or national election. "Vote!" he urged the masses. Be a part of the governmental process instead of subject of it.

How would Mr. Coble react to the recent record-setting, yet still-abysmal

turnout of 23 percent of registered voters for Michigan's August primary? I used to work near the man and can only imagine the thundering expletives that would rock our office had he seen such pathetic participation in the electoral process.

Now some may be turned off by the 2000 "election" and the distasteful mess that the state of Florida and the U.S. Supreme Court left us with, but even in my Democrat eyes, that's no reason to give up on the process.

If you want to support your country then do it: Register to vote (then vote), write your congressman (and run for congress or at least your local city council), rip those silly jingoistic bumperstickers off your car on your way to the Red Cross to donate blood, sell your "These Colors Don't Run" T-shirt and give the proceeds to the local food bank, join the military or service corps and then volunteer to do something in your community.

You may view the support of one's country, patriotism, as a large, well-attended Fourth of July parade. You are free to stand on the sidelines and wave a flag and watch the parade go by filled with the people and things you say you support, or you can step in the line and march along.

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Just how threatening is this virus?

It's getting nearly impossible these days to pick up a newspaper or turn on a television without hearing about the West Nile Virus.

One local television station has even taken to running a blaring red logo that reads "West Nile Scare" but how scared do we really need to be? So far this year 16 people have died nationwide from the virus, which first appeared in New York City in 1999. According to Michigan State Police records last Labor Day Weekend alone, 17 people died on Michigan highways and over the Fourth of July Weekend another 23 people died.

In short, you are more likely to die in your car this weekend than you are to contract West Nile Virus, much less die from it.

According to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, in an average year, 20,000 Americans die from the flu. Personally, I'm more concerned about the

person coughing up chunks on the other side of the office than I am mosquitoes.

Even going to a restaurant is a cause of greater concern than a mosquito. Salmonella, a disease caused by improperly handled food, according to CDC reports claims the lives of 1,000 Americans annually and sickens another 39,000.

Before I make major changes in my life on an account of mosquitoes, I'd probably rethink showing up for work. According to the CDC's National Traumatic Occupational Fatalities Surveillance System, 5,314 Americans died at work in 1995, the last year for which statistics are available.

That's not to say people should sit around fat, dumb and happy. I spent a number of years in the suburbs where mosquito control is part of the way of life, and there are a lot of things the average person can do to lower their risk of mosquito-borne illness.

The biggest single thing anyone can do is deprive mosquitoes of a home.

Do you have a wheelbarrow in your yard? Turn it upside-down. Anything that can hold as little as a cup of water provides a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Habitat elimination is the biggest single factor in mosquito control. Prior to the Civil War, Michigan had a reputation for being a malaria-infested swamp. My great-grandfather bypassed Michigan in favor of Minnesota in part because of the fear of

malaria. Farming and logging in Michigan drained half the state's wetlands.

Still, we have 65 species of mosquitos in the state.

Active mosquito control is always an option. Midland County, along the Saginaw River Valley, spends nearly a \$1 million annually on mosquito control.

The question is, which is more dangerous - the mosquitos or the chemicals used to control them? Mary Goedert, the new principal at Novi's Village Oaks Elementary, recalls hearing doors and windows slam shut as the hum of the mosquito control truck got closer and closer in her Saginaw neighborhood.

In the Florida Keys, they fog the islands with a mixture of diesel fuel and Diabron spread by airplanes flying at treetop level. More than once I found myself standing outside wondering if breathing that stuff was all that good for me.

For now, I think a more sensible approach here is to avoid being places where mosquitos congregate at sunrise and sunset. If you must be out use the insect repellent DEET sparingly. Oh, and when the mosquito season ends next month, get a flu shot.

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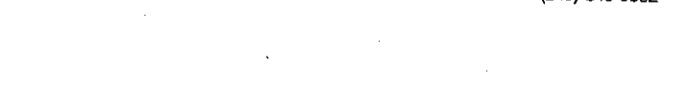
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Class helps put spice back in life

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

They sit there in the produce counter looking exotic with names like habanero, scotch bonnet and jalapeno, but what do you do with them?

If you're Romero Montalban, you make salsa. Montalban, a vacation, leisure and enrichment teacher, will be marking National Hispanic Culture month from Sept. 15-Oct. 15 with a class on "Festive Salsas" throughout Metro Detroit. Locally he'll be offering the class at the Novi Community School District, Oct. 1; Huron Valley Public Schools, Oct. 12; Brighton Public Schools, Sept. 13; and the South Lyon Parks and Recreation Department, Sept. 21. The two-hour long classes will begin at 7 p.m. each night.

The Novi class will be held in the cafeteria at Novi Middle School at the corner of 11 Mile and Wisom roads. "Tomatoes and peppers are coming into season and people are looking for fun and new ways to use them," said Montalban. He said homemade salsa is the perfect way to spice up a football Saturday.

He said the class will start with pepper habanero, such as how to pick the right kind. "You certainly don't want to pick up a pepper from a roadside stand and find they're way too hot for your family," he said. "Some peppers are so hot they can cause cardiac arrest." The class will also cover Hispanic ingredients, such as cilantro, tomatoes and jicama. Along with making their own salsa, students will receive a list of 200 salsa recipes. There will be a \$10 materials fee to cover ingredients and the recipe list in addition to tuition. Tuition in Novi will be \$12, \$18 in Brighton, \$10 in South Lyon and \$16 in the Milford area. The registration deadline is a week before each class.

To register call Novi at (248) 449-1246, Huron Valley schools at (248) 889-6571, Brighton at (810) 229-1419 or South Lyon Parks and Rec at (248) 437-8105.

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Emergency food distribution set

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) will be distributing free food through the Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) in Oakland County during September. All people who are income eligible and not registered may do so at the site by bringing social security cards for all household members, verification of household income and photo I.D. Local distribution

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Novi News sister publication takes third in SNA contest

Last year, the Milford Times was honored as the first place recipient in the General Excellence category in the annual Michigan Press Association contest. This year, the Novi News sister publication, the Milford Times, took third place in the annual Michigan Press Association contest.

That even out-of-towners would feel compelled to read about them." Hosting the Times was the Beacon-Village of Concord, Mass. (second place) and the Homewood-Blossington Star of Tinley Park, Ill. (first place).

"This contest took into account all aspects of our newspaper," said King. "The judges scrutinized our stories, photos, advertisements, pictures, fonts, everything. It is in the paper, it is looked at closely." "The staff continues to strive to improve their product and deliver the number one newspaper to the communities in the Huron Valley," said Grace Perry, publisher of Novi News's sister publication, the Milford Times. "Their hard work has now been recognized on the National level. What an honor." The staff is anxiously awaiting the results of this year's Michigan Press Association contest, where the newspaper is hoping they can continue the tradition they set last year.

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By Linda Neff
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

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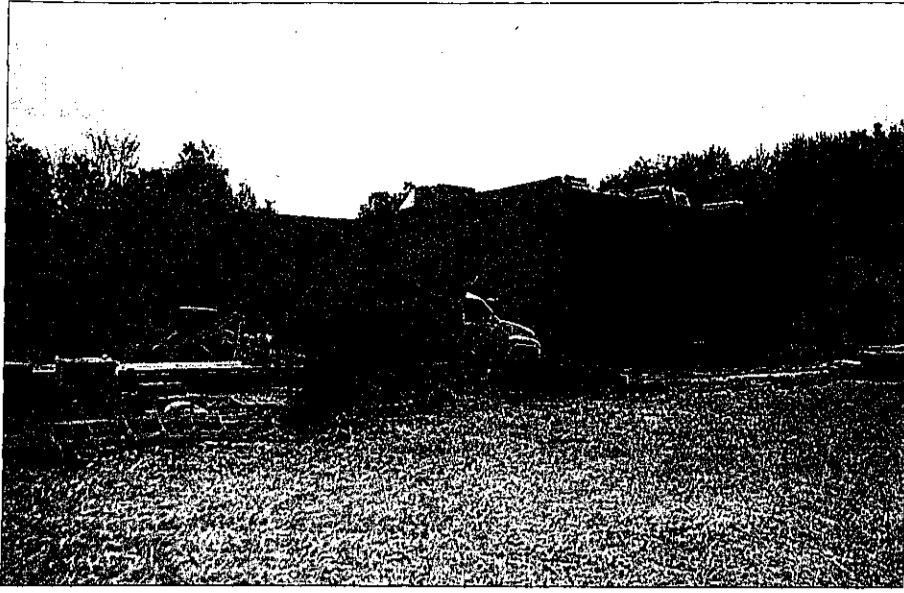


Photo by John Helder

Work continues Monday afternoon at Novi's newest firestation: No. 4, along Ten Mile Road near Wixom Road.

New fire station contractor appointed

continued from front

based on the assumption the contractors will begin work right after the Labor Day holiday.

Occupancy is scheduled for March 2003 nearly one year after the original occupancy date for the \$1.9 million project.

The failure to complete the much needed station stirred up quite a bit of controversy in the city.

Many residents questioned how a construction company backed by James Chen, president and managing partner of Evergreen III, could receive such a high-profile contract with pending litigation by private business owners challenging the solvency of Novi's downtown development.

Pearson said at the time the

contract was awarded, Greystone met the bidding requirements and was able to bond and provide the necessary financial guarantees for the city to recoup full costs of completing the project in the event of default.

Other concerns surfaced relating to the city's bidding process, when it was actually known Greystone could no longer perform its duties and its openness with sub-contractors connected to the project.

The structure at Wixom and 10 Mile roads currently stands one-third complete.

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Novi soccer boys blast Churchill, 5-1

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats boys' soccer team started the season off on the right foot as they blasted the Western Lakes Activities Association's Livonia Churchill Chargers.

The 'Cats, who are coached by veteran helmsman Brian O'Leary, took the charge out of Livonia Churchill as they handed them a 5-1 loss.

"We got a good team effort in defeating the injury-depleted Churchill Chargers," O'Leary said.

Novi's Matt Urlick opened up the game scoring just six minutes into the contest as he found the back of the net on a nice through ball from Adam Southworth.

The second goal came with only 30 seconds left on the clock as Jeff Dodds won a 50-50 ball at the 10-yard line and fired the ball into the right corner of the goal to make the game 2-0. Jon Sierra

got the mark for the assist.

The second half found the Wildcats coming out strong as B. J. Humphrey scored on a penalty kick to give the 'Cats a 3-0 advantage over the Chargers.

Churchill would not be denied a score though. Soon after Humphrey found the back of the net, the Chargers did the same, pulling the score to 3-1 and marking their first and last goal of the game.

However, Novi wasn't through putting points on the board. With

less than 15 minutes remaining in the contest, Urlick took a pass from Matt Nickels to score for a 4-1 lead. Wildcat A. W. Stanek sealed the game and capped the scoring as he took the rebound of a Humphrey free kick and dazzled the Churchill goalie for the score.

The Wildcats didn't find themselves under too much pressure on the defensive end of the field. Goalie Sean McClinchey made six saves in the contest to earn the victory between the

posts.

The Wildcats (1-0 overall, 0-0 KVC) will have returned to action Tuesday (after the Novi News went to print) when they visited Plymouth Canton in a non-conference contest, before hosting Kensington Valley Conference rival Howell tonight at home at 7 p.m. — a game that O'Leary expects to show some signs of what the KVC has to offer.

"The KVC will be very interesting this year," O'Leary said.

"The normal top two, Brighton and Novi, are both down a little this year, whereas all of the other KVC teams are up this year. I don't think any team in the league will be an easy victory, which will make the season very fun and interesting."

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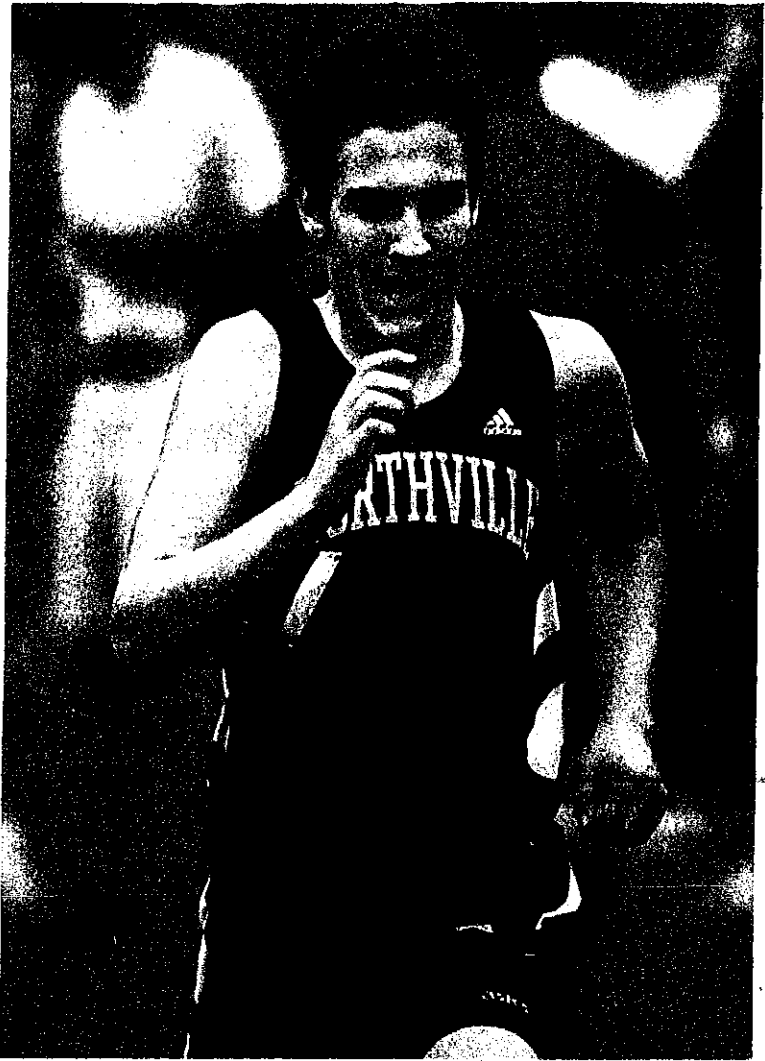


Photo by HAL GOULD

Northville's Tim Dalton was one of the top runners that the Novi Wildcats faced in their opening scrimmage at the Cass Benton race course in Northville. The Wildcats, coached by Bob Smith, took seven of the top 10 spots in the run.

Wildcat boys' XC runs wild

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats boys cross country team has to be pretty happy with their first showing of the season. It doesn't count towards their final record, but it does show them just about where they stand for the beginning of their regular season.

The Wildcats took on the Northville Mustangs in a beginning-of-the-season scrimmage August 21, a scrimmage that the Wildcats took seven of the top 10 spots in.

"It was one of the nice little surprises for us," Novi coach Bob Smith said. "It was a pleasant surprise to see that we had that kind of depth."

Senior transfer Brian Gilchrist, originally from New York, took second in the meet with a time of 16 minutes, 40 seconds.

"I could tell last spring (when he came on to the track program) that Brian was a highly capable runner," Smith said. "He is showing what he is able to do already. A 16:40 is a really good time and he did it in the first meet of the year."

Not far behind, Gilchrist was Mark Moore, a sophomore runner, with a finishing time of 17:25 for third place.

"That just shows how good Gilchrist is," Smith said. "Mark Moore is a very solid runner, and for Brian to finish 45 seconds ahead of him is a statement of his ability."

In fourth place was junior Eric Joseph with a 17:30, while Spencer Orens finished sixth behind Northville's Clark Paciorek with a time of 17:42.

Finishing seventh overall and fifth on the team was sophomore

Amol Huprikar with a final time of 17:45. Justin Nanni, a sophomore, finished ninth overall with an 18:26, while Mike Pitcher rounded out the top 10 for the meet and the top seven runners for Novi with an 18:40 and a 10th-place finish.

"Last year, Northville was one of the top teams in the area and with a better region draw would have probably been a state contender," Smith said. "Their coach, Chris Cronin, does a really nice job with those guys. Now that we have run against a team with good stature, we are better able to view our standing and our situation."

The Wildcats are also very happy with their pack times. One of the goals that the team originally set for itself was for groups of runners to run in packs with the spread between the first five runners coming about a minute apart. With their first competitive run of the season, Gilchrist, Moore, Joseph, Orens and Huprikar were only 1:05 apart from one another, prompting Smith to set a new goal.

"Forty-five seconds apart would be ideal," Smith said. "We are happy to have a good pack time, but teams with great pack times usually don't have a front runner. Gilchrist is assuming the role of a front runner really fast. To expect five guys to lead a race is unrealistic, but to expect Spencer, Mark, Eric and Amol to be within 45 seconds of each other is our goal."

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Tyler, golf starts out with wins

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats boys' golf team, lead by coach Brad Huss, has started their season off just the way they would like — as contenders.

With Jack Tyler, Novi's own Tiger Woods, playing golf like it is his only purpose in life, the Wildcats have managed to pull out to an impressive beginning to the 2002 season, and they are very pleased with the results.

"We have posted two scores below 300," Huss said. "This is unheard of. This is a very good team with a great depth. We should have a great chance to win our third consecutive KVC championship."

In the Saline Invitational August 23, Tyler led the way with a 68, blowing away the competition while Brandon Cigna shot a 75, Mark Bertine hit a 76, James Peurach recorded a 79 and Jame Faysal shot an 82.

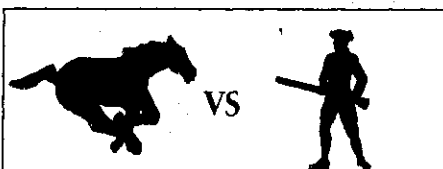
"Jack Tyler, who is the team captain, is having an incredible year," Huss noted. "He has been medalist in 2 tournaments and was second by a shot in the pre-KVC. He has not finished out of the top 10."

Tyler is an amazing five under for the last two meets and, combined with his practice scores, he is 10 under for the past 99 holes he has played. Tyler has collected an average of 72.25 in our meets.

The Farmington tournament August 21 found Tyler leading the Wildcats again, this time with a 71 while Cigna shot a 73, Faysal notched a 76, Jesse Lachman and

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Ready for some football?



Northville

Coach: Clint Alexander
Record: 0-0
Conference: WLAA
Mascot: Mustangs

Game Plan vs. Opponent:

Northville may find themselves relying on their offensive skilled positions to take care of the football before a strong defensive line can disrupt the back-field play. With their strong defense and overall speed and strength, expect the Mustangs to be controlling the clock if they take the lead early on.

Alexander, Northville looking for opening game victory over Pats

This could prove to be a fun and exciting year for the Northville Mustangs football team.

Despite the fact that they are going to be on the road for their first two games, the Mustangs are starting off their season on a good note. Senior runningback and line-backer Matt Cornelius looks as though he has boosted his weight by lifting weights while a tough scrimmage against Hartland has helped first-year Northville coach Clint Alexander see exactly what it was his team had going for it and against it.

With only one varsity coach returning from last years crew (I'm going to miss you Coach

Franklin

Record: 0-0
Conference: WLAA
Mascot: Patriots

Game Plan vs. Opponent:

Franklin is not the type of team to bring a lot of fancy footwork to the field of play. Instead, they are a fairly basic, fundamental Iudon football program that will be hoping to run the ball straight up between the tackles in most cases.

Schumacher!), the Mustangs will have pretty much a whole new look to their offense and defense, but they will probably be suffering from the same ailment — their offensive line.

It must be something in the drinking water, because Northville really doesn't have much in the way of size on its side. Maybe if the cafeteria starts dishing out double helpings to the tackles, the offense will have something to anchor itself against. Now, I could be wrong here because, like you, I haven't had the chance to see these guys play in a game situation yet.

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A View From The Stands

Well, it's fall sports season again and the time to start pointing out who I think are going to be the victors of various games is upon us.



Sam Eggleston

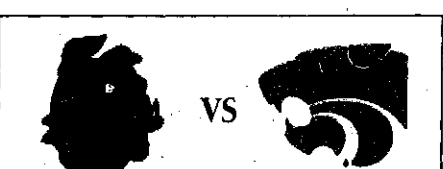
Last season, as well as this season, you will be seeing plenty of "Games of the Week" where I point out the best players and who I think is going to win. A View From The Stands breaks it down even further, giving you, the reader, each teams' record, conference, coach, mascot, top players on offense and defense and what their game plan will more than likely be.

In most occurrences, I will get the game plan directly from the coaches of the teams myself. In the case that I am not able to get that information from the coaches for this reason or that, I will do my best to get it from another reliable source.

I hope that you will enjoy reading my new head-to-head View From The Stands portion of the sports section. It is here that we are able to see just what it is that each team will be bringing to the field of play.

Well, good luck everybody. Hope to see you at the games!

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Chelsea

Coach: Brad Bush
Record: 0-0
Conference: Southeastern
Mascot: Bulldogs

Game Plan vs. Opponent:

A strong program with a lot of skilled players, the Bulldogs are well aware that their skill may be matched by the Novi defense. They rely heavily on their strong front five when they get close to the endzone, while their stingy defense looks to contain any type of running the the Wildcat quarterbacks will be hoping to accomplish.

Wildcats, 'Dogs have tough first game for hopeful 2002 season

Don't you just hate it when your team starts the season off by playing one of the best high school football teams in the state of Michigan? I sure do.

The Novi Wildcats will find themselves in some very unfriendly territory when they take a bus ride out to Chelsea to take on the very tough and very intimidating Bulldogs.

This is going to be more than a 'Cat and 'Dog fight though, cause as many of you know, the first game can set the tempo for the rest of the season.

With three quarterbacks that have more than enough ability to play the position and play it

Novi

Coach: Tab Kelleppouney
Record: 0-0
Conference: KVC
Mascot: Wildcats

Game Plan vs. Opponent:

With a fairly strong defensive line and three quality quarterbacks, the Wildcats will have plenty of fire to play with when they take on the Bulldogs. Expect to see a large variety of plays coming off the offense while the defense stays solid and keeps their heads in the game and tries to keep Chelsea in the box.

Chelsea is going to be coming strong and looking to make an early season mark on their non-conference opponents. Having lost to Farmington Hills Harrison in the playoffs for the past three years straight, Chelsea isn't a big fan of non-conference teams coming into their house looking to earn a victory.

Expect to see a lot of loud hitting.

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Milford VS WLC

Coach: Pat Fox
Record: 0-0
Conference: KVC
Mascot: Mavericks

Game Plan vs. Opponent: A tough offensive team with a lot of power, the Mavericks are not going to be bringing any kind of razzle-dazzle offense. Expect them to pound the ball-stuff forward and opt to go into the option if they find the need to. The guy who will see the most pigskin is no doubt Jim Presley.

Vikings just have to be tougher than Milford Maverick's Presley

Wow. If this isn't going to be a fun game, then I couldn't tell you which one on the remainder of either of these teams' schedules is.

The Walled Lake Central Vikings, coached by Chuck Appa, will be looking to redeem a tough opening-season loss from 2001 when they host the Milford Red-Kings - cops. I mean Mavericks - tonight at 4 p.m.

The game is going to have it all - passing, kicking, punting, kicking and - can't forget this one - running. Milford will be packing the bus full of football players to make the trip to Walled Lake, but I can assure you that there's one jersey that the Vikings are going to be looking to bury their facemasks in - that of Jim Presley.

The truth is, they have to be on the hunt for Presley. A runningback that will see the ball plenty of times, Presley has committed himself verbally to the University of Michigan to play some football. His size and speed are virtually unmatched in the Kensington Valley Conference, and his willingness to pound heads with each and every player on the Walled Lake squad is going to shine in this game.

Appa and his gang have to wonder if they are going to be able to stop the Milford squad, and I say yes, they will.

Walled Lake Central has a fairly young team, but a good

WLV VS Belleville

Coach: Mike Zdebki
Record: 0-0
Conference: WLAA
Mascot: Warriors

Game Plan vs. Opponent: The Warriors will probably be coming out looking to pound the ball against the Tigers and hope to score quickly to allow their defense to take control of the game's tempo. The Warriors will also have a good inside-outside game with the speed of runningback Steve VanNortwick.

WLW, Jon Michaud wanting to tame Mega conference Tigers

Graduation can be a very, very ugly thing at times.

The Walled Lake Western Warriors football team can attest to that as they look at this season and ask themselves - "Where have you gone, Mike Priba and Steve Bell?"

The Warriors may feel the sting on both ends of the ball with the loss of those particular players, but I am pretty sure that they are going to be the ones handing out the stings against Belleville.

"Don't get me wrong, I love Belleville. My grandparents and uncles live in Belleville. I am in that town all of the time, and I hear a lot of things about their sports teams - but I think the Warriors are going to come out looking to cage these Tigers.

With the likes of Peter Buciglio on the defensive line, Steve Tomina at defensive back and Frank Wozny at linebacker, you can pretty much bet that the defense is going to be looking to smack some heads.

The offense, led by returning quarterback Jon Michaud, will have the likes of John Sowers and Steve VanNortwick to take care of the scoring end of things. Without much in the way of a razzle-dazzle type offense, the Warriors will be looking

Sports Shorts

Faceoff moves to Monday

"Wildcat Faceoff", the highly successful radio show devoted to Novi Athletics, begins its 3rd season on Sept. 9th, and will move to a new time, "Wildcat Faceoff" will be heard on 89.5FM on Monday nights from 7:00-8:00. Coaches corner, where are they now, athletes of the week, and national guests from ESPN as well as other areas of the sporting world will be featured. Bernie Frato and Scott Olson will host the show.

Fall Youth Basketball

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is accepting player registrations for the Fall Youth Basketball. Registration will continue through Sept 20 or until leagues fill (a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed after Sept 20). The league for girls is based on grades fourth through sixth.

Fall Ball

Registration is now open for the Fall Baseball Program run by the Noviville Baseball/Softball Association.

Northville wants to open with win

Maybe they will come through and be one of the top offensive lines in the Western Lakes Activities Association, or maybe they won't. Only time will tell on that one.

Northville Travel Baseball tryouts

The 2003 12 and Under Division (Birth Date after 8-1-90) will be holding tryouts Friday, September 6 from 6 p.m. through 7:30 p.m. at Millenium Park which is located on 6 mile between Sheldon and Beck.

Fast Pitch Softball Tryouts

Softball Players Wanted!!! If you have an interest in Fast pitch softball, and were born on or after 1-1-90, and would like to play against the best of our neighboring communities' next Spring, then consider attending the Northville Broncos softball tryouts THIS FALL! Tryouts for the 2003 Northville Broncos team are being held THIS FALL, due to the

SPORTS

Novi has tough game

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ing. I know, it is impossible to see a noise, but I assure you that you will see a lot of loud hitting. My old coach used to tell us that you know a good hit by the sound it makes. He said that by the time we were seniors, he would be able to tell who makes the tackle by the sound it makes - and I am pretty sure he could.

The Novi Wildcats will be coming out looking to make some noise of their own, both with their pads and with their scoring. If things flow right, I am anticipating the Wildcats to pull out a surprise victory over these "Dogs."

Yes, I think the offense is going to get in the end zone a couple of times, but I think it is the defense that is going to win this game. If there is one thing that I have noticed about Novi

Northville wants to open with win

season and it happens to be away. I am expecting them to bring quite the defense onto the field as well as the possibility of an exciting offense.

Though I am not predicting this to be a super-tough match for the Mustangs, I am predicting that Franklin gives them a run for their money in the first half until they settle their nerves and get things rolling.

Novi golf is steaming hot in '02

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Brian Jausi both shot 79 and Eric Ayes hit an 81.

"We have won two of the last four tournaments and place second in another," Huss said. "I've never had a team with these kinds of scores for these tournaments. This is going to be a fun season."

In the Pre-KVC tournament, Tyler collected a 72 to lead Novi while Lachman was second with a 76. Cigna, Faysal and Ayes all recorded 78's on the day while Jausi shot a 79 to round out the scoring.

ENTERTAINMENT

A Tad Bit Different

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

If watching a reverse coming-of-age film about your average wiskey-drinking, Pacifier-listening, French-speaking and Voltaire-reading 15-year-old peaks your interest, then the film "Tadpole" is for you.

The PG-13 rated film for sexual content, mature thematic elements and language showing exclusively at the Novi Town Center, brings die viewer into the world of boarding-school sophomore Oscar Grubman.

Oscar, who is appropriately described by one of his fellow cast-mates as a "40-year-old dropped into a 15-year-old body," finds nothing interesting about girls his age and instead is madly in love with his stepmother. Eve played by Sigourney Weaver.



Tadpole is a rverse coming-of-age film that has a lot to learn in the world of movies.

While achingly pursuing the woman of his dreams along with her beautiful hands, Oscar woos other 40-somethings including Eve's best friend, played by Bebe Neuwirth, who he ends up sleeping with.

Oscar's desperation to be with Eve is obviously shown in one scene where he clips hair from his best friend's dog to make sideburns after learning she used to have the hair for Elvis and his facial hair, which of course came off later in an embarrassing and revealing way.

Brockman, Holt lead way for tennis wins

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats girls' tennis team started their season off with winning ways as they took home the first-place position in the Liz Hallman Invitational August 19 after taking second in the Holt Invitational August 17.

The Wildcats collected 21 points to earn the victory in the Liz Hallman Invitational, beating out second place Litchfield (15); Jackson-Lumen (14) and Holy (13) among others. In the Holt Invite, Novi collected 41 points for second place behind best Holt, which collected 44.

favorite at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival where it was picked up for distribution by Miramax.

Winick is additionally a partner in InDiGen Films, the company responsible for other Sundance successes such as Richard Linklater's "Before Sunrise" and Bruce Wagner's "Women in Film."

In the sea of big budget, over-produced films playing in theaters now, this would be my choice, but when compared to other independent films playing at other smaller venues, "Tadpole" wouldn't be my first choice.

Novi girls' tennis team starts season with wins

progress this team has made." Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "This is an excellent start to the season, and I have to believe that we are the favorites to win the KVC."

In the Holt Invitational, the fourth doubles team of seniors Samantha Kelley and Lauren Tuckey made a march straight to the championship game against Holt where they lost a tough 9-7 game. Third Doubles, consisting of senior Rebecca Whitchart and junior Katie Fannon, fought their way to a third-place finish as they beat Battle Creek Central 8-6.

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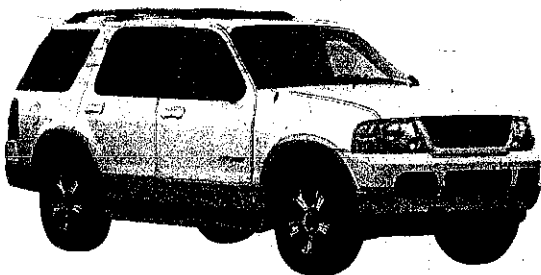
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