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## Remembering September 11

## Local events mark 9/11 anniversary

By Phil Foley and Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITERS

Not all the remembrances of last year's tragedy are grand events. Some local groups will be marking the day in more personal ways.

### Scout plantings

Cub Scouts from Novi's Pack 239 will mark Sept. 11 by planting a small evergreen tree near the Village Oaks Community Association's clubhouse at 7 p.m. Cubmaster Lisa Baumgarten said her boys also plan to present local firefighters with a certificate of appreciation for all the work they do.

Clinton Valley Boy Scout Council spokesman Heather Lech said Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs across Oakland County plan on planting two to three foot tall evergreens to mark the first anniversary of last year's tragedy, other local Cub Scout Pack 102 is slated to plant a tree at the Wixom VFW hall and Pack 375 from Novi is expected to plant a tree at Parkview Elementary School.

"The police departments, fire departments and emergency service workers all answered freedom's call on September 11th," said Steven Montgomery, Scout Executive of the Clinton Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. "Their families and those of the victims need to know America cares. The Boy Scouts of America stands with these families."

"Scouts across Michigan and America have collected food, assisted in blood drives, marched in parades, served as ushers at memorial services, provided color guards, and donated to relief funds following the attacks of September 11. And still they ask, 'What more can be done?'" stated Dave Every, council president. "We feel honored to be able to conduct this recognition ceremony on behalf of our American heroes."

### Students show colors

Elementary students in the Novi Community School District, said school spokesman Becky Stockbridge, have been asked to wear red, white and blue

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## Let the counting begin

### Kowall requests vote recount in District 15 senate primary election

By Philip Allmen  
STAFF WRITER

If nothing else, state Rep. Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) will be able to better sleep at night knowing the vote totals for the state Senate District 15 race during the primary election last month.

The official results of the election show state Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) earned a 95-vote advantage over Kowall in the primary to move ahead to the November general election. David Wolkinson (R-West Bloomfield) placed third in the primary.

"I don't want to wake up at 3 o'clock and think I should have done it," Kowall said. "I've been encouraged by a lot of my supporters for peace of mind. I want to be able to sleep at night."

Cassis received 9,436 votes to Kowall's 9,341 votes. Wolkinson garnered 1,628 votes. As it stands now, Cassis will face Sean Carlson (D-Commerce), who picked up 19,578 votes in the primary election as an uncontested candidate — this November.

Voters had to vote in either the Republican or Democratic primaries.

District 15, which covers much of western Oakland County, includes 109 precincts. According to Chuck Bill, spokesman for the state Bureau of Elections, it costs \$10 for a recount for each precinct, meaning the recount will cost Kowall \$1,090, plus any legal fees he may incur.

"We are going to recount them all," said Kowall. "With 95 votes, that's not a lot of votes when you consider it's less than one half of one percent. I'm optimistic, but I'm a realist. The possibility of error is pretty thin."

According to Kowall, the margin of error in an election ballot count is .5 percent

Cassis said she wasn't sur-

prised Kowall was seeking the recount.

"I heard soon after the election my opponent would likely request it after the state certified the results," Cassis said. "Mike has every legal right for a recount to ensure his peace of mind. I have every confidence in our Oakland County clerks and chief Clerk (William) Doc Caddell.

They do an excellent job. The likelihood of it (the results) changing is very slim to none."

"We are prepared and are gathering our volunteer observers. Fortunately this is not Florida. We have a sophisticated system. It will be extremely close to the original count."

In the meantime, Cassis said she is continuing her general election campaign, working on brochures and speaking at various meetings. She's also continuing her legislative agenda, including working with residents, issuing tributes and general state business.

"I'm focused on what's to come," she said. "I'm also a full-time legislator. I'm doing the public business of the 38th District at the same time. It's constant."

Oakland County officials will conduct the recount with a representative of the state Board of Canvassers on hand. While the county typically recounts votes mechanically, this race will be recounted by hand.

"For a state office like this, the recount is conducted under the rules of the state Board of Canvassers," said Bill. "There's no policy, but our procedure is to do hand recounts. We pick up the ballot, look at it and put it in the appropriate pile. Then we count the votes in the piles."

State Senate District 15 covers the cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Orchard Lake and

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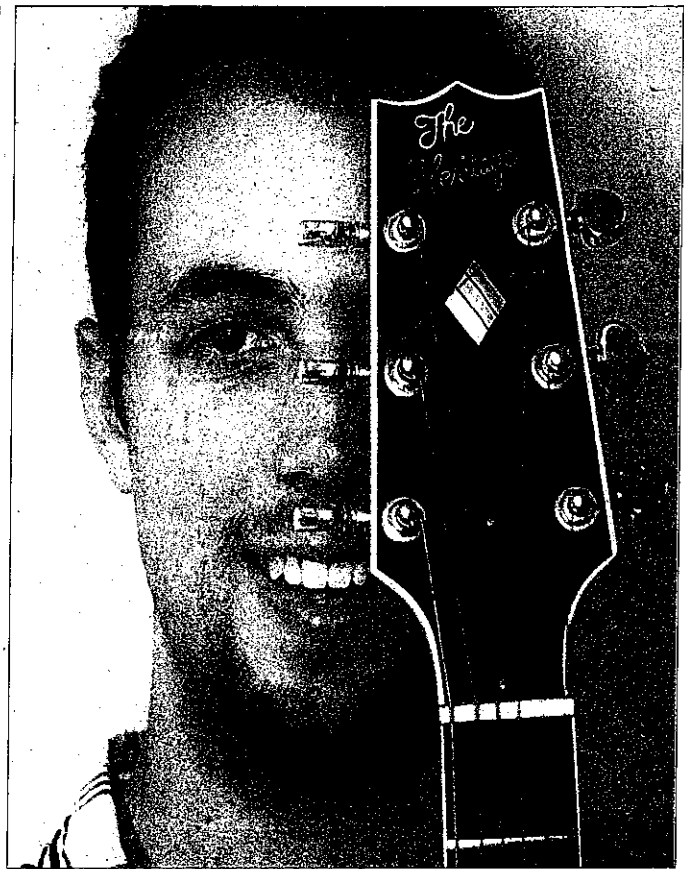


Photo by John Heider

Novi High School and Western Michigan University graduate Brett Farkas is known for the things he can do with a jazz guitar. He recently was recognized by Downbeat magazine and its 25th annual awards for his efforts in blues, rock, jazz combo and guitar soloist.

## Fine Fretwork

### Novi grad scores hat trick in Down Beat competition

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Novi musician Brett Farkas has two plusses at the start of his career — cum laude honors on his bachelor of fine arts degree from Western Michigan University and, quite possibly more important, three awards in Down Beat magazine's 25th annual Student Music Awards.

Farkas, who graduated from Novi High School in 1998, was recognized for Outstanding Performance on guitar in the Jazz Instrumental Soloist category. And

two bands he played in while studying at Western Michigan University — Doc Brown and the Brett Farkas Trio — were cited as co-winners in the Blues/Pop/Rock Group and Jazz Instrumental Group categories respectively.

"I was sitting over at my drummer's house listening to a CD when my teacher called and told me about winning two awards," recalled Farkas. "We started flipping out. He called back a week later to tell me I'd won again. It was pretty amazing."

Farkas said having three Down Beat magazine awards (published in the June 2002 edition) on his resume should help a lot when he's out trying to book club dates or get work as a studio musician. "It's kind of cool. I can flash it at people when I'm talking gigs," he said.

Down Beat, based in Elmhurst, Ill., a Chicago suburb, is the oldest, and perhaps most prestigious, jazz

publication in the country. "We are the grand daddy of jazz magazines," offered associate editor David Zaworski. "We've been around longer than any of the others. If we're not the source of jazz news, we're at least a very good source."

Published since 1934, the magazine began its student music awards program in 1978 to "try to promote education in jazz," said Zaworski. Many of the program's past award winners have gone on to have successful careers in performing and music education.

Zaworski noted that Western has been a perennial powerhouse in the competition for more than a decade. He added that for parents and students interested in music education, the magazine's October issue, due on newsstands Sept. 17, will feature its annual jazz educa-

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## Novi Chamber gets ready for new leadership

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

Short of a write-in vote, Providence Hospital spokesman Lou Martin will be the next Novi Chamber of Commerce Chairman. Jonathan Brateman of Brateman Properties, who had been in the running for the chamber's top slot, withdrew his name the day after Martin was nominated from the floor at the chamber's Aug. 20 meeting.

Martin said he's looking forward to refocusing the chamber and bringing more value to chamber members, especially for small business members.

Joining Martin as officers will be Joe Sutschek of Ramco-Gershemson, Inc. as chairman-elect and Novi Community School District's Jim Koster, who will serve as treasurer. Both men are running unopposed.

The competition will be found this year at the director's level where eight chamber members are vying for five seats on the board.

Two of the candidates, Gary Ankers of Howard and Howard PC and Peter Paisley of Local Color, are full-term incumbents. A third,

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## Twp. drain restoration progresses

By Victoria Sadlocha and Pauline Campos  
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After a rocky start, a near-decade's long controversial drainage problem between Northville Township and the city of Novi is close to resolve.

The township's engineering firm reported construction corrections to the Quail Ridge drain, a creek where water from the south part of Novi flows into Northville Township while servicing both communities, will be completed in the fall.

"From a construction standpoint, it will be done in mid November," said Aaron Uranga, engineer with Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May.

Uranga did point out although the construction portion of the project will be done soon, it will take about two years for the engineered-vegetation to grow and take hold. Some of the vegetation won't even be able to go in until November based on the planting season.

Uranga said the vegetation is a very important aspect of the corrections because it will allow for a more solid foundation by holding the side slopes of the channel in place while providing a barrier against future erosion.

Erosion of the Quail Ridge



Photo by John Heider

Engineer Aaron Uranga, far right, checks the condition of one of the many trees planted along the banks of the Quail Ridge Drain site Monday afternoon. The drain, formerly the site of erosion, has been re-engineered from where it exits underneath Eight Mile Road near Meadowbrook.

Drain was the catalyst to both communities' problems years ago. Northville Township's director of public services Don Weaver said the problems stemmed from high-velocity water flow coming from development on the Novi side of Eight Mile Road.

The run off was causing erosion in the banks, he said. Anglin Civil Constructors, the construction company hired to

perform the corrections, occurred with Weaver.

Representatives said as they went in to mitigate, they noticed severe erosion problem due to high difference in base flow conditions and store flow. To correct the problem, Anglin increased the capacity of the channel and provided a rock armor at the bottom to keep erosion from occurring in the future.

The entire correction process was approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, ensuring the drain will provide habitat for wildlife while remaining sound from an engineering standpoint.

Weaver said construction costs for the improvements totaled approximately \$435,000, with an additional \$65,000 spent on studying the channel for grant application purposes.

Two grants were received — one from the MDEQ and the other from the Wayne County Rouge program office.

Between the two grants, a substantial portion for the construction and engineering of drain was covered and the cost of applying for the grants is being shared by both communities, Weaver said.

Weaver said there are also some minor construction costs which will be shared between the two communities.

And although most involved feel everything is running smooth now, township officials said getting to this point wasn't the easiest. They said when the city of Novi was initially approached, talks did not go far.

"There had been dialogue between township officials and Novi officials in regards to reme-

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## Remembering September 11



# Many local churches offering 9/11 services

Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Many residents will be remembering the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in prayer at area churches.

Lakes Baptist Church, 309 Decker Road in Walled Lake, will host a Remembrance Service at 7 p.m. Sept. 11.

The service will give residents the opportunity to remember those who lost their lives in New York and Washington D.C. last

September. It will also give them time to pray for the victims' families, who are still mourning the loss of their loved ones.

The Rev. Dan Magee, pastor of Lakes Baptist Church, said Walled Lake firefighters will be driving their fire truck to the church that evening.

"We'll be singing patriotic songs and we'll say the Pledge of Allegiance," Magee said.

Magee said he wanted the ceremony to be held in the evening so people who work during the day would be able to attend.

The ceremony will offer the message of hope and healing for the community, he said.

"I think a lot of people expressed that they have concerns about the future," Magee said.

People are now wondering if the United States will attack Iraq and how that attack will affect them, he said.

"We will try to offer assurance that God is in control and we can trust Him during difficult times," Magee said. "That's not always easy to do."

Church nursery workers will watch children for parents attending the service, he said. Magee will also give everyone who attends a book of inspirational readings about the crisis.

Other churches in Walled Lake will also offer Sept. 11 services. First Baptist Church of Walled Lake, Walled Lake United Methodist Church and St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Walled Lake will join together Sept. 11 to offer solace for the community.

Their ecumenical service will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 430 E. Nicolet. The service will remember those lost in the terrorist attacks with a candlelight prayer service.

Tracy Moore, of St. Anne's Episcopal Church said, "We will ask anyone who wants to speak or pray to do so."

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## Wixom and Walled Lake commemorate anniversary

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The cities of Walled Lake and Wixom will remember the men in blue by commemorating the first anniversary of last year's Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The Sept. 11 Commemoration Ceremony will begin in Walled Lake at 9:45 a.m. Fire trucks will roll out of the bays, lining the driveway at the fire station.

At 10 a.m. firefighters and police officers will join together at attention in front of the station's flag pole. There will be a somber sound five minutes later as local churches ring their bells and the fire station will sound their sirens.

"That was the time of the collapse of the second tower," said Jerry Walker, Walled Lake's director of public safety. "The sirens will sound for one minute and an honor guard will lower the flag to half mast."

Walled Lake's emergency workers will read the names of the 343 fellow workers in New York, who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Emergency personnel will stop at 10:28 a.m. to once again sound sirens for one minute to remember the minute the north tower collapsed last year.

The flag will be raised after the sound of sirens solemn unison. Residents are invited to join firefighters and police officers for light refreshments after the ceremony.

Wixom will remember Sept. 11 with a different type of ceremony, which will begin at 8:15 a.m. at the city's Community Center.

The flag will be presented at 8:30 a.m. and participants will say the Pledge of Allegiance. Community leaders will offer opening remarks at 8:35 a.m. However, everyone will be silent at 8:46 a.m., which was the time the first airplane hit the World Trade Center. Participants will be able to pray for the nation at 8:50 a.m.

Residents will be able to have refreshments before they leave. They will also walk away with a flag and a cassette disc of the disaster for their computer.

Charence Goodlein, Wixom police chief, said it will be a low key ceremony.

"It's not necessarily to talk about the role of police and firefighters in this disaster as to talk about all of the people who lost their lives in this disaster," Goodlein said.

The commemoration ceremony is a meaningful way to remember last year's tragic events in the sky, at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, Walker stressed.

"It's important to commemorate not only those who lost their lives on that day, but it's also important to honor those who are still serving in that capacity," Walker said. "This (ceremony) not only serves those two purposes, but also serves to honor our country."

Matt Salow, Walled Lake firefighter, said he hopes residents will come to the station and commemorate Sept. 11 with them.

"It's a way for them to join in with us and remember those who were lost," Salow said.

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## Accident victim honors those who saved her life two years ago

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July 17, 2000 is a day Novi resident Susan Roseman will never forget.

Roseman also won't forget the men who saved her life that day.

At the Aug. 20 Walled Lake City Council meeting, she honored the firefighters and the police officers who came to her aid after she

was injured in a serious car accident on Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Roseman, who was the first

accident victim in the city to be taken by helicopter to a hospital, thanked them for helping her and made a donation to the Walled Lake Fire Department.

That July day started out like any other for Roseman. However, that day was the first day of months of rehabilitation from the

numerous physical injuries she suffered in the crash.

The moment of the crash, she was deep in prayer while concentrating on the road. That's when a red van hit her car head on.

"I thought it was the devil," Roseman laughed while remembering the incoming van in her lane.

Mary Sheridan, parks and recreation member, also has the day

etched in stone in her memory bank. She watched in horror as the red van struck the woman's car in front of her home. The crash

caused a chain reaction of other cars crashing into one another.

"I called dispatch that we had a multiple car accident with injuries," Sheridan said. "I noticed people in other cars were OK because they were getting out of their cars. I looked at Susan and I

could tell she was hurt bad."

Roseman, who suffered broken bones throughout the right side of her body, also knew her injuries were severe.

"I couldn't move," Roseman said. "I got really nervous. Then I had this feeling that whether I lived or if I died, I was going to be all right."

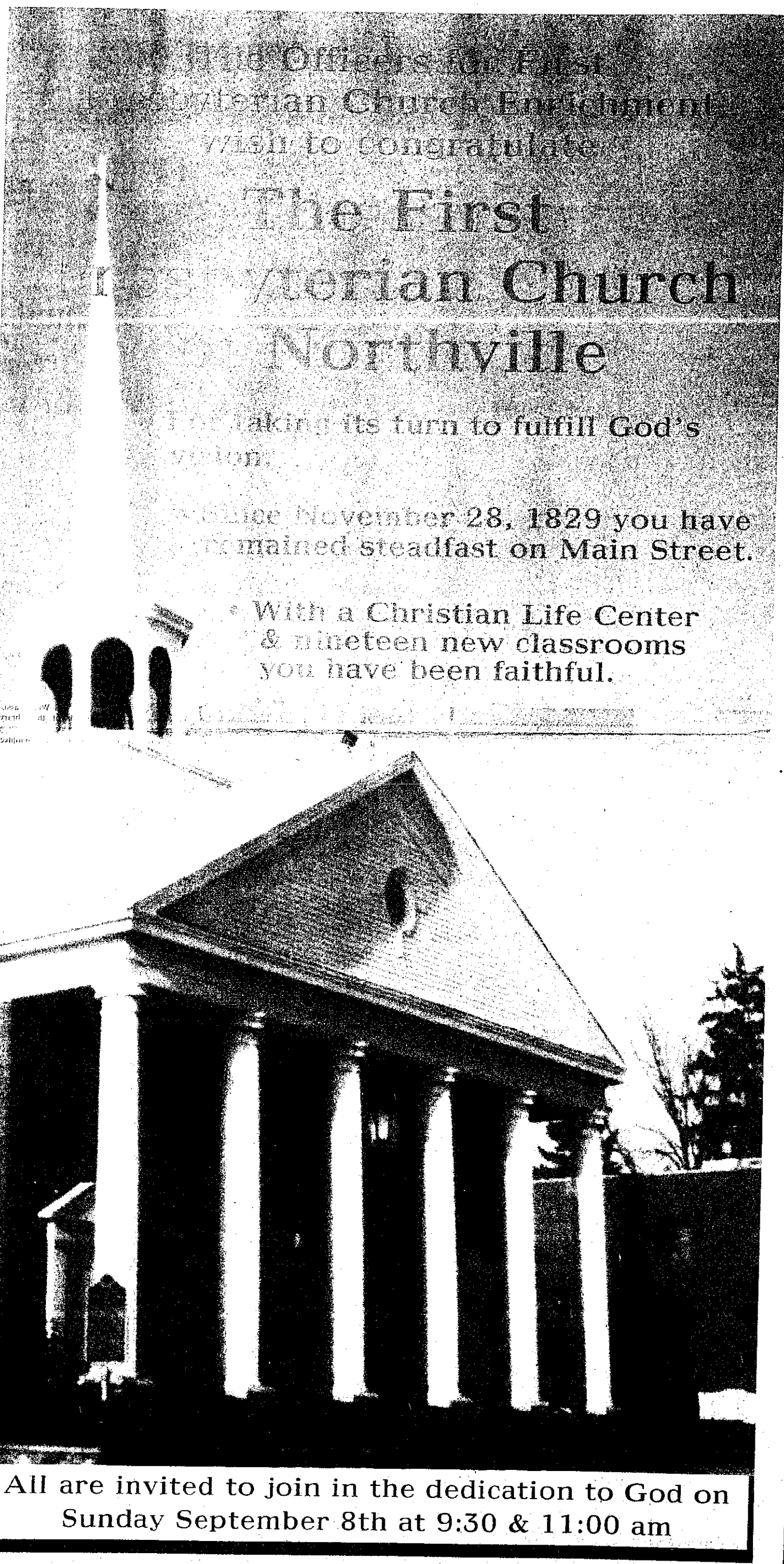
Roseman's recovery was a slow one. She spent more than two

weeks at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Then she spent six weeks in a convalescent center and two weeks at Botsford Hospital for acute rehabilitation.

However, she was always grateful to those who were at her side from the time of the accident and during her recovery stage.

"I feel so grateful," Roseman

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# Liquor license causes controversy

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER



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Mo Leon's Ten Mile Road restaurant in Novi, Leon's, has been granted a liquor license.

Mo Leon is very happy and very appreciative he received a liquor license for his long-time Novi restaurant. Leon's has been serving the city breakfast, lunch and dinner for 19 years and the restaurant's owner loves it. "Novi is part of us," he said. "We have 12 locations and Novi is our home location. It is home away from home."

He also feels he needs the Class C license to remain prosperous. "About 95 percent of restaurants in the city serve alcohol," Leon said. "I'm trying to increase business because a lot of our dinner has been slipping away to fine dining."

Leon's Warsaw location received a liquor license about five years ago and is doing very good, the owner said. To go along with the city's approval to serve beer, wine and liquor, Leon will be remodeling the other, including the addition of a bar area.

And although this is good news for Leon and area residents wanting a cool beer with their meals, others are questioning if it is fair.

Novi's city attorney, Gerald Fisher, said the city has four City Ordinance Class C liquor licenses

which are awarded to restaurant owners meeting Novi's ordinance requirements.

When Leon came before the council, there were only two left and it didn't look like the Novi businessman would be lucky enough to snag the second to last one.

The reason is he did not meet the ordinance requirements.

In order to secure the council's approval, the requesting business, among other things, must be unique to the city.

Officials said that element of the ordinance was added to attract new, different establishments to Novi. And time and time again, at council meetings, restaurant owners have been turned down because their businesses were not unique.

Some of the recent ones include Happy Sushii and Chuck E. Cheese. Novi City Councilman Kim Capello and City of Novi Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Bononi had voiced strong opinions about the necessity to meet the requirements in the past.

Right before Leon made his Aug. 12 request, representatives from Fountain Walk's The Bamboo Club requested a license and were turned down by Capello and Bononi because they did not feel the establish-

# Large political signs banned by Novi council

■ Candidates will have to conform to new regulations for Nov. election

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

If you're one of the candidates running in the November election and plan on advertising in the City of Novi, then you better watch out because large election signs will not be tolerated anymore.

Members of the Novi City Council approved ordinance 02-100.29 during the Aug. 22 council meeting, confirming and clarifying the interpretation of the city's code relating to election signs. And signs spread out around the city in time for the November general election will have to conform to the new rules.

"Yes, it is in effect," said Novi City Attorney Gerald Fisher. "It goes into effect right after publication of the legal notice."

This means once the go ahead is given to place the placards, the candidate advertisements in the public right-of-way must not exceed 6 square feet in area "and" must not exceed 5 feet in height.

The prior ordinance stated election signs in the public right-of-way must not exceed 6 square in area "or" 5 feet in height.

# Dist. 15 candidates take offensive

By Philip Allmen  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

With the general election still two months away, the state Senate District 15 race is already heating up.

Assuming a recount of votes in the Republican primary do not crown Nancy Cassis' (R-Nowi) 95-vote victory over primary challenger Mike Kowall (R-White Lake), she will face Sean Carlson (D-Commerce) on Nov. 5.

And right after the primary election, Carlson said his campaign office challenged Cassis to a series of debates. Carlson said he was surprised at Cassis' opposition to any debates.

Cassis refutes his claim. "I have mapped out plans to cut costs with some common sense, fiscally responsible methods that would deliver on my promises for better health care, education, roads and environment," said Carlson. "The taxpayers of this district deserve to know what Nancy Cassis would do to cut wasteful government spending. In this campaign I will continue to discuss the merits of spending reform to government operations rather than me discussing ways to balance Michigan's budget."

According to Carlson, a lack of debates would be disappointing, because that is part of what a state Senator does.

"I certainly want the voters to know that I will be willing to debate on their behalf on the Senate floor," he said. "The constituents of this district need to be

certainly meet him anywhere a group invites us."

Cassis chalks up the whole situation as an example of Carlson and his campaign office's inexperience. That they have been involved in political campaigns in the past, they would understand the candidates themselves don't arrange political debates.

"My opponent has never run for public office," she said. "I think he woke up one morning and decided he wanted to be state Senator. He's got a lot to learn."

When Cassis first heard of the charges raised by her opponent, she was surprised, because that was the first she had heard about the issues.

"I thought it was very interesting," she said. "My opponent never called me about debates or any other matter."

"I absolutely did not turn down any debates. No aides brought this up — no names, no places."

Cassis said she was more than willing to debate Carlson in any public setting. But she is waiting for a call from those organizations like the League of Women Voters to set up a forum to discuss the issues.

"I have not turned down any debate," she said. "I'm more than willing at any time to enter a debate. It has to be by a group that is legitimate, organized. I will

represented by someone that is not afraid to fight for them."

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# Quinn endorses Bondy

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HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Milford resident Rob Bondy has picked up a key endorsement in his bid to win the open judgeship in the 52-1 District Court.

Matt Quinn, who was believed by many to be a front runner for the judgeship before he was eliminated in the August primary election, has endorsed Bondy. Bondy, an attorney and developer, and Sara Pope Starnes, an assistant prosecutor with the Oakland County Prosecutors Office, are the two remaining candidates on the November ballot.

"There's no question that, after me, Rob Bondy is the most qualified individual to hold the judgeship position," said Quinn, who placed third in

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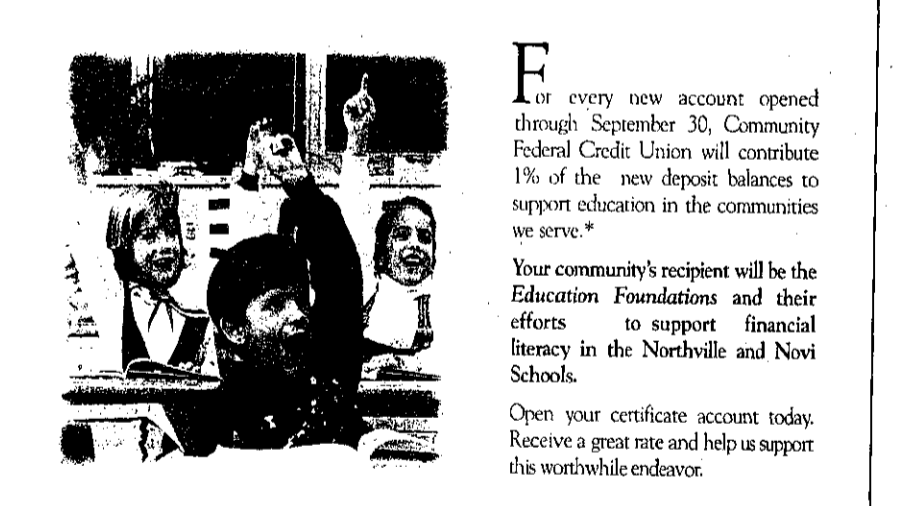
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## Bulldogs more than 'Cats can handle, 14-10

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't the start that the Novi Wildcats were looking for when they started the 2002 season. Instead, they found themselves opening the season against one of the toughest teams in southeastern Michigan in the Chelsea Bulldogs, a contest they lost 14-10 in the waning minutes of the game.

releasing a pass that found Mark Howels in the end zone for an 11-yard scoring strike. The score lifted the Bulldogs to a 14-10 victory over the Wildcats in the non-conference opening match-up. "They are a good team," Novi coach Dan Kelleppore said. "Our kids played very hard and played with some great emotion and passion. We were a lot from that game. We learned where we are going as a team, and I sure hope that the kids learned what it takes to prepare for a Friday night game." Novi took a 10-7 lead with about three minutes remaining in the contest off of a field goal by Mark Angelelli.

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The Wildcats kicked off, and two plays later they found themselves with their backs in the end zone after Chelsea broke a reverse to carry the ball to inside the 15-yard line. The "Dogs scored the winning touchdown on the next play. "They have a good program," Kelleppore said. "When they had to put points on the board,

that's what they did." The Wildcats were the first to score in the game as starting quarterback Chase Chandler carried the ball in on a one-yard jump. With 9:26 left in the fourth quarter, Chelsea pulled down an interception and found themselves scoring to tie the contest at 7-7. "We've got to take care of all of the little things that it takes to be a good team," Kelleppore said. "We have to have great mental preparation. After a contest like that, it is easy to find out why." The Wildcats were led by Chandler in offensive production. He gathered a total 182 rushing yards and three touchdowns. The Wildcats will host Howell in a Kensington Valley Conference contest tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. It's a game that will play an important role in deciding the final standings in the KVC this year. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the *Northville Record* and the *Novi News*. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net).

## Western falls short in opener to Milford, 43-42

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors basketball team was no doubt looking for a different start to their season.

The Warriors, led by coach Darrin Jennings, fell to Milford 43-42 in their season opener August 26 before dropping an even tougher game to Holt 41-31 August 30. "They have this (Ann) Malintinski girl that is just bombing threes from 35 feet out," Jennings said. "We were glued on her, but they kept running double

and triple screens for her and she got some clean looks." Clean looks indeed, Malintinski scored five three-pointers in the contest to boost Holt to victory. "We started out good," Jennings said. "We were winning 6-2 in the beginning, but the little things got them back into the game." The Warriors found themselves slowly watching their lead deteriorate as Holt scored bucket after bucket on their way to victory. Western was even able to hold Holt to just two baskets in the second quarter to head into the locker room in the lead 14-12. One of the biggest players on the floor was a center for Holt

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who stood 6-foot-3, but Jennings said he thought forward Diana Houghton did a great job working against her. "She had 11 rebounds," Jennings said of Houghton's performance. "She kept us in it with good offensive and defensive rebounding." Leading the team in scoring was Lauren Talbot with seven points, while Bridget Hannosh scored six in the losing effort. The Warriors return to action when they take on South Lyon September 10 before taking a trip

to Novi September 12 with both games starting at 7 p.m. and both against non-conference opponents. **Milford 43, WLW 42** The Warriors were oh-so-close to pulling out a victory in their first contest, but just couldn't get things to fall their way against the Kensington Valley Conference's Milford Mavericks. The Warriors followed the scoring lead of Tracy Winkler as she poured in 20 points on the night, while Talbot added 10 and Houghton matched eight. The Mavericks, on the other hand, looked to stellar shooters

Winney Fueling for 14 points and Yasi Cassini for an additional 11. "We thought we did a good job of shutting down Fueling in the first half, but Cassini was still making shots," Jennings said. "In the second half, we started to slow down Cassini, but Fueling stepped it up." The Warriors had a final chance as the clock wore down. They made eight shots in a row to take the lead in the contest with about 40 seconds remaining. Milford came down the court and into a Western trap before Cassini passed it out to Lauren Tsoff, who sunk her only basket of the night, a three-pointer, to give the Mavericks the lead. Coming back down the court, the Warriors had two chances to make the basket, with both attempts falling short of their goal and the buzzer sounding the end of the game. "It's tough to lose a game like that," Jennings said. "We are going to learn from it, but we are considering these losses to be pre-season games." Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the *Northville Record* and the *Novi News*. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net).

## Baumgarten sinks five, Viking cagers slam RO Kimball, 70-23

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Now that's the way to start the season. The Walled Lake Central Vikings basketball team learned from their mistakes when they took on Brighton and lost in their opening game 63-59 August 27 and came back to beat Royal Oak Kimball 70-23 August 30. "They looked like we did four years ago," Coach Rob Schopf of Central said of Royal Oak Kimball. "They were a little unorganized and sort of weak."

The Vikings were able to have 11 of the 12 kids on their roster get in the stat book with a score — the most notable was that of senior guard Lindsay Baumgarten, who nailed a three-point shot and poured in another basket for five points on the night. Five points? Well, it was the first points of her career. "The game ended and she came over to me and told me that they were her first-ever points," Schopf said. "It meant a lot to her." Britany Coram sunk 14 in the contest to lead all scorers, while Mo Shendan, a senior forward, nailed 12. Katie

Radamacher pulled down 12 boards and put in eight points in the victory. The Vikings will have resumed action Tuesday when they traveled to Holt to take on a tough team that included a 6-foot-3 center and a Division I signed shooting guard named Anne Malintinski. "We are definitely going to know where that kid is at all times," Schopf said. "She doesn't force anything. Instead, they set screens for her and she takes an unguarded shot." September 10 finds the Vikings hosting Novi at 7 p.m. in a non-conference contest.

### Brighton 63, WLC 49

It wasn't the opener that the Vikings were looking for, but the loss to the Kensington Valley Conference's Brighton Bulldogs helped show them where they are lacking this season. "They are really good," Schopf said. "The truth is, though, we didn't play very good at all. We had 27 turnovers, with nine of them coming in our first 11 possessions." To lose by 14 and play badly could easily be a testament of where the Vikings are and where they could be heading.

Leading the way for the Central cagers was Coram with 19 points. Radamacher nailed 15 in the losing effort while pulling down eight boards. Katie Harkness, a senior forward, also collected eight rebounds in the game. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the *Northville Record* and the *Novi News*. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net).



A host of Vikings greets Milford ballcarrier Mark Westenberg during the first game of 2002. Vikings include Dan Miller (#85), Jared White (#84) and Chris Mougoue (#4).

## Warriors can't top Belleville

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It was a kicking game like none the Walled Lake Western Warriors had seen in quite some time.

The Belleville Tigers used their punting and their kickoffs to pin the Warriors down inside their own 20 for the majority of their opening football contest before they ground out a 33-14 victory over their non-conference rivals. "The Warriors were far from prepared for the Tiger's strategy." "Their kicker, if he didn't kick off through the goal posts every time," Western coach Mike Ziebski said. "We pretty much didn't start past our own 20-yard line. Of the eight times they punted, they punted us down inside the 10 seven of them. It was one of the best kicking games we have seen in a few years."

The Warriors were happy that they didn't come out of the locker room trailing by more than their 21-14 deficit, but the second half wasn't very kind to them either. Belleville picked off a pass from senior Ben Michael and managed to kick a field goal for a 24-14 lead before picking off a second pass and returning it 65 yards for a touchdown and a 31-14 advantage. The final straw was when the Warriors began their drive on their own 20-yard line with a punter punted by Belleville. Michael, trying to make things happen for his struggling team, found himself brought down in his own endzone for the sack and the safety to give the Tigers the final score. "Our experienced offensive line didn't help us," Ziebski said. "They will get better. It's tough to get thrown in the fire against a good team like Belleville."

The Tigers were the first team to put a score on the board as well. In fact, they matched the first two touchdowns of the game. The first came in the first quarter off a bad snap to the punter which the Tigers recovered in the endzone. The second was more of a cameo one, when they snatched their drive on the Warrior 40 and pushed the ball with the aid of three penalties, into the end zone for the 14-0 lead. The Warriors wouldn't be denied tries into the end zone though, and Michael found Bryan Kowalski, a junior tight end, crossing the goal line on a five-yard fade route to score. The Tigers put another touchdown in the end zone, capitalizing on three more Western penalties to go up 21-7. Michael added to his game totals by finding Steve VanNorwick on a 15-yard scoring strike to pull within 21-14 at the half. "We were happy about the score at half considering we started the game so poorly," Ziebski said. Michael threw five interceptions in the contest, but also recorded two touchdown passes as he went 15-of-33 for 161 yards. He was not aided by a handful of players, as eight of his passes were dropped during the contest. The Warriors found themselves on the wrong end of ball protection as they fumbled the pignskin three times in the game, but managed to recover it each time. "We are not going to beat too many teams when we fumble three times and drop three passes," Ziebski noted. The Warriors (0-1 overall, 0-0 WLAA) will return to action tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. when they visit the newest addition to the Western Lakes Activities Association, the Wayne Memorial Zebras (0-1, 0-0).

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"He doesn't hit any harder than the guys on our team," Cassie said of Presley. "He just happened to find the right place to blitz at the right time. If we would have scored that conversion, it might have been a different ending."

The Vikings had their chance on the ensuing kick-off as the ball bounced on the Milford 1 yard line and came to a stop on their 40. The Mavericks wouldn't let it come down to that though, and they forced-feed the ball to Walled Lake by slamming Presley up the middle before LaClair took the ball on two consecutive downs for the first down. Three plays later, LaClair stepped to his left to pass just as the offensive line began to collapse. He rolled right, tucking the ball in, before eluding two would-be tacklers and hauling the ball 72 yards for the score with 4:37 left on the clock. The extra point sailed through the uprights and sealed the game with a 20-12 final. "There were a lot of places that we could have improved," Cassie said. "We can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net).

## Next Level Athletes

The Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section is dedicated to those men and women who have taken the next step in their sporting careers. It is here that we are able to applaud their efforts and their skills as well as congratulate them on a job well done. Kyle Harbin, Senior, University of Scranton — A 1999 graduate of Novi High School, Harbin is presently attending the University of Scranton, in Scranton, Penn. He is a senior this year and will receive his degree in occupational therapy along with playing on the university's lacrosse team. As a freshman he started at attack where he continues to play. This past year he ended the season with 29 points and scored six goals in a single game against Drew University. In the summers, Harbin has instructed in the parks and recreation league and will be assisting this year in the Novi/Northville camp. Next Level Athletes includes former athletes from the readership area of the *Northville Record*, *Novi News* and the *Lake Area Times*. The *Next Level Athletes* are individuals who have taken the next step beyond high school athletics to the next level — including college, semi-professional, minor league and professional athletics. Anyone who would like to submit information about an athlete can do so via e-mail at [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net) or mail information to The *Northville Record*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.



Novi Wildcat midfielder Matt Kurnick, left, goes up against a Howell Highlander in training to get at a loose ball during a late August game in Novi.

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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## Soccer boys crush Howell

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats soccer team continued their top-shelf play as they took on their first Kensington Valley Conference opponent of the season. The Wildcats, coached by Brian O'Leary, topped the Howell Highlanders 5-1 August 29. "It was another game of all-around good play," O'Leary said. The Wildcats followed the lead of Adam Southworth as the speedy Novi senior forward scored three goals on the night. Senior midfielder B. J. Humphrey and junior forward Steve Daley each scored a goal in the conference victory over the Highlanders as well. The assists went to senior midfielder Jeff Dodds, defender Brent Coles, junior forward Matt Nickels and freshman midfielder A. W. Stank. Humphrey also tallied an assist during the game as well as netted a goal. "We got excellent play from our subs," O'Leary said, especially from Zach and Matt Nickels. "O'Leary also noted that the game brought out the best in some of his players. "B.J. Humphrey played his best game of the season," he said. He attacked and distributed the ball all night long.

In between the posts, Sean McClinchey made eight saves to get his second win of the season. The Wildcats (2-0) will play again tonight when they take on Lakeland at 7 p.m. in another Kensington Valley Conference contest. September 10 finds the Wildcats hosting Kensington Valley rival the Brighton Bulldogs. "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 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." Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the *Northville Record* and the *Novi News*. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net).

## Cager 'Cats struggle with PC Chiefs, 61-50

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Whew! Talk about a tough pre-season match up. The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team had the chore of taking on the Western Lakes Activities Association rough-and-tumble team in the form of the Plymouth Canton Chiefs August 29. A contest that, ultimately, the Wildcats lost 61-50. "The girls played tremendous-ly," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said. "We had only four turnovers in the first half, which I think says great things about our point guard, Jessica Haggerty."

The Wildcats led by 11 points heading into the locker room at halftime, but couldn't hold onto the lead during the third quarter and it slipped to just a three-point advantage. Tough rebounding by the very physical Chiefs found the Canton cagers getting multiple shot opportunities in the fourth quarter to pull ahead and take the eventual lead. Canton had a mini-run with about three or four minutes left in the fourth quarter. Cichonski said, "They got some offensive rebounds for put-backs and tied the game up. After they took the

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lead, we did some fouling in hopes of getting some shot opportunities. That was how they pulled out to an 11-point win." The Wildcats turned in impressive performances across the board. Senior Angie Schmitt found the bottom of the net all night, recording 17 points to lead Novi, while Allison Greulich poured in 13 points. "The most impressive player of the night, though not the leading scorer, was probably Laura Longo. Pulling down 11 rebounds

inside against the physically demanding Canton girls as well as scoring nine points, Longo showed her intensity and internal drive as well as her matured ability over last season. "Laura did a very nice job for us," Cichonski said. "She was very active and didn't foul out, which made her a factor throughout the entire game." Cichonski noted that the bench also came through for the 'Cats. "The bench did a great job on both offense and defense," he said. "Our level of play didn't drop one bit when we subbed. The bench gave a great effort." The Wildcats should be pleased with their efforts, considering the Chiefs were ranked 15th in Michigan by a coaches' poll. Up next for the Wildcats (0-1) is another tough WLAA team in Plymouth Salem — the first team the Wildcats will play in the Novi/Northville basketball tournament today and Saturday. The 'Cats will tip off at 5:30 p.m. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the *Northville Record* and the *Novi News*. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net).

## Novi tennis girls earn tough 5-3 win over rival Northville

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

They knew it was going to be tough going into the meet, but the Novi Wildcats girls tennis team was able to pull out a tough victory over cross-town rival Northville August 29. The 'Cats, led by coach Jim Hanson, took the 5-3 victory from the Mustangs after having four matches go three sets deep. "Northville is a talented team," Hanson said. "I was impressed

with how hard coach Sandy Woolfall's kids played. They were taking it to us. I am very pleased with how my kids held on tough and ended up taking care of business in the end." The Wildcats were able to pull out victories in the third and fourth singles, as well as the first, second and third doubles flights. First doubles found junior Colene Brockman and sophomore Emily Holt pulling out a nice victory over Stephanie Patterson and Kelly Harrison 6-3, 6-1, while the two doubles team of Lauren Thomas, a sophomore, and Diana Tieu, a freshman, earned a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Amanda Retzbach and Jamie Lindholm. Third doubles found senior Gabi Frask and Megha Vadula fighting back from an early deficit to win over Amanda Daiist and Jen Harkness 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. "Of the four matches that went three sets, we won three of them," Hanson said. "We played some

fine tennis at the end there. That is our experience coming through. We didn't panic, we just fought hard in some very good high school tennis matches." Third singles found Anna Switzer, a returning junior, blasting Shannon Farris 6-0, 6-2, while Laura Vaughn, also a junior, squeaked out a tough 5-7, 6-0, 6-1 victory over Ashley Potchynok. "That was the match that decided if we were going to win the meet or tie it," Hanson said.

"Laura really came through for us. She had a slow start, but she played really nice in the end." The Wildcats felt the pinch of losses as number one singles player Ashley Glover, a junior, fell to senior Allison Long 6-3, 6-2, and junior Lauren Carosio fell in a long match to Erica Dobson 6-4, 2-6, 6-2. Fourth doubles also lost as sophomore Amanda Cassidy and senior Judy Lat dropped a 6-2, 6-2 match against Amy Knott and Jackie Taylor.

The Wildcats will return to action when the scrimmage West Bloomfield today before traveling to the Hilly Invitational Tournament Saturday at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday finds the Wildcats taking on powerhouse Farmington Mercy at 3 p.m. Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the *Northville Record* and the *Novi News*. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at [seggleston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homecomm.net).

# "Tom Boys" thank firefighters of Novi for their hard work

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

A couple of weeks ago the insurance agents at Willis of Michigan in Novi had the Novi Fire Department take a look at their evacuation and disaster response plan.

"We're in the risk management business," offered Dan Baisch, the agency's private client group manager. "We've got to practice what we preach."

To thank the firefighters for their efforts, Willis' "Tom Boys" group organized a breakfast for Novi firefighters at Station One Sept. 30. According to Colleen Thiessen, the agency's human resources manager and incident controller, "Tom Boys" stands for Team Office Morale, Bring On Your Smiles.

She said the group was formed to help boost community, as well as company morale. "Every quarter we try to pick something different to do," said Thiessen. She added, "We just wanted to thank these guys for all the hard work they do."

The Novi Fire Department is a mixed full-time paid and paid-on-call fire department. Full-time firefighters cover the community from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and paid-on-call firefighters watch over the city nights and weekends. Last year the department responded to more than 3,200 calls.

"I figured there was no way everyone would get to stay all the way through breakfast," laughed Capt. Dan Roy at Station One, noting that lately the station's been averaging about 10 calls a day. "We got lucky."

Roy noted that while local restaurants have from time to time sent food over for his crew, "This is the first time anyone's come over and cooked for us." Thiessen said Renee Davis and Mary Laginess organized the breakfast. She said the company moved to Novi from Southfield two years ago and everyone has been taken by the small town atmosphere. "We see these guys working hard out in front of our office every day and we decided we wanted to do something," she said.

"This was real nice of them," said Roy.



Photo by Phil Foley

Willis of Michigan staffers Mary Laginess, (left) Renee Davis, Dan Baisch and Colleen Thiessen served up breakfast for Novi Fire Department Capt. Dan Roy and other firefighters at Novi's Station One Aug. 30. The insurance agents whipped up a breakfast of sausage, bacon, eggs and danish for the firefighters as a way of saying thanks for the work they do and the risks they take every day for the community.

# Victim: Life-savers honored

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"They do God's work every day."

Jerry Walker, Walled Lake's director of public safety, said there have been other horrible wrecks in the city. Some of the wrecks caused fatalities. However, the damage caused in Roseman's accident made it one of the worst car accidents in the city's history.

He's proud of his firefighters and police officers, who responded almost immediately at the scene. "This is really what are about," Walker said.

Matt Salow, Walled Lake firefighter, said it's nice to see the woman restored to health two years after he helped her.

"It's wonderful that she has recovered," Salow said. "Often we don't get the end results. Some send thank you notes but often they don't."

Firefighter John Sheridan stayed at the woman's side until she was taken away by the helicopter. The next time he saw her was in line at Dairy Queen in Walled Lake. "I was happy when I saw her at the Dairy Queen that she had made a complete recovery," Sheridan said, "or as complete as could be with those injuries."

There are two to three severe car wrecks in the city each year, he said. That's when the emergency workers get working to help those in need.

"It's not a one-person thing," Sheridan said. "The whole fire department works as a team." Still, he appreciates Roseman's gratitude. "I think a lot of people appreciate what we do," Sheridan said. "She went above and beyond what other people do."

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Photo by John Heider

Susan Roseman gives a hug to Walled Lake firefighter Matt Salow who was involved in saving her life after she was involved in an auto accident in July 2000.

### PERSONNEL AT THE ACCIDENT

**Fire Personnel:**  
Captain John Woychowski  
Captain William Beningo (retired)  
Fire Officer Ryan Potter  
Fire Officer Matt Salow  
Firefighter Jim Crenshaw  
Firefighter John Sheridan

**Police Personnel:**  
Sergeant Brent Liddy  
Officer Paul Schneider  
Sergeant John Ellsworth (Walled Lake Police)  
Officer Chris Sproull (WLP, deceased)

# Novi woman's self-defense center earns top honors

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

A Novi businesswoman's Highland Township karate school was recently named Dojo of the Year at the Isshin-Ryu Hall of Fame awards ceremony in Gaitsburg, Tenn.

The Family Self-Defense Center beat out dojos, which is how karate schools refer to themselves, from Ohio, Tennessee, Maryland and Pennsylvania to take the 23-year-old organization's top honor. Michigan alone has 30 schools associated with the hall of fame, including schools in Northville and Commerce Township.

"We try focus on the whole family and not any one member. I think that's why we won," said owner/instructor Chris Heffernan.

Her partner and the Family Self-Defense Center's founder, Ed Szepiel, was presented with the hall of fame's Spirit of Isshin-Ryu award.

Isshin-Ryu is one of 30 martial arts recognized by the National Association of Professional Martial Artists. Isshin-Ryu, which means "One-heart/one mind," was introduced in 1954

by Tatsuo Shimabuku. It combines elements of several Japanese and Okinawan karate systems.

Heffernan became involved when her children took up the sport. "My younger one wanted me to join with him and I ended up getting my black belt ahead of my kids," she recalled.

Szepiel, known as Mr. Z around the sport, began with the Okinawan Karate Club in Novi. Eventually he began teaching an after school program at Novi High School and later expanded the program to serve Milford area youth at a Highland Township VFW Hall.

Today, Family Self-Defense Center operates out of a 3,400-square-foot building on Highland Road between Milford and Duck Lake roads. Heffernan said she and Szepiel are considering reviving their Novi program.

She said they have 100 students enrolled for their fall program in Highland. Heffernan said about 80 percent of their students are children and some are as young as four.

About a dozen Family Self-Defense Center students went to the hall of fame awards ceremony

and tournament in Gaitsburg Aug. 3. Heffernan said they had known their dojo was in among the top five nominees since June.

However, when they heard the dojo's name announced as the year's top school, "we all jumped up and down and started screaming," said Heffernan. "We were quite pleased."

Several Family Self-Defense Center students took home trophies for their own. Amanda Johnson and Nick Cherup won first place trophies in their age groups. Vince Corrin and Jimmy Poole brought home second place trophies and Chuck Dittmar claimed a fourth place trophy.

Josh Bradford, Emily Dittmar and Thomas Corrin were all recognized with honorable mentions.

Travis Gill was honored as one of the association's top five Young (under 12) Male Karate-Ka of the Year, while Jerry Whiting was one of the top five Male Karate-Ka of the Year in the 18-year-old and older category.

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# 'Tis the season to Fall for Novi

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department will have its doors wide open this weekend, offering attendees of the city's Fall for Novi festival the opportunity to come in and take a look.

As part of this Saturday's festivities, the department will hold an open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — the same hours of the September fair.

"The whole building will be opened up," said Lt. Tim McNamara of the Novi Police Department. Area residents will be able to take a peek into the department's crime lab, lock-up area, dispatch center and take a closer look at all of its equipment, transportation units including motorcycles and the city's K-9s.

"We will have all of our different weapons out too," McNamara said. "People like to see the weapons." Patrol officers, detectives, the chief of police and other members of the department will also be available, answering any questions the public may have.

"Our goal is to interface with the public and show them all of the different services we have," McNamara said. "And best of all, we will be giving away ice cream."

McNamara said all members of the department are looking forward to everyone coming out.

"I think it will be a great time for adults and kids," he said. The open house marks the second time residents will be able to see their tax dollars at work. Last year, voter-approved renovations were completed to the 10 Mile Road station built in 1979, including the construction of the department's training center. And learning more about Novi's police department will be just one of the educational opportunities the Sept. 7

department are looking forward to everyone coming out.

Offered sessions will include "Improving Your Yard's Drainage," "Beware...Working With Contractors is Not That Simple!" What You Need to Build or Install It Yourself," "How to Start Your Own Neighborhood Watch Program," "Is Your Home Safe?" and "Healthy Foods...Healthy Eating...Make Time."

In addition, Novi schools and the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission will be providing exhibits, Providence Hospital and Medical Center will be conducting health screenings, the Fall Perennial Flower Exchange

will take place and residents may bring their household hazardous waste for disposal behind the center.

Down the street, residents are also encouraged to attend the Forest Farm Fall Clean Up at the Forest Farm located at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads. And no event would be complete without refreshments, so the Novi Lions Club will be there serving up treats and fun activities will take place for kids of all ages.

For more information about Fall for Novi, call (248) 347-0437.

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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 Road, 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 248-685-9226.

**Schoolcraft College Community Choir Auditions**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 10, by appointment  
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty 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 Classon, at (248) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Art 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 in Marshall Field's at Twelve Oaks Mall. This annual dinner and show is held to promote 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  
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**Metasports Hall of Fame "Art of Racing" Exhibit**  
DATE: thru Dec. 31  
LOCATION: Metasports Hall of Fame, inside Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road.  
TIME: open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 7 days a week, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday thru Sundays after Labor Day.  
DETAILS: \$4.00/adults.

## Calendar of Events

**Public Health Nurses**  
Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.00.  
PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or toll free, 1-888-350-0900 ext. 84003

**Oakland County Health Division breast-feeding support sessions**  
DATE: ongoing series  
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake.  
DETAILS: Information covered includes pumping, solving common problems associated with breastfeeding, taking care of mom, growth and development of the breastfeeding infant including growth spurts, starting solids, and weaning.  
PHONE: (248) 858-4003 Or toll free, 1-888-350-0900, ext. 84003  
Quick Date  
DATE: Tuesday, 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.  
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**Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes**  
DATE: Beginning Thursday, Sept. 5, six weekly sessions  
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake.  
TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
DETAILS: Classes will be taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.00.  
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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 Neubaucher 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 communities 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) 348-1345; e-mail: gardenersofnorthville-novi@comcast.net; or visit the web: www.gardener-sofnorthville-novi.org

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**"Fighting for Rachel" Fundraiser & Chili Cook-off**  
DATE: Sunday, Sept. 15  
LOCATION: Al'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-Viale Band, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Donations may be made in: Fight for Rachel Davis, Charter Bank, c/o Joe Lezotte, P.O. Box 400, Taylor, Mich. 48180. Bikers welcome.  
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**Rejuvenation Group Meets**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 17  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 West 10 Mile Road  
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.  
DETAILS: Novi's O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home will host a rejuvenation support group meeting. Dr. Michael M. Meyer will lead a discussion of "My Journey Through Grief" and a local member of the clergy will offer a brief prayerful reflection.

**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!  
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- Session 2 - Sept. 19, 2002: Getting My Ex In Focus: A relationship reality that continues to exist
- Session 3 - Sept. 26, 2002: Assuming Responsibility: Planning for yourself and your future
- Session 4 - Oct. 3, 2002: Finding and Experiencing Forgiveness: Freeing yourself from bitterness and anger
- Session 5 - Oct. 10, 2002: Being a single Parent: For those without children-Dick Bart
- Session 6 - Oct. 17, 2002: Building New Relationships: Co-dependency and dating again
- Session 7 - Oct. 24, 2002: Letting Go

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During construction, it is important to remember that access to all businesses at the intersection of Twelve Mile and Novi Road will remain open. This includes:

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**Please continue to support these Novi businesses during this time.**

The official detour will take advantage of Beck and Meadowbrook Roads for Novi Road and Grand River Avenue and Thirteen Mile for Twelve Mile Road. Other alternate local roads will be open, but not designated as official detours.

For additional information, visit [www.ci.novi.mi.us](http://www.ci.novi.mi.us), watch Cable Channel 13 or call Sheryl Walsh, Community Relations Manager, at (248) 735-5628.

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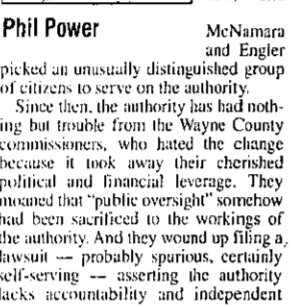
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Time to end Metro funny business

There's still a whole lot of funny business going on over at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Readers with long memories will recall that the airport for years was an embarrassing mixture of corruption and incompetence. As the opening date of the new terminal approached earlier this year, Gov. John Engler and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara wisely cut a deal to move administrative control out of Wayne County and place it in the hands of an independent appointed authority.

Gov. Engler last week requested an expedited hearing on the case from the state Supreme Court, both to settle the complex issue of the bonds and to clarify once and for all who has the authority to run the airport, the County Commission or the appointed airport authority.



Staffer's choice is the correct one

It's tough to part with a staff member, especially one that's done as fine a job as Diane Deel has done covering the Lakes Area.



Cal Stone

auditing, and arguing that the county will be forced to cover \$115 million in bonds issued to finance the construction and renovate the north terminal.

In the meantime, the commissioners have been stalling on approving the bonds. If the bonds aren't OK'd, Northwest Airlines will face millions in extra charges.

Gov. Engler was right. The Supreme Court should take jurisdiction over the commission's lawsuit, hold expedited hearings and bring a prompt end to the whining and funny business.

climbing to mark the event. She added, high school students plan to watch a school-produced documentary on student-made quilt sewn last year as a memorial to the victims of the tragedy in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

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Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

9/11: Local events mark anniversary

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Between 1,000 and 1,500 Americans were killed. Pastor John Budde of Holy Family Church said the first week after the attacks, he saw Easter service like attendance with the largest crowd on Sept. 14 - last year's National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, 46200 W. 10 Mile Road (248) 349-1175. Nondenominational Prayer Service noon.

Brighton Christian Church, 40800 13 Mile Road (248) 668-7000 Church Service 7 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road (248) 349-8847 Prayer Service and Mass 7:30 p.m.

Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile Road (248) 349-2345 Church and Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

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Novi Public Library, Library hours. The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Library 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.

Medical information on the Internet. The Internet is a fantastic resource for finding health and medical information! Join us Wednesday, September 18, from 7-9 p.m.

Senior book discussion group. Senior booklovers are reading "Give Me My Father's Body" by Kenn Harper for their September meeting. The group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, September 12, at noon.

Introduction to the Internet for seniors. Learn the basics of the Internet in a relaxed, supportive environment on Wednesday, September 11, from 1-3 p.m.

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.

Story Time Notes. The 2002/2003 Preschool Story Time brochures are now available in the library.

Tot time. Children ages 18-24 months are invited to join us for a half hour of stories, songs, and games on Saturday, September 14, at 11 a.m.

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Photo by Phil Foley. More than 15 months after he started the process, Novi businessman Nate Thomas is about to open his former residence at a group home for elderly people.

Home opens for Alzheimer patients

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

According to Novi businessman Nate Thomas, the most difficult thing about opening his first group home for people with Alzheimer's and similar illnesses was the state-required paperwork.

Thomas, a high-end computer printer salesman, said he got the idea for a group home while talking to a friend in the nursing industry.

Thomas said that even though his house was built a little more substantially than the average home, he and Vitale still spent some months doing renovations, including completely redoing the bathrooms, replacing all of the

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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.

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.

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Dealing with the anniversary

First there was the One Month Anniversary. Then there was the Three Month Anniversary.

And then came the Six Month Anniversary. All this, leading up to what we knew would eventually come around: the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

We suppose the term "anniversary" isn't really the right word, as it normally connotes a celebratory event, something joyous...something happy.

Terminologies aside, Americans everywhere, including residents here in Northville, will be recalling and reflecting. Memorials will take place across the country, including right here in our own hometown.

So what's the proper response to commemorating Sept. 11? We're all going to deal with it in our own ways, just as we did a year ago, but we have a few suggestions: Don't be downtrodden the entire day or week.

Two days a week my son goes to my mother's house or my husband's mother's house. I'm happy that he spends time with them and has grown to adore them as much as I do.

Therefore, I had to make a decision. The decision I made was a hard one. So

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# Village Oaks gets new look, new principal

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in three decades there's a new look at Village Oaks Elementary School both in the building itself and the face behind the principal's door.

Dave Brown would probably say his last school was after 30 years as principal at the school and Mary Goedert greeted returning students Aug. 26 as the new principal.

"I adore her," said Mary Green, publicity chairman for Village Oaks PTO group. "She seems like a real go-getter. She's child- and family-oriented. I'm really excited about having her here."

Village Oaks is in the midst of a major overhaul and while most of the construction is done, work on the new media center isn't expected to be done until close to Christmas.

Goedert, who began her teaching career in Milford at the Huron Valley School District in 1970, said the remodeling has actually made the transition from the Brown administration to her a little easier, even if she did spend most of the summer using a classroom as her office.

"It's all brand new," she said



Photo by John Hecker  
Village Oaks Elementary School's new principal Mary Goedert smiles as a bunch of her charges troops past in the hallways of the Novi school Monday morning.

"It's like starting all over again. We're switching from Meas to PCA. There are a lot of new things. There's a new tone. We're still under construction and that always we're still evolving," said Green, whose daughter is

completing her final year at Village Oaks, said she loves the new look at Village Oaks, noting the office area is much more open an airy than the original building. However, she admitted, just a week before school started she was asking herself, "Oh, my god, are they going to be ready?"

Goedert said her plan is to "learn and observe; meet with people, observe the dynamics; learn culture of the school; and if it's not broken, don't fix it."

This is Goedert's second posting as a principal as well as the second time she's replaced a veteran principal. However, she said this time should be a little easier because she's more seasoned, more experienced.

After Huron Valley, Goedert taught 4th grade at a Freeland before taking a hiatus to raise her two daughters. However, even when she wasn't teaching full-time, she was volunteering, teaching part-time at Saginaw Valley University and even developed an adult education curriculum for the Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council.

Goedert comes to Novi from Wayne-Westland where she was principal for seven years. At Wayne-Westland she gained a reputation for making unusual

challenges to motivate her students.

"It's a practice she found her at the top of a fireman's ladder, doing the chicken dance on the roof of her school and even kissing a pig once."

"I always thought of Mr. Brown as a gentle man who worked very well with kids," said Novichka News editor Chris Davis, who graduated from Village Oaks in 1984. "I think if you spoke with any of the parents or students who went there, they'd agree with that."

Goedert so far Village Oaks has been "very warm, kind and inviting. I'm pretty happy here."

She said eventually there will be changes, but they will be subtle and small.

"It's all about developing relationships," she said.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or by e-mail at pfoley@nlh.com.com.net.

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By Linda Neff  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Looks can be deceiving. At first glance the Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate at the corner of Rushton and Ten Mile roads in South Lyon looks rather modest in size. Yet, step inside its doors and the world can be at your fingertips.

Pam Danaher, manager and associate broker with the company, said her agents have the capabilities to connect home buyers and sellers with the best Coldwell Banker agents across the United States as well as all over the world.

"We're that large," she said.

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in South Lyon is one of 14 offices dedicated to providing first-rate services to their clients. The Schweitzer group is No. 1 in the Coldwell Banker group in the Midwest and number five in

the country.

"We look like we're the small office down at the corner, but we're huge," Pam said. "In that we have 14 other offices under the same umbrella."

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer is just as supportive on the home front. Situated at the three corners — Livingston, Washington and Oakland counties — its agents take great pride in service and working with clients for life. It's not unusual for a Coldwell Banker Schweitzer agent to work with a client on several occasions or to work with other family members of a previous client.

"If you do a good job, that's what happens," Pam said. "You do have clients for life."

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer agents strive to make their clients their No. 1 priority by making their day the best it can be, creating a little fun and

always being there for them. Agents work on the theory that they choose their attitude every day, so no matter what their day may be they are to choose their attitude and to be on the pleasant side.

Technology plays a big role in the South Lyon Coldwell Banker Schweitzer agency. All its agents' desks are wired to provide immediate access to information and listings. Each agent has their own Web site and two additional sites also provide information and complete listings of available properties.

"All listings are on the Internet every day," Pam said. "Plus we have our own buyers guide for advertising; every buying is there until it's sold — and that's at no cost to our clients."

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## Recount: New District 15 tally requested

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the Oakland County portion of Northville; the villages of Milford, Wolverine Lake and Holly; and the townships of Lyon, Commerce, West Bloomfield,

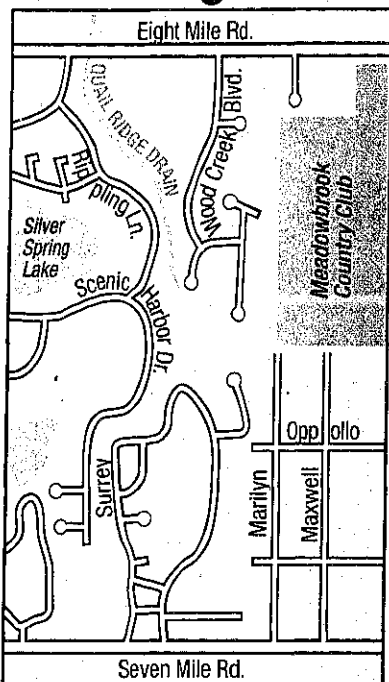
Milford, Highland, White Lake, Rose and Holly.

The Oakland County Elections Commission was scheduled to begin the recount yesterday at Waterford Oaks County Park at the lookout lodge and should be

completed Friday.

Philip Almen is a reporter for the South Lyon Herald. Reach him at (248) 437-2911 or by e-mail at [pallmen@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:pallmen@ht.homecomm.net).

## Quail Ridge Drain



SOURCE: Northville Twp.

## Drain: Work progresses

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dying the situation," Weaver said. "They did have a storm water committee and we had some dialogue with them and they did look into it, but in the end, they decided not to get involved."

Weaver said that inaction was what prompted Northville Township officials to go through the process of turning the channel into an inter-county drain, placing accountability with Oakland and Wayne counties.

"Once we petitioned to get that drain created, Novi came back to us and said 'Let's talk about this some more,'" he said.

"There was quite a bit of discussion and it took awhile to work matters out because we have two separate counties and two municipalities and an inter-county drain," said Nancy

McClain, Novi city engineer. McClain also said the city's new administration has been willing to cooperate with Northville Township, something she believes was not the case in the past.

"I know there was some reluctance in prior city administration and there may have also been a request that we handle all money," she said.

Novi officials said the city of Novi will be paying about 60 percent of the costs, but all in all the project is practically completely covered by grants.

Both sides said communication and cooperation is free-flowing now.

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## Chamber: New leadership coming to Novi

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Richard Gaul of Tower Automotive, was appointed to the board a month ago to fill a vacancy. The remaining candidates include Gina Blazo of All Star Gymnastics, Art Johnson of Johnson Printing, Nikki Pearse of Forum Entertainment, Keith Pappen of Al Bourdeau Insurance Services Inc., and John Young of Walsh College.

Chamber President Nora Champion said ballots have been sent out to the chamber's more than 600 members. She said the new board will be announced at the chamber's next meeting at the Novi Hilton Hotel at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 17. The new board members will join eight sitting board members.

Also on tap for the chamber's Sept. 17 luncheon meeting will be a presentation by Walsh College's Dr. Pat Callaghan and John Champion (no relation to Nora) about on-line learning.

The new board's first full official activity will be a joint business after hours function with members of the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce at Wixom's Baymont Inn & Suites from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 18. Baymont Inn & Suites is located on Alpha Drive off Wixom Road across from the Wixom Ford plant.

Champion said the Baymont's staff will be hosting a free beer and wine tasting for chamber members. To register for this and other chamber events visit the chamber's Web site at [www.novitchamber.com](http://www.novitchamber.com) or call 248.349.3743.

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## Fine Fretwork: Local wins in DB poll

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tion guide. According to Zaworski, "Someone from Western wins every year." He said other top ranked schools include the University of Miami in Florida, Boston's Berklee College of Music and the Manhattan School of Music.

Each year hundreds of performance tapes are sent to Down Beat, which in turn sends them to an 11-member judges panel for a blind judging. Zaworski said even the judges don't know who the winners are until the numbers on the winners' list are matched with the names on the contestants' list.

Farkas has been playing the guitar since the seventh grade. His parents first introduced him to the violin, but by his own account he was "pretty nasty." However, he recalled, "Once I got a guitar in my hands it was over for sports. About halfway through high school I realized this

was what I wanted to do."

While at Novi High, Farkas was named to the all-state jazz band and was selected to play at the youth arts festival at Western as well as Detroit's Montreaux Jazz Festival his senior year.

While studying at Western two years ago, Farkas was the only guitarist in the country selected for a month-long program at the Henry Mancini Institute in Los Angeles. He also taught guitar at Lansing-based Marshall Music's Kalamazoo outlet.

Farkas recently moved home while trying to decide between pursuing his musical career here or in Chicago.

"I'm kind of torn right now," he said. While Metro Detroit has friends and family, Chicago is a bigger market and is home to many Western alumni including some big names in jazz," said Farkas. He said he's had an offer to be roommates with a musician in Chicago, so "I've got to make a decision in the next week or so."

"Once I got a guitar in my hands, it was over for sports."

Brett Farkas  
Western Mich. University graduate

He said he's looking forward to scheduling play dates. "Last semester I was playing six nights a week. It's been tough going back to not playing a lot," he said.

Farkas credited much of his success to his parents. "I couldn't have gotten this far without their support," he said.

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## Tennis looks to defend league title

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

They are definitely in the hunt for the Kensington Valley Conference title again in 2002.

The Novi Wildcats girls' tennis team, coached by veteran helmsman Jim Hanson, will be looking to make some noise in the KVC this season when they take on hopefuls like Brighton, Hartland, Pinckney, Howell and Lakeland.

"We have 10 girls back from last year," Hanson noted. "They are all returning letter winners, so we definitely have some experience returning."

At first singles, the Wildcats will depend on the consistent

play of junior Ashley Glover. "She's raised the level of her game since last year," Hanson said. "She worked extremely hard over the summer and it has already shown in her play over the first two tournaments."

Junior Anna Switzer made the move from four singles to two singles this season, and has brought with her a new maturity that should aid her this fall.

At third singles, Lauren Carosio, a junior, will be taking serves. She was a member of the one doubles team last season, but Hanson said that she should make a fine addition to his singles line-up.

At the fourth singles flight, Laura Vaughn will be making

her presence known. The junior was one of five freshmen brought onto the varsity team two years ago and all have been positive factors in this program since.

"They are fine players," Hanson said of the five, dubbed the "Fabulous Five" by Novi tennis fans. "They have a lot of experience and I am looking for big contributions from all of them this year."

The fifth "Fab Five" player is a member of the one doubles duo — junior Colene Brockman. A multi-sport athlete, Brockman is teamed up with sophomore Emily Holt for a speedy and well disciplined tandem that should make an

impact on the KVC this season.

Two doubles should end up being seniors Gabi Frask and Megha Vadula. This duo has been together for some time and has been able to develop the natural court sense that a good doubles team gets. Hanson noted that he expects them to be a factor in the KVC championship run this fall. Lauren Thomas and Diana Ticu have also seen playing time in this flight thus far this season.

Three doubles hasn't been the same line-up twice this season. Seniors Rebecca Whitehart and Katie Fannon have shared time there, winning

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### Novi Tennis

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/07/02	Powers Invite.	Away	8 a.m.
09/10/02	Mercy HS	Home	4:00
09/11/02	*Howell HS	Away	4:00
09/14/02	Grosse Pt. South	Away	4:00
09/16/02	*Lakeland HS	Home	4:00
09/18/02	*Brighton HS	Away	4:00
09/21/02	Saline Invitational	Away	8 a.m.
09/23/02	*South Lyon HS	Home	4:00
09/25/02	*Hartland HS	Away	4:00
09/26/02	Huron HS	Away	3:15
09/30/02	*Milford HS	Home	4:00
10/02/02	*Pinckney HS	Away	4:00
10/03/02	Saline HS	Away	4:00
10/05/02	*KVC	Away	TBA

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## Harrier boys are looking strong

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats boy's cross country team isn't going to be looking at their losses from last year's graduation as an excuse for 2002. Instead, they are going to take those losses and use them as a weapon as they look and lead some of their most solid runners in hopes of hunting down a Kensington Valley Conference title.

The Wildcats, coached by veteran Robert Smith, are in full realization that the KVC is up for grabs this year. All of the schools that are in contention took a hit in one way or another, and they are now looking to sneak up and grab the crown this year.

"The KVC is tougher than ever," Smith said. "There are going to be four, five or six schools that are really going to step up and be serious contenders. Milford is the team to beat in the league, the state meet is really theirs to lose. Brighton had a great summer. Lakeland is chomping at the bit to return to their glory years. We've been running hard and then there is Howell, you can't count them out. South Lyon is also looking like a strong team this year."

Even if Milford is the overall favorite for the league title, Smith said that his boys have to be one of the favorites for second place.

"There's not that great of a difference between first and second in this conference," he said.

The Wildcats return quite the

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## Soccer has lots of talent on their side

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats boy's soccer team is practically sporting a whole new line-up this season as they look to be the top team in the Kensington Valley Conference.

The 'Cats, coached by Brian O'Leary, graduated nine seniors, including all of their forwards and midfielders.

"This year we are full of good players, so we have a lot of depth, but we are short on experience and superstar quality," O'Leary said. "This year's team is totally different than last year's team."

The Wildcats return four starters for the 2002 campaign. Seniors B. J. Humphrey in the midfield, Brent Coles on defense, Mike Allie in the midfield and Sean McClinchey in between the posts at goalie.

Other starters for this season will include senior forwards Matt Urick and Adam Southworth, senior midfielders Jeff Dodds and Matt Kurnick and junior midfielder Jon Sierra.

Two new starters on defense are juniors Chris Fox and Brad Simpson.

"Those are my starters, but my subs are just as good and

will challenge for starting roles this season," O'Leary said.

Subs include A. J. Glubzinski, a sophomore goalie, as well as freshman defenders Matt Crawford and Marc Checobelli. Senior midfielder Yusuke Yoda and freshman midfielder A. W. Stanek are also vying for starting spots.

Midfielders Neil Kocan, a sophomore, will also be in a hunt for a starting job and playing time. Rounding out the team are junior forwards Steve Dailey and Matt Nickels, sophomore midfielder Jason Sierra and junior midfielders Ryan Stec and Colin Goldsmith.

O'Leary said that the conference should be a fun, yet interesting, one.

"It will be a fun year where we are going to have to earn every win, because all of the KVC teams are much improved and, unlike last year, sheer ability won't win us the majority of our league games."

Though there are named starters on the Wildcat soccer team, O'Leary said there will be plenty of playing time across the board for the top 16 players.

"Whatever line-up I use,

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Novi Wildcats soccer team will be looking to get their hands on yet another KVC title when they bring their very talented and very solid core of players onto the field in 2002.

## Linksters will be in hunt for KVC crown

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It seems pretty obvious heading into the 2002 season that the Novi Wildcats boy's golf team has a steady beacon to steer their team by — his name is Jack Tyler.

Tyler, a senior linkster, has been collecting himself a bit of a name on the high school golf

circuit, and it doesn't look like he is planning on slowing down any.

"Jack Tyler, who is the team captain, is having an incredible year," Coach Brad Huss said. "He has been medalist in two tournaments and was second by a shot in the pre-

KVC."

As though that wasn't enough, Tyler also has made himself known by not finishing out of the top-10 in any meet this season. He also took the medalist position against Northville August 29.

"He is an amazing five under for the last two meets," Huss said, prior to the Northville dual meet. "Combined with his

practice score is his 10 under for the past 99 holes he has played. His average is 72.25 in our meets."

Besides Tyler, the Wildcats will have juniors Brandon Cigna and Jesse Lachman to look to in 2002, as well as James Faysal and Eric Aytes.

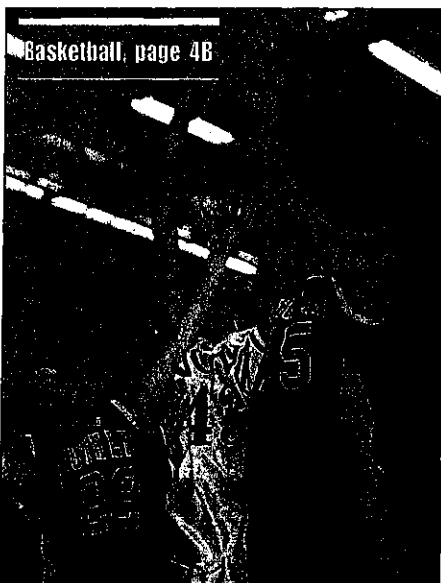
"I have been very impressed with Jesse Lachman and Brandon Cigna," Huss said.

"Both are juniors and both are averaging below 77. James Faysal and Eric Aytes are also playing well. Their average is 78."

Huss noted that he is looking forward to what this season has to offer.

"I have never had a team with these kinds of scores for these

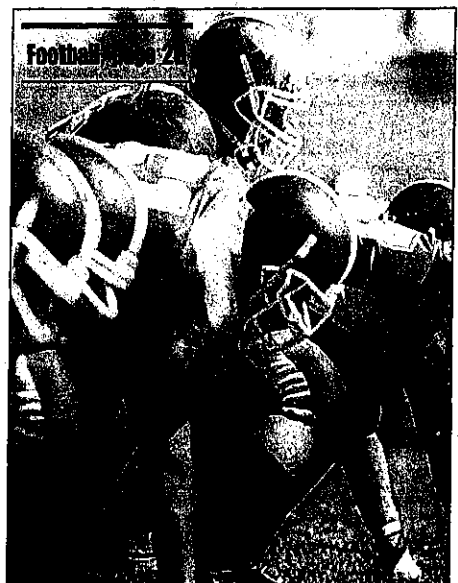
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# 'Cats are hungry for wins

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats football team will have plenty of challenges ahead of them in the season to come. Those challenges are mainly teams like Milford, Brighton and Howell.

The 'Cats, coached by Tab Kellepourey, won't have much time to gear up for their big games, as they will kick off against Howell tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at Novi High School.

"We are undefeated in the KVC," Kellepourey said. "That's where we see ourselves. We want the league championship and we expect to be on top of this league."

But there could be a few snags along the way. "There is this team over in Livingston County called Brighton that has won the KVC for five or six years in a row," Kellepourey said. "They are traditionally a strong team in this league and the team that there is the most respect for right now."

Kellepourey noted that his opponents in the KVC have been out at 6 a.m. for drills and training since January — just like his squad. They want it, but so do the Wildcats.

"No one is going to play in this

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
08/30/02	Chelsea HS	Away	7:30
09/06/02	*Howell HS	Home	7:30
09/13/02	*Lakeland HS	Away	7:30
09/20/02	*Brighton HS	Home	7:30
09/27/02	*South Lyon HS	Away	7:30
10/04/02	*Hartland HS	Home	7:30
10/11/02	*Milford HS	Away	7:30
10/19/02	*Pinckney HS	Home	1:00
10/25/02	Northville HS	Away	7:30

Note: All time p.m. unless noted.  
\* indicates league game.

league without taking lumps," Kellepourey said. "We expect to be on top, but so does Howell, Milford, Brighton and South Lyon. Just like us, Brighton knows there is great competition out there as well."

The Wildcats have a solid core of returning players that will be key in all of their contests this season. Quarterback Chase Chandler, offensive lineman Matt Murray, fullback and defensive end Doug Ray and offensive lineman George Bower are all captains with this program and are all ready to see themselves snagging the KVC crown.

"We expect a lot out of those four players," Kellepourey noted. "They have been in the playoffs,

and they know what it takes to get us back there."

Other than the captain, the Wildcats will be looking to Nick Mainella, an offensive tackle and defensive end, and Darren Guffey, a starting defensive back.

One of the most notable names back this year is solid junior linebacker Josh Beck. He will be leading the defense with his field awareness and desire to make a hit. He is also starting at offensive tackle this season.

"I think the strengths of this team right now is the way the kids play as a team," Kellepourey said. "They play very, very well together. And weaknesses? Our experience level,"

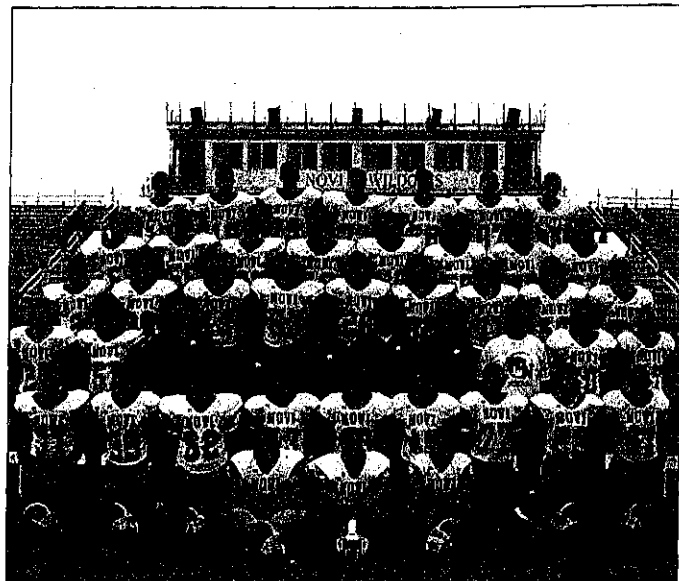


Photo by CHRISTIE K. EGLESTON

The Novi Wildcats will be searching for victory in the KVC when they open the conference play of their schedule against Howell tomorrow night at 7:30 at Novi High School.

Kellepourey said, "It's all right to a little better come Monday." I think they will understand it all and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

## Soccer looks to be strong

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playing time will be a lot more balanced among my top 16 players than it was last year," he said.

"I will only have a couple of players playing all 80 minutes, where last year I had six or seven players that would play all 80 minutes."

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
08/23/02	Churchill HS	Home	7:00
08/27/02	Canlon HS	Away	5:30
08/29/02	*Howell HS	Home	7:00
09/04/02	Stevenson HS	Away	7:00
09/05/02	*Lakeland HS	Home	7:00
09/10/02	*Brighton HS	Home	7:00
09/12/02	*South Lyon HS	Away	7:00
09/17/02	*Hartland HS	Home	7:00
09/19/02	*Milford HS	Away	7:00
09/21/02	Northville HS	Home	11:30 a.m.
09/24/02	*Pinckney HS	Away	6:30
09/26/02	*Howell HS	Away	7:00
10/01/02	*Lakeland HS	Away	7:00
10/03/02	*Brighton HS	Away	7:00
10/06/02	*South Lyon HS	Home	7:00
10/10/02	*Hartland HS	Away	7:00
10/15/02	*Milford HS	Home	7:00
10/17/02	*Pinckney HS	Home	7:00
10/21/02	MHSAA Districts	Home	TBA
10/23/02	MHSAA Districts	Home	TBA
10/25/02	MHSAA Districts	Home	TBA

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# Wildcats hope to compete in KVC

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats girls' swim team will be looking to compete in the Kensington Valley Conference in 2002.

With a decent number of swimmers on the roster, the 'Cats, under the guidance of coach Larry Tehan, are hoping to be a factor in the conference running.

Though the Brightons, Howells and Pinckneys of the world will be trying to hold the Wildcats back from their ultimate goal of a Kensington Valley Conference championship, their talent and their determination to be the best team they can be should prove the difference.

A strong core of talented swimmers will lead the way for the Wildcats, though their depth may prove to be an issue. They will rely heavily on their core of top-shelf swimmers to gather the points necessary to be a competitor in the growing challenges of the KVC.

With the KVC title a foreword in the way of goals, one thing the Wildcats will most definitely

## Novi Swimming & Diving

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
08/28/02	Walled Lake Western HS	Home	6:00
09/05/02	Walled Lake Central HS	Away	7:00
09/07/02	Griffin Relays	Away	9:00 a.m.
09/10/02	Churchill HS	Away	7:00
09/12/02	*Howell HS	Home	6:00
09/17/02	Fenton HS	Away	6:00
09/21/02	West Bloomfield Invite	Away	1:00
09/26/02	*Brighton HS	Home	6:00
10/01/02	Northville HS	Away	7:00
10/03/02	*South Lyon HS	Away	6:00
10/05/02	Oakland Co.	Away	9:00 a.m.
10/22/02	Salem HS	Away	7:00
10/24/02	*Pinckney HS	Home	6:00
11/01/02	*KVC Championships	Away	TBA
11/02/02	*KVC Championships	Away	TBA
11/15/02	River Rais Challenge	Away	12:00
11/16/02	MHSAA Diving Regional	Away	TBA
11/22/02	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA
11/23/02	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA

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be trying to do in each and every meet is qualify some of their very talented swimmers for the state meet.

The Wildcats have filled their schedule to the brim with top-notch talent, including outside of the Kensington Valley

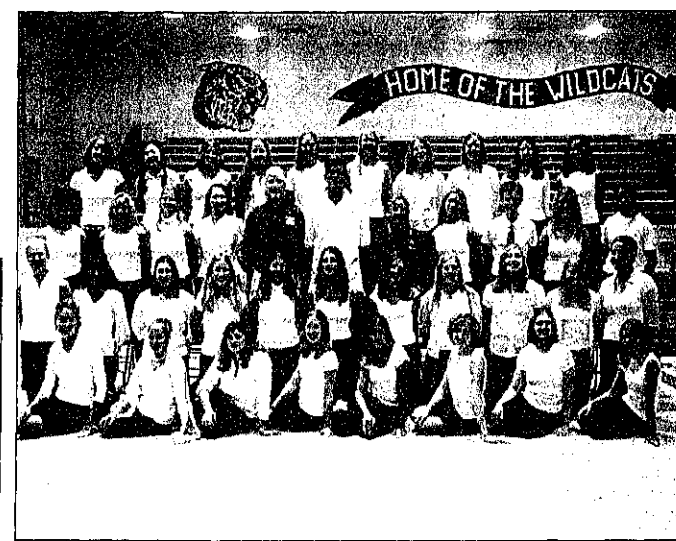


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The Novi swim team will have plenty of talent to work with, just not a ton of depth. Expect to see their core of swimmers and divers taking home the top spots in the meets they win, which will have to be their strategy for the entire 2002 fall season. The one thing that may prove testing for the Wildcats is their small numbers — though size of a team can prove to be something that is ignored as long as the talent pool is deep enough.

Conference to swim against teams like Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central — both teams that should have a say in their own conference, the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Expect to see the Wildcats competing for the Kensington Valley Conference crown, or, at the very least, one of the top spots in their competitive conference.

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## Netters want to make trip to states

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a tournament in the process, as has sophomore Amanda Cassidy and senior Judy Lai.

Fourth doubles is in the vanguard as the flight ahead of them. Seniors Samantha Kelley and Lauren Tuckey have seen time on the court in that flight, as has Tuckey and Pratyusha Devarakona, who is a transfer to Novi High School from

Warren Mott. Anise Hayes should also see repetitions in one of the flights throughout the season.

"We have a lot of talented players that will be a factor in this season," Hanson said. "Everyone on this team is important due to the fact that our success depends on how they play."

The Wildcats will have a tough enough time in the KVC title battle, but it's their region-

al that sends shutters down some spines.

They will once again be competing against the likes of Farmington Mercy, Troy, Troy Aibens, West Bloomfield and Clarkston.

"It is one of the toughest regionals in the state," Hanson said. "Our goals are to obviously win the KVC championship again, as well as try to qualify out of our regional."

detested like the last three years. We are tired of finishing third and having everyone say we have a nice team. We want to go to the states."

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# Cagers have lots of talent to use in KVC

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It should prove to be a fun and exciting year for the Novi Wildcats girls basketball team. Returning a number of skilled and experienced players, the Wildcats will be looking to make some noise in the Kensington Valley Conference with their speed and shooting ability.

"I think the KVC is going to be a race to the finish," Novi head coach Dennis Cichowski said. "Brighton is probably the favorite going in, because they are an excellent ball club. I think it is definitely up for grabs after that. I would like to think that we are going to be in the thick of things as the season goes on."

And if Cichowski's players have anything to say about it, they will be.

Leading the Wildcats this season will be seniors Angie Schmitt, Laura Longo, Megan Garham, Rachel Kovna and Melissa Stephen.

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
08/09/02	Farmington Harrison HS	Away	7:00
08/09/02	Northville HS	Away	5:30
09/07/02	Northville Tourney	Away	TBA
09/10/02	WL Central HS	Away	7:00
09/12/02	WL Western HS	Home	7:00
09/17/02	Northville HS	Away	7:00
09/24/02	*Howell HS	Home	7:00
09/26/02	*Lakeland HS	Away	7:00
10/01/02	*Brighton HS	Home	7:00
10/03/02	*South Lyon HS	Away	7:00
10/08/02	*Hartland HS	Home	7:00
10/10/02	*Milford HS	Home	7:00
10/15/02	*Pinckney HS	Home	7:00
10/17/02	*Howell HS	Away	7:00
10/22/02	*Lakeland HS	Away	7:00
10/24/02	*Brighton HS	Away	7:00
10/29/02	*South Lyon HS	Home	7:00
11/05/02	*Hartland HS	Away	7:00
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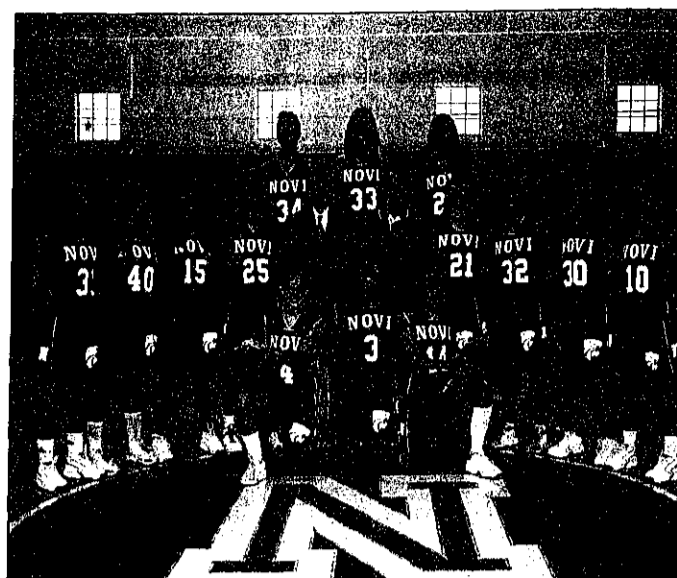


Photo by CHRISTIE K. EGGLESTON

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team has the speed that they have been looking for. They will be shooting and running the floor like they haven't been able to do in years past, as well as utilizing a nice balance of solid seniors and talented underclassmen this year.

Schmitt brings to the court aggressive play and great foot speed. Her ability to push the ball up the floor is dangerous to most opponents, and her emotional desire to win drives her to the end.

Longo, a post player, will be a huge factor for the Wildcats this season. Her maturity will prove essential as she plays down low against the big girls in the KVC and beyond. Her inside moves make it difficult to defend her, and her scoring ability should see her in double digits throughout the season.

Garham will be seeing time at guard for the Wildcats. She is a good zone defender and a decent perimeter shooter as well as an excellent free throw shooter.

Kovna is coming off some

injuries that may see her playing time hampered this season, while forward Stephen will be getting some repetitions thanks to her rebounding ability — though she, too, is slowed by injury at this juncture.

From the juniors, the Wildcats will find plenty of talent. Kim Zaczynski, Becky Gasiorok, Alison Goculich and Erica Lawler will be playing on the hardwood. Haggerty, on the other hand, will be the starting point guard for the Wildcats. Her improved ball handling and increased court awareness has cut down on her turnovers and will prove to be a positive factor for Novi.

First-year varsity players Becky Reichel and Kelly Hebert,

scoring, especially from beyond the three point arc, while Lawler, a first year varsity player, will see some time inside as well as at forward. She has a solid three-point shot as well as a tough rebounder.

Sophomores Julie Longo and Jessica Haggerty both return from varsity duty in 2001. Longo has the ability to play four positions for the Wildcats with her post-up ability and nice shooting range. Haggerty, on the other hand, will be the starting point guard for the Wildcats. Her improved ball handling and increased court awareness has cut down on her turnovers and will prove to be a positive factor for Novi.

First-year varsity players Becky Reichel and Kelly Hebert,

# 'Cats look to fight in KVC

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experience to their line-up. Seniors Mark Andrews, Brian Gilchrist, Daniel Mockus, Mike Pichler and Dan Tichen will be expected to lead the team by example while juniors Scott Bergeson, Eric Joseph, Isaac Lee, Nick Prekates, Darin Styles and Eric Tingwall will be filling in plenty of gaps this year.

On the younger end of the board, the Wildcats bring a very talented and determined group of athletes. Sophomore Amel Huprikar is expected to be one of the top Novi runners this year followed by fellow sophomore Mark Moore — last year sensation Tim Moore's younger brother. Justin Namm and Spencer Orens will see plenty of run time as will Mike Quay. The eager freshmen are well represented in 2002 as well. Matt Thomas, Greg Morselet, Andy Mack, Kevin Lee, Ryan Fox and Steve Fannon

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Bob Smith  
Novi Boy's Cross Country Coach



Photo by CHRISTIE K. EGGLESTON

Bob Smith, fourth from left in middle row, will have plenty of talent to shape and form into a competitive KVC harrier squad for fall 2002.

will be building their experience to be tomorrow's leaders today. "We have a solid group of athletes," Smith said. "We are really lucky to have athletes that want to be part of a successful team. They work all summer on their times. In this league, you can't expect to take all summer off and

start practice August 12 and still hope to be competitive. You have to work all summer at getting your times down, and that's what these guys have been doing."

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# Too early to tell for Novi girls



Photo by CHRISTIE K. EGGLESTON

A lot of young runners with a lot of desire — but is that enough to make up for the injuries that hamper the older, more experienced crew?

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

"The Novi Wildcats girls' cross country team isn't quite sure where it stands in the Kensington Valley Conference right now. Actually, coach Norm Norgren probably couldn't tell you how different his team is going to look from today to a week from now. Suffering from injuries and a lot of inexperienced runners, the Novi Wildcats will be looking to bring down their individual times before even pondering the thought of the KVC."

"I really wasn't knowing anything until this week," Norgren said, noting that the team's first meet was coming up. "There are too many young kids and too many older ones that just put anything together yet. It's just too early for us."

The Wildcats are currently without their number one and two runners — senior Nina Schmitt and Lane Williams. Another top runner, Margo Widowace, was questionable for the first meet of the season and had not practiced for nearly a week at the time of the interview.

Taking their place is top spot runner Tia Kova, who was a solid runner and point-guarder for the Wildcats last season as well.

Right now, the Wildcats will have

to look to their seniors to carry them on the field, even though the team has 40 members this year.

"This is our biggest," Norgren said of his team. "The last few years we've been running in the 30s, but this year we finally hit 40 girls."

The seniors on the squad include Anna Cytar, Amy Thompson, Angela Burdard, Germa Lauphin, Vanessa Beard and newcomer Lisa Chacebell.

"Chacebell is a brand new runner with us," Norgren said. "She just showed up. She is doing extremely well at this point."

Norgren noted that he hasn't even begun to discuss pack times with his runners — not at this stage in the game.

"We are so fragmented right now," he said. "Before I start harping about pack times, we have to take care of individual times and getting them dropped down. Once we get to that point, I will start harping daily about pack times."

The injuries to the team aren't slowing the other runners in their quest to improve.

"As long as they do what I preach to them to do every single day, they should do all right," Norgren said. "If they go out there and do their best individually, it will all fall together for the team."

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# Golf ready for great '02 season

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"We should have a great chance to win our third consecutive KVC championship," James Peurach, Joe Carswell, Mark Eberline, Brett Jaussi, Mike Martinez, Terry Welch, R. J. Makowski and Eric McQueen round out the rest of the Novi Wildcat golf team.

"This is a very good team with great depth," Huss said.

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09/24/02	*Milford HS	Away	3:30
09/26/02	*Pinckney HS	Home	3:30
09/27/02	*Hartland Invite	Away	8 a.m.
09/30/02	Oakland Co.	Away	9 a.m.
10/01/02	Stevenson HS	Home	3:30
10/08/02	*Post-KVC	Away	9 a.m.
10/11/02	MHSAA Regional	Away	TBA
10/18/02	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA
10/19/02	MHSAA Finals	Away	TBA

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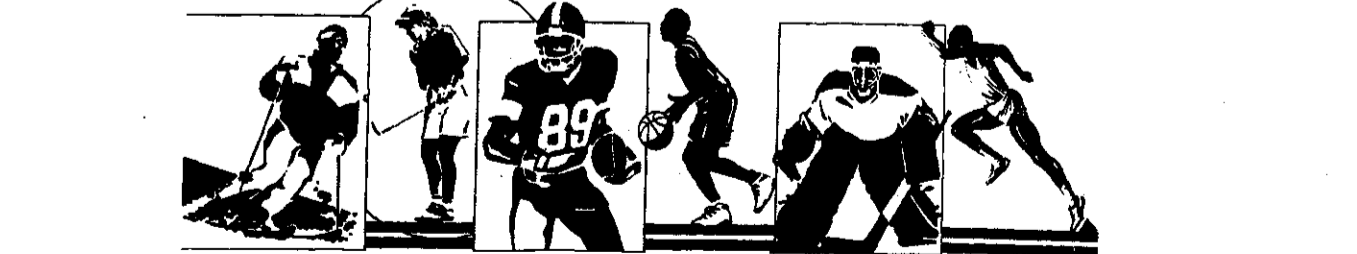
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Boys JV			
08/29/02	Chelsea HS	Home	7:00
09/05/02	*Howell HS	Away	7:00
09/12/02	*Lakeland HS	Home	7:00
09/19/02	*Lakeland HS	Away	7:00
09/26/02	*South Lyon HS	Home	7:00
10/03/02	*Hartland HS	Away	7:00
10/10/02	*Milford HS	Home	7:00
10/17/02	*Pinckney HS	Away	7:00
10/24/02	Northville HS	Home	7:00

Boys Freshman			
08/29/02	Chelsea HS	Home	4:30
09/05/02	*Howell HS	Away	4:30
09/12/02	*Lakeland HS	Home	4:30
09/19/02	*Brighton HS	Away	4:30
09/26/02	*South Lyon HS	Home	4:30
10/03/02	*Hartland HS	Away	4:30
10/10/02	*Milford HS	Home	4:30
10/17/02	*Pinckney HS	Away	4:30
10/24/02	*Open	Home	4:30

Basketball			
Girls JV			
08/29/02	Farmington Harrison	Away	5:30
09/05/02	Northville Touney	Away	TBA
09/12/02	Northville Touney	Away	TBA
09/19/02	Walled Lake Central	Away	5:30
09/26/02	Walled Lake Western	Home	5:30
10/03/02	Northville HS	Away	5:30
10/10/02	*Howell HS	Home	5:30
10/17/02	*Lakeland HS	Away	7:00
10/24/02	*Lakeland HS	Away	5:30
10/31/02	*Brighton HS	Home	5:30
11/07/02	*South Lyon HS	Away	5:30
11/14/02	*Hartland HS	Home	5:30
11/21/02	*Milford HS	Home	5:30
11/28/02	*Pinckney HS	Home	5:30

Soccer			
Boys JV			
08/23/02	Churchill HS	Home	5:30
08/27/02	Canton HS	Away	5:30
08/29/02	*Howell HS	Home	5:30
09/04/02	Stevenson HS	Away	5:30
09/05/02	*Lakeland HS	Home	5:30
09/10/02	*Brighton HS	Home	5:30
09/12/02	*South Lyon HS	Away	5:30
09/17/02	*Hartland HS	Home	5:30
09/19/02	*Milford HS	Away	6:00
09/21/02	Northville HS	Home	10 a.m.
09/24/02	*Pinckney HS	Away	5:00
09/26/02	*Howell HS	Away	5:30

Equestrian			
09/07/02	Fowlerville Fairgrounds	Away	8 a.m.
09/08/02	Fowlerville Fairgrounds	Away	8 a.m.
09/28/02	Fowlerville Fairgrounds	Away	8 a.m.
09/29/02	Fowlerville Fairgrounds	Away	8 a.m.
10/12/02	Fowlerville Fairgrounds	Away	8 a.m.
10/13/02	Fowlerville Fairgrounds	Away	8 a.m.
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Football				Tennis			
08/29/02	7:30	Milford	Home	08/20/02	TBA	Troy Invite	Away
09/05/02	7:30	Franklin	Home	08/24/02	TBA	WLW	Away
09/12/02	7:30	Churchill	Away	08/27/02	4:00	South Lyon	Home
09/20/02	7:30	Northville	Home	09/05/02	4:00	Lakeland	Home
09/27/02	7:30	Salem	Away	09/12/02	4:00	Ketterling	Home
10/04/02	7:30	Stevenson	Away	09/12/02	4:30	Northern	Home
10/11/02	7:30	John Glenn	Home	09/13/02	4:00	Canton	Home
10/18/02	7:30	Wayne	Away	09/17/02	4:00	Western	Away
10/25/02	7:30	Western	Home	09/18/02	4:00	Franklin	Away

Soccer			
08/23/02	3:30	Waterford	Away
08/27/02	5:30	South Lyon	Away
09/03/02	5:30	Milford	Home
09/04/02	5:30	Howell	Home
09/09/02	5:30	Western	Away
09/11/02	5:30	Canton	Home
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09/25/02	5:30	Stevenson	Away
09/28/02	11:00	Harrison	Away
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10/05/02	11:00	W. Bloomfield	Home
10/07/02	5:30	John Glenn	Home
10/09/02	5:30	Northville	Home
10/14/02	5:30	Playoff	Away

Swimming			
08/26/02	6:00	Howell	Away
09/05/02	7:00	Novi	Home
09/12/02	7:00	Western	Home
09/14/02	12:00	Conf Relays	Away
09/19/02	7:00	Canton	Home
09/21/02	1:00	WL Invite	Away
09/24/02	7:00	South Lyon	Home
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10/05/02	7:00	Oakland	Away
10/09/02	7:00	Stevenson	Home
10/15/02	7:00	Berkley	Home
10/17/02	7:00	Salem	Away
10/22/02	7:00	Edsel Ford	Home
10/24/02	7:00	Wayne	Away
10/26/02	7:00	Stevenson	Away
10/31/02	TBA	Conference	Away
11/01/02	TBA	Conf/Diving	Away
11/02/02	TBA	State Diving	Away
11/29/02	TBA	State Diving	Away
11/22/02	TBA	State	Away
11/23/02	TBA	State	Away

Basketball			
08/27/02	7:00	Brighton	Home
08/29/02	7:00	Kimball	Home
09/03/02	7:00	Holt High	Away
09/10/02	7:00	Novi	Home
09/17/02	7:00	South Lyon	Away
09/24/02	7:00	John Glenn	Away
09/26/02	7:00	Canton	Home
09/29/02	2:00	N. Farmington	Away
10/01/02	7:00	Stevenson	Home
10/03/02	7:00	Salem	Away
10/08/02	7:00	Western	Away
10/10/02	7:00	Wayne	Away
10/15/02	7:00	Churchill	Home
10/22/02	7:00	Northville	Away
10/24/02	7:00	John Glenn	Home
10/29/02	7:00	Franklin	Home
10/31/02	7:00	Stevenson	Away
11/05/02	7:00	Salem	Home
11/07/02	7:00	Wayne	Home
11/14/02	7:00	Cross-Over	Away

Boys/Girls XC			
08/29/02	4:00	Milford Invite	Away
09/12/02	4:00	Jamboree	Away
09/14/02	9:00	WLW Invite	Away
09/21/02	TBA	Shamrock	Away
09/26/02	4:00	Jamboree	Away
09/28/02	9:00	Haslett Invite	Away
10/05/02	TBA	Oakland	Away
10/10/02	4:00	Jamboree	Away
10/18/02	TBA	Conference	Away
10/23/02	TBA	Lakeland Invite	Away
08/12/02	8:30	Huron Invite	Away
09/21/02	9:00	Farmington	Away
09/16/02	3:00	Western	Away
09/18/02	3:00	Canton	Home
09/20/02	2:45	Franklin	Away
09/23/02	3:00	Churchill	Home
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09/30/02	TBA	Oakland City	Away
10/02/02	3:00	John Glenn	Home
10/04/02	3:00	Northville	Home
10/08/02	TBA	Conference	Away
10/11/02	TBA	Regional	Away
10/12/02	TBA	Regional	Away
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10/19/02	TBA	State	Away

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Basketball				Swimming & Diving				Boys/Girls Cross Country			
08/26/02	7:00	Milford	Home	08/26/02	7:00	Howell	Home	08/29/02	4:00	Milford Invite	Away
08/28/02	7:00	Holt	Home	08/28/02	6:00	Novi	Away	09/12/02	4:00	Jamboree	Away
09/05/02	7:00	Lapeer East	Away	09/04/02	7:00	Latrup	Home	09/14/02	9:00	WLW Invite	Home
09/10/02	7:00	South Lyon	Home	09/10/02	7:00	Edsel Ford	Away	09/26/02	4:00	Jamboree	Away
09/17/02	7:00	Novi	Away	09/12/02	7:00	Central	Away	09/28/02	9:00	Haslett Invite	Away
09/19/02	7:00	Lakeland	Home	09/14/02	12:00	Conf Relays	Away	10/05/02	TBA	Oakland	Away
09/24/02	7:00	Churchill	Home	09/19/02	7:00	Salem	Away	10/10/02	4:00	Jamboree	Away
09/26/02	7:00	Franklin	Away	09/21/02	1:00	WL Invite	Home	10/12/02	TBA	Gabriel Richard	Away
10/01/02	7:00	Salem	Away	09/26/02	7:00	Churchill	Home	10/18/02	TBA	Conference	Away
10/08/02	7:00	Canton	Home	09/30/02	6:00	South Lyon	Away	10/23/02	TBA	Lakeland Invite	Away
10/10/02	7:00	Northville	Away	10/03/02	7:00	Franklin	Away				
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10/24/02	7:00	Franklin	Home	10/24/02	7:00	Northville	Away				
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10/31/02	7:00	Canton	Away	10/28/02	TBA	Stevenson JV R	Away				
11/07/02	7:00	Northville	Home	10/31/02	TBA	Conference	Away				
11/14/02	7:00	Cross-Over	Home	11/01/02	TBA	Conf/Diving	Away				
11/18-11/23	TBA	Districts	TBA	11/02/02	TBA	Conference	Away				
11/25-11/27	TBA	Regionals	TBA	11/19/02	TBA	State Diving	Away				
12/03/02	TBA	Quarterfinals	TBA	11/22/02	TBA	State	Away				
12/5-12/6	TBA	Semi Finals	TBA	11/23/02	TBA	State	Away				
08/19/02	TBA	E. Lansing Invite	Away	08/20/02	TBA	Troy Invite	Away	08/23/02	3:30	Waterford Invite	Away
08/26/02	9:00	Brighton Invite	Away	08/24/02	TBA	Scrimmage	Home	08/27/02	5:00	Lakeland	Away
09/16/02	3:00	Central	Home	08/28/02	4:00	Northern	Home	08/28/02	5:30	Northern	Home
09/18/02	3:00	Northville	Away	09/05/02	4:00	Milford	Away	09/03/02	5:30	Dundee	Home
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10/02/02	3:00	Salem	Home	09/30/02	4:00	Salem	Home	10/02/02	5:30	Stevenson	Away
10/04/02	3:00	Wayne	Away	10/02/02	4:00	Wayne	Home	10/07/02	5:30	Salem	Home
10/06/02	TBA	Conference	Away	10/02/02	4:00	Wayne	Away	10/09/02	4:00	Wayne	Away
10/11/02	TBA	Regional	Away	10/08/02	9:00	Conference	Away	10/11/02	5:30	Howell	Away
10/12/02	TBA	Regional	Away	10/11/02	TBA	Regional	Away	10/14/02	5:30	Playoff	Home
10/18/02	TBA	State	Away	10/12/02	TBA	Regional	Away	10/16/02	5:30	Playoff	TBA
10/19/02	TBA	State	Away	10/18/02	TBA	State	Away				
				10/19/02	TBA	State	Away				

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## Warriors football looking for repeat of '01

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors football team sure wouldn't mind having a similar season to 2001, when they climbed through the playoffs to take on eventual state champion Detroit Catholic Central.

This year, it may prove to be a tad bit more difficult though. Losses to graduation like that of stellar players Steve Bell and Mike Pisha have left the Warriors looking to replace skilled players as well as reinforcing a less-dominating offensive line.

"That is probably our weakest point right now," Warrior coach Mike Zdebski said of his squad. "We aren't going to have the push up front that we did last year."

Making up for a weaker offensive line will be a stellar defensive squad, led by defensive end Pete Busciglio. The senior positional leader will be making plenty of noise in the Western Lakes Activities Association this season as he looks to disrupt the backfield with his speed and

strength. "We are going to be looking to our defensive line to stop a lot of plays," Zdebski said. "There are a lot of aggressive players there. They should do just fine this year."

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And if the ball carrier should get past Busciglio and his gang of bone-crushing tacklers, Frank Wozny and John Sowders will be waiting to smack some heads in the linebacker position. Behind them will be players like Greg Hay and Steve Darby in the defensive secondary.

On the offensive end of the ball, senior quarterback Jon Michaud returns with hopes of adding to his already impressive numbers from last season. Backing him up as a runner will be the strong and agile Steve VanNortwick, who shared the backfield last season with Bell.

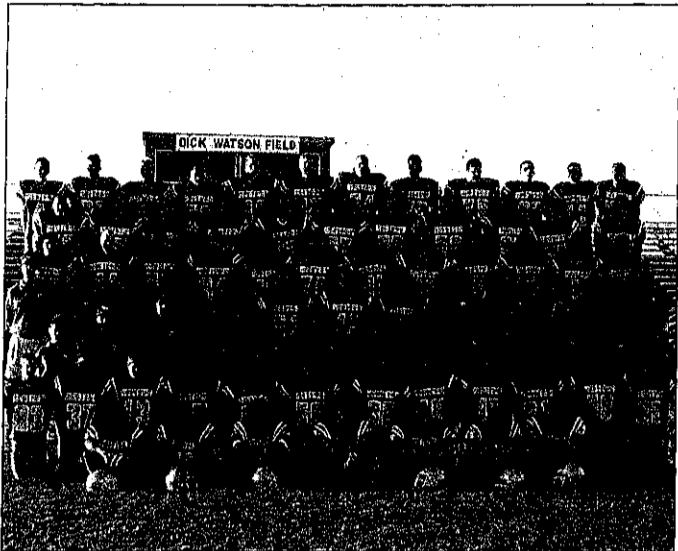
"Only time will tell where we stand this season," Zdebski said. "There is a lot of potential in these guys, but we also lost a lot of talented players to graduation."

As always, the Warriors will be taking to the field with one thing in mind — playoffs. They hope to return to the same trail as last season, but getting a few more wins in the process. Beyond that goal, the Warriors will look to challenge for the top spot in the WLAA.

"The Cantons and the John Glenns are going to be tough to beat," Zdebski said. "We are going to go into each and every game with all intentions of winning. If we don't, then we will move on."

And move on they must. The Warriors dropped their opening game against the Mega Conference Belleville Tigers 33-14 August 30. Their next contest will be when they visit the Wayne Memorial Zebras in their first conference game tonight at 7 p.m.

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The Warriors are hoping to overcome heavy graduation losses when they take to the fields in the 2002 football season with their eyes on the playoffs once again.

## Western basketball squad puts game in high gear

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Warriors basketball team took a bit of a loss thanks to graduation, but they are not going to let it get them down if you don't.

The Warriors, coached by Darrin Jennings, will be looking to get their squad plenty of experience as well as bang a few boards in the Western Lakes Activities Association this year in their hunt for a division title and possibly

more. "We have what it takes to be a successful program," Jennings said. "We worked together all summer long in summer leagues and we think we have found the right combination of players to compete in this league."

Those players are Bridget Hannosh, the starting point guard, and her sub Kelly Sorenson. Along with them is two guard Tracy Winkler and substitute Whitney Tobel, small forward Megan Gulianni and Megan

Marilugh, who will both be sharing time on the court at the starting spot, power forward Dianna Houghton and sub Ashley Guzik, and center Lauren Talbot and substitute Katie Lenoir.

"This year we are doing things a little differently," Jennings said. "We are using those wrist coaches that different sets we run or could run. This way, we call out a number and the girls can just check their hands to see what we are running."

"We will switch them around and change the cars so that the plays we call in the first half won't necessarily be the same numbers that we call in the second half."

And leading the attack off of the 30 or so play sets will be Hannosh.

"She has great court vision and ball handling skills," Jennings said. "We know we can depend on her to take care of the basketball."

The squad will be looking to Winkler and Talbot to be their bread and butter on the scoring

end of things, while Houghton is going to be their key defensive player inside this season, while Marilugh and Gulianni will get the assignment of covering the best point guards in their opponents line-up.

As far as conference play goes, the Warriors should find plenty of sleep challenge in the likes of Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton, as well as Walled Lake Central and Northville.

"This is a very tough conference to play in," Jennings said.

"So many teams are already good and so many are up-and-coming. You just have to take what you have and turn it into the best team you possibly can. I think we've done that, and it's a really good squad that we will be playing with."

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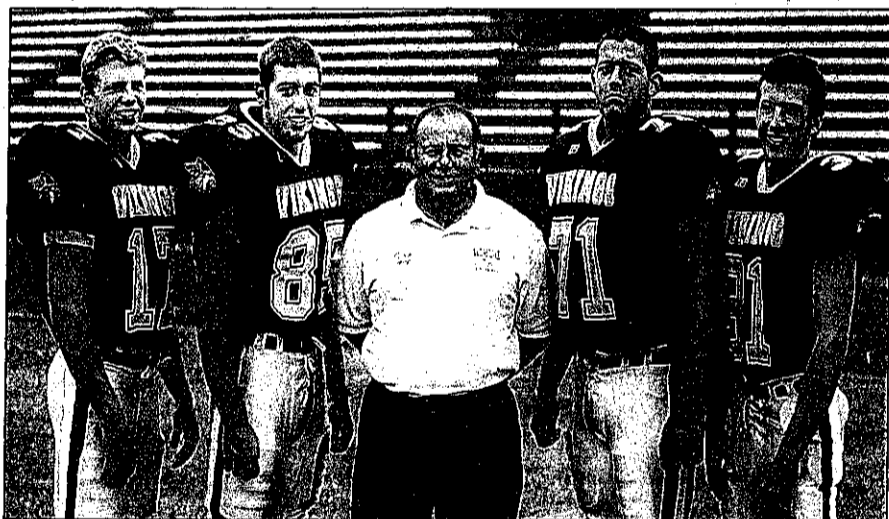


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Walled Lake Central Vikings headcoach Chuck Apap, center, is surrounded by his 2002 captains, from left: Casey White, Dan Miller, Frank Lietke and Scott Long.

## Vikings, North Wind, wanting to blow opponents down with wins

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Like the North Wind blows, the Walled Lake Central Vikings are hoping to become a constant reminder of football dominance in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Vikings, coached by Chuck Apap, will be looking to blast their way into the playoffs this season by controlling the clock and smothering any offense that steps to the line against them.

"I think we have what it takes to be a great football team," Apap said after his squad's opening loss to the Milford Mavericks August 29. "There are things we need to improve on, but the essentials are already

there waiting for us to use them."

The Vikings will have to look to junior quarterback Brandon Cassise to lead the way for them this season from under center, while runners Joe Kutney, Scott Long and Paul Campbell will be responsible for carrying the ball out of the backfield.

Up front, the big boys will be taking on the full frontal assault of the defensive lines and linebackers that opposing coaches throw at them. Mike Boucher, Frank Lietke, Jamie VanOverbeke and Don Roediger are a group capable of holding off most attacks and are going to be key in the success or failure of Walled Lake Central football.

"There are a lot of good players on this team," Cassise said.

"If we can minimize our penalties and keep our heads, then we can play with anybody."

The Vikings will also have a strong defensive core to work with in hopes of shutting down their opponents offense.

Linebackers Brian McKeown, Mark Stewart and Mike Crowe will be waiting to punish any runners who happen to cross their paths this season, while Dan Miller and Frank Lietke will be wanting to crush the quarterback from their position at defensive end. Defensive lineman Mike Boucher will be key in the middle of the box.

In the defensive secondary, Casey White, Joe Kutney and Scott Long are going to be vital in stopping their opponents' passing games. It could easily

come down to a do-or-die throw at the end of a game, and these three are going to be waiting to knock it down or catch it themselves.

"We are going to make the playoffs," Apap said. "This team has the heart, the talent and the desire to make it, and I know they are going to."

The Vikings will have their second game of the season, and their first conference match up, when they host Livonia Franklin tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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## WLC cagers ready for 2002

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The Walled Lake Central Vikings girl's basketball team is looking to make sure no one mistakes them for the team they were four years ago.

Rebuilding, this team is not. With the likes of Katie Radamacher and Brittany Coram gracing his roster, coach Rob Schopf will be looking to make some noise in the Western Lakes Activities Association and possibly beyond.

"We have the old inside and out," Schopf said. "I feel that we can score from five positions. At the high school level, if you run into a player like Katie Radamacher, you are usually going to have to get some help guarding her from some where. If they move in to help inside against her, that should leave a shooter open elsewhere."

Schopf noted that being the target of double teams is a role that Radamacher has stepped into nicely.

"She is a very strong post threat," he said. "She has come a long way though. When they come inside to work against her, she has become very good at finding her shooters."

And those shooters come in the form of Coram, Whitney Simbeck, Katie Harkness, Sarah Stone and Michelle White.

"This team has a lot of great athletes," Schopf said. "You can ask them to do anything and they will adjust to it and run it well."

In the WLAA, the Vikings will have tough teams like Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton and Northville looking to slow them down on their quest for respect.

"They are always the teams to beat," Schopf said. "There is a

tradition there. All those teams have been there before."

Besides the traditional three, Schopf said that the Warriors of Walled Lake Western are always a team to keep an eye on.

"Darrin Jennings has done a nice job of building a tradition over there at Walled Lake Western," Schopf said. "Year in and year out, Western has some of the best athletes in the league. They are going to make it into a dog fight and will probably be looking for one of the top spots in the Western Lakes."

The Vikings took a small hit thanks to graduation, losing players like Jackie Becker, Bridge Sheridan and Stephanie Kozlowski, but Schopf said that the biggest loss wasn't from graduation.

"We also lost a girl that would have started for us," he said. "Leslie Tyree."

Tyree was a varsity player last season for the Vikings, but due to redistricting and the opening of Walled Lake Northern High School, which only has JV teams this season, Tyree will find herself playing with the Knights at a level below what she should be playing.

"She would have definitely started for us," Schopf said.

But even without Tyree, the Vikings will prove to be a tough team to bring down in their division, conference and beyond. Expect to see them playing each and every game like it could be their last.

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