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It must be a strange thought for the seniors on the Novi Wildcats girls tennis team — the thought of losing, that is. For eight straight years, the Novi Wildcats have taken control of the Kensington Valley Conference and kept it as they won the championships.

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Murder one charges

Authorities say toddler spent night in horror

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

"She doesn't deserve it," said District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie coldly, denying bond for accused child killer Nikole Michelle Frederick at her Oct. 1 preliminary hearing at the 52-1 District Court.

Frederick is now being held in the Oakland County Jail awaiting arraignment before Circuit Court Judge Colleen O'Brien. She could go on trial as soon as early March, with the trial expected to last one to two weeks.

Novi Police detectives and Oakland County Medical Examiner Ljubisa J. Dragovic had just finished more than three hours of testimony detailing what amounted to a night of torture and terror for Ann Marie Shawley in her father's Ocher Street home. Dressed in the same black knit shirt and white pants she wore at her Sept. 3 arraignment, the 23-year-old woman sat quietly through



Photo by John Heider

Defendant Nikole Frederick reacts as she hears graphic testimony of the death of Ann Marie Shawley during a preliminary hearing in Judge Brian MacKenzie's 52-1 District Court last Wednesday afternoon. Frederick was bound over to Oakland County Circuit court on a charge of first degree murder.

most of the hearing, beginning to sob only when Judge MacKenzie read out the charges — felony murder, first degree murder, second degree murder and manslaughter — again and denied her attorney's



Photo by John Heider

Oakland Co. Prosecuting Attorney Greg Townsend, left, confers with Nikole Frederick's defense attorney Michael McCarthy during a break in last week's preliminary hearing at Novi's 52-1 court.

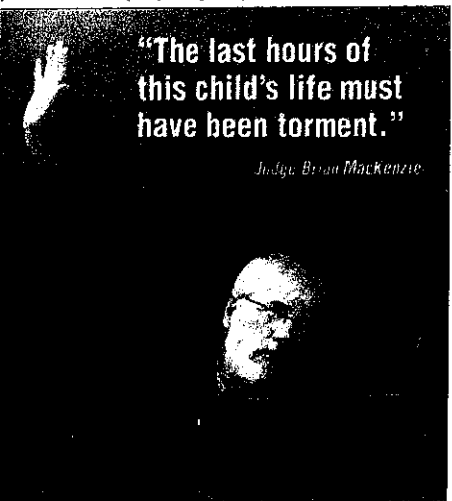


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52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie swears in another witness about to give testimony during last week's preliminary hearing of Nikole Frederick.

"The last hours of this child's life must have been torment."

Judge Brian MacKenzie

motion to drop the most serious charges.

Although he presented no witnesses, defense attorney Michael McCarthy argued that there was no evidence of premeditation, no evidence that Frederick had thought things out in advance. He added that the fact that Frederick and the child's father, John Shawley, had taken her to the hospital showed there was no intent to kill the child.

Dr. Dragovic testified the 2-year-old child died as a result of her brain swelling, forcing the brain stem down through the opening in the base of the skull. The swelling, he told the court, was the result of at least four blunt-force traumas to the head.

Novi Police Detective Vic Lauria told the court that Shawley told investigators that he had found his daughter cold and unresponsive on a heating vent in his living room at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 1. Lauria noted that, according to emergency room records at Providence Hospital, Shawley and Frederick didn't arrive there until 9:37 a.m. The detective said it normally takes less than 10 minutes to drive from Old Dutch Trailer Park on Napier Road to the emergency room at Grand River Avenue and Beck roads.

Doctors at the Providence emergency room also immediately began making arrangements to have the child transferred to

William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, where she later died, and called Novi Police. Detective Lauria said Frederick returned to her Ocher Street residence to change her shirt before going to Troy.

Dr. Dragovic told the court the child had second degree burn patterns to her buttocks and thighs that were consistent with being held on a heating vent for an extended period of time. He also noted there was a burn on her chin that appeared to be caused by the heated metal end of a disposable lighter. The doctor also testified that the child had cigarette burns on her right forearm, front of the body, head and bottom of her right foot.

According to Dr. Dragovic two patches of hair had been ripped from the girl's scalp behind each

ear. He added there was evidence of tearing around her lips.

Lauria told the court that Frederick told him she'd first been awakened by Ann Marie crying and complaining her tummy hurt at 12:30 a.m. Lauria said Frederick gave investigators several conflicting accounts of what happened.

In binding Frederick over for trial on felony murder charges, MacKenzie noted Ann Marie was "left on a couch at least 10 hours, every minute at the cost of her life."

He noted, "We have a set of acts that can only be described as torture. This didn't just happen. It happened for a long time."

Lauria said her injuries again, MacKenzie observed, "The last hours of this child's life must have been torment."

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Council sends Walled Lake music festival back to the drawing board

Members worried about possible effects on neighbors, M&MFest

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Novi's City Council didn't totally close the door on Lee Alan's plans to recreate the early '60s on the site of the old Walled Lake Casino Monday night, but they came pretty darn close.

Council members told the one-time WXYZ-AM deejay-turned-advertising-executive to bring city staff a detail plan and staff 45 days to respond to the plan.

Robert McCann, vice president and general manager of Bright House Networks, and several residents from the south side of Walled Lake wanted the council to say no for different reasons.

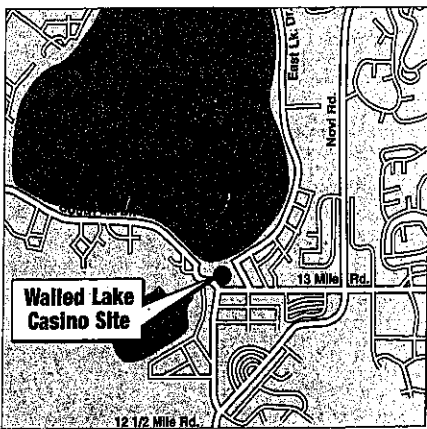
Noting that Novi's population has grown from "6,000 in 1960 to 47,000-plus now," Lori Harris told council members she is worried about the effect a four-day concert on the site of the old Walled Lake Casino would have on her neighborhood. Harris, who lives on Wainwright Street, presented council members with a petition signed by more than 50 lake area residents asking council

members to turn the project down.

Harris husband, Jeff, said not many of his neighbors remember the old Walled Lake amusement park, adding "there are no longer fields and open lots out there." He said he and his neighbors are afraid what traffic generated by a concert on the city-owned property would do to their neighborhoods.

McCann, who sits on the city's 17-year-old Music and Motor Fest, asked council members to "deny the request completely." He reminded council members that the privately-funded Music and Motor Fest has pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars back into the city over the past 17 years.

He warned that having an event with a similar name close to the time Music and Motor Fest is held would be confusing to local event sponsors. McCann said that while "I believe Mr. Alan's concept has merit," he couldn't see the city backing it at the expense of the older event. Another lake area resident,



Some residents around the old Walled Lake Casino site oppose bringing the music back after 40 years.

Mark Adams, suggested that member of the Historical Commission, said that the Lake Property Study Committee had considered." Adams, a former

Commission balks on Links of Novi project

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Representatives from Singh Development in West Bloomfield will have to wait a little longer to see if they can create a new subdivision, Quail Hollow, with more than 400 homes planned for land currently occupied by the Links of Novi Golf Course.

Members of the Novi Planning Commission voted to send Singh's request for a zoning change on the property back to the Master Plan and Zoning Committee during a public hearing Oct. 1.

Kahn Pham from Singh Development, represented by Birmingham attorney Robert Carson, former attorney for Sandstone Inc., was not pleased with the decision, as Singh has a limited amount of time on the purchase agreement for the land. Pham and Carson could not be reached for comment.

The property in question, which totals almost 325 acres, is located

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Firefighter's fans

Home Depot in Novi on Grand River Avenue west of Beck Road sponsored a free Child Safety Fair Oct. 4. Members of local police, fire and emergency medical services were on hand to meet and greet the public. Mark Pehrson from Fire Station #4 in Novi lets Pritya Bhasin, 3, of Wixom, try on his hat at the event while her sister, Maya, 1, watches. A photo I.D. program for children also took place during the event.



Fires don't have to happen, says chief

Walled Lake Fire Department increases efforts to protect community

The Walled Lake Fire Department has implemented initiatives to further reduce risks to our residents and our visitors. Our approach: "If it's predictable, it's preventable." The recent "Did you Check?" program's goal was to raise awareness on the importance of "working" smoke alarms for a family's protection. To date, 100 percent of alarms tested have functioned properly and families are enjoying a free dinner as a result.

We are currently working on strengthening our smoke alarm requirements in rental properties. The home is where we feel safest, but it is also the place where most fire deaths occur. Speaking of prevention, all are invited to attend our annual Walled Lake Fire/Police Open House on Sunday, Oct. 12 from noon to 4 p.m. It will be a fun day for the entire family with many educational activities.

The events of 9/11/01 reinforced the need to focus on prevention and mitigation efforts to protect the community from any large-scale event that may arise. When an emergency does happen to a homeowner, neighborhood, school, or business, it becomes one of the worst days in a person's life, and the fire department's handling of that incident will have a dramatic impact on the outcome of how that day is remembered.

To that end, we are looking for residents to take part in our new program (one of the first in Michigan), which stems from the Office of Homeland Security, Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) teams are designed to prepare citizens to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. They are trained by emergency service professionals to respond to local disaster situations. Once funding is in place, and other members of Walled Lake Fire and Police have received training, we hope to implement the program in January.

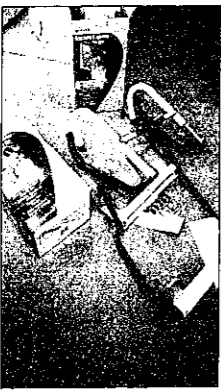
Fire Chief Ken Van Sparrentak is a 16-year veteran of the fire service. He took over as Walled Lake's fire chief after seven years as fire marshal in Ferndale.



Chief Ken Van Sparrentak

Fire-related products can make home, office safer

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER



A heat alarm make by FireX costs \$23.97 and a twin-pack smoke alarm costs \$22.91.

The FireX smoke alarm for low traffic areas costs \$9.95. And the FireX model for kitchens, which helps prevent nuisance alarms from cooking and steam, costs \$17.97.

The model for hallways and stairways is priced at \$11.78. And the smoke alarm for low traffic areas runs \$9.95.

Finally, a Fire Sentry Micro Profile smoke alarm costs only \$5.93.

A13-foot, two-story escape ladder at Home Depot costs \$29.97.

Fire safes can protect important documents in the event of a fire.

Some Sentry Fire Safes provide a \$10,000 fire protection guarantee.

One model, which costs \$99 for 8 cubic feet of space, provides one hour of proven fire protection, four locking bolts that secure the door even with the hinges removed, a three-number combination lock and can be bolted to the door.

A key rack with a compartment at \$29.97 is the easiest to use and clean up, according to the manufacturer, and inhibits a fire from re-igniting.

Smoke alarms at Home Depot include the FireX model for bedrooms and family rooms at \$24.97 and \$26.94.

Smoke alarms should be replaced about every 10 years, according to the manufacturers.

Fire escape ladders are available at Novi's Home Depot store.

Home Depot carries Kidde fire extinguishers which can be classified as either compact, household or commercial. Kidde recommends homeowners and business owners install one fire extinguisher for every 600 square feet of space.

The Professional Commercial model, which is ideal for commercial use and features a flexible hose and rechargeable battery costs \$29.97. It also comes with a six-year warranty.

Cooking is the leading cause of fires. A kitchen-storage fire extinguisher for fires common in these areas costs only \$9.97. Another extinguisher with a decorative design for the kitchen costs \$9.94.

Household fire extinguishers, which are recommended for

common, isolated household or office fires that include fire to items as drapes, furniture, wastebaskets or electrical fires include several models at \$19.93, \$19.97, \$29.97 and \$46.96. The Fire-Out Foam model at \$29.97 is the easiest to use and clean up, according to the manufacturer, and inhibits a fire from re-igniting.

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Wixom man, 20, pleads guilty to arson

By Jon Zemke
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

A Wixom man pleaded guilty as charged Monday for trying to burn down the Cozy Inn in Green Oak Township, east of Brighton, in August.

Yevgeniy Gurskiy, 20, took responsibility for a felony count of arson before 44th Circuit Court Judge Stanley Latreille in Howell.

Sven Dodge, Gurskiy's attorney, said his client was intoxicated at the time of the incident and doesn't remember what happened.

"I think if it wasn't for the use of alcohol it wouldn't have happened," Dodge said.

Gurskiy is applying to be sentenced under the Holmes Youth Trainee Act, which could mean a light sentence and a chance for the charge to be suppressed from his record if he stays out of trouble.

He could receive a sentence of up to 10 years in prison. If Gurskiy does not like the sentence, he could withdraw his guilty plea and go to trial.

Police said Gurskiy tried to burn down the Cozy Inn on Grand River Avenue on Aug. 4 as retaliation for damage done to his car.

At 1 a.m. that night, a man sleeping in a van behind the building woke up when a Ford Focus pulled up. The man in the van told police he saw someone spraying lighter fluid on the back of the van and set it on fire.

The man came running out of his van to stop it, prompting the suspect and another man in the Focus to flee. Police said they found Gurskiy hiding in a wooded area by using a thermal-imaging camera. They added that he was intoxicated.

The other person who fled the scene was cleared of any wrongdoing.

The damage to the Cozy Inn was minimal. Damage was confined to a black burnout spot and some sprayed lighter fluid. No one was injured in the brief fire.

Gurskiy is awaiting his sentencing before Latreille at 10 a.m. Dec. 2.

Suspected auto thief caught

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Officer Brown followed the car first east on I-96 and then on I-696 before stopping it near Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, where a South Oakland Narcotics Consortium surveillance team happened to be working.

After ordering Lawrence and a 23-year-old Milford man from the car at gunpoint, Officer Brown reported finding a key on the floor of the car. He said when he asked the man whose vehicle it was, they both said they were heroin addicts on their way to Detroit to buy drugs.

According to Officer Brown, Lawrence stepped from behind the driver's wheel, he called out that his companion was "not involved in this."

The Milford man was eventually released without being charged.

Lawrence, who has no prior adult criminal history, could be sentenced up to five years in prison if convicted on the auto theft charge.

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Novi man faces multiple charges following mobile home shootings

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

The arson charges stem from a small fire found in Buckmaster's mobile home following the shootings.

A 59-year-old Novi man accused of shooting at his neighbors in Novi Meadows on the city's far west side Sept. 21, before turning the gun on himself, is being held in the prison ward of a Pontiac hospital in lieu of a \$2 million bond.

Judge Robert Bondy traveled Oct. 3 to Pontiac General Hospital, where the Oakland County Sheriff's Office maintains a prisoners facility, to arraign Melvin Clarence Buckmaster.

Buckmaster now faces 13 felony charges including three counts of assault with intent to commit murder; three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon; four counts of possession of a fire arm during the commission of felony; arson of dwelling; arsons, preparation to burn a building \$1,000 to \$20,000; and felony weapon discharge in or at a building.

According to Novi Police Detective Sgt. David Molloy, conviction of assault with intent to commit murder is punishable by up to life in prison, while arson conviction carries a maximum sentence of 20 years.

Witness later told investigators they saw Buckmaster shoot himself in the lower left chest with the rifle. The bullet tore through Buckmaster's upper right back, leaving several investigators doubting he'd live to be charged.

As late as Sept. 26 Buckmaster was reportedly suffering from a lung infection as a result of his wounds, but to investigators' surprise, he was sitting up talking with his doctors in Ann Arbor early last week.

Despite having 11 contacts with Novi Police since 1996, Det. Molloy said it appears Buckmaster had only one criminal conviction on his record, a misdemeanor for malicious destruction stemming from an April incident in which he was when charged with slashing a neighbor's tires. However, Molloy said investigators are still looking into a 1988 incident in which Buckmaster was apparently charged with three counts of assault and one of arson following an incident in Redford.

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Parks and rec plans spooktacular afternoon

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Generations of Peanuts readers have watched as Linus has sat in the pumpkin patch waiting for the Great Pumpkin to rise, only to be disappointed.

Novi youngsters, however, won't be disappointed Oct. 18 as pumpkins rise high and far over the softball fields at the Novi Civic Center as part of the city's second annual Pumpkin Palooza.

scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Along with pumpkining chuckin', there will be a costume contest, pumpkin decorating and a Haunted Hallway, said Tracie Ringle, the city's event/marketing coordinator.

Ringle said a Cub Scout group, a sixth grade class from Novi Meadows School, a youth group from St. James Catholic Church and a group of technicians from the South West Oakland Cable Commission are expected to gath-

er at 11 a.m. on the ball fields to see who can clear the outfield fence with a six-pound pumpkin. "Washing a pumpkin hurt through the air is something you really want to go see," declared Ringle. Adding that she'd like to really like to see the competition take off next year, Ringle said building a trebuchet is "a great family project."

There is a \$5 per child fee for Pumpkin Palooza, which will include a "pizza and potion"

lunch, trick-or-treat bags from Providence Dentistry, and a bear coloring book from Build A Bear Workshops, Ringle added youngsters will be able to decorate a small pumpkin that will be able to take home the day of the event or leave in the Civic Center atrium until Oct. 30 as part of the city's Halloween decorations.

Ringle said in addition to the Haunted Hallway, there will be spooky stories and a costume contest at 12:30 p.m.

This year's Pumpkin Palooza, said Ringle, is being made possible in part with the financial help of the Novi Police Officers Association and Providence Hospital.

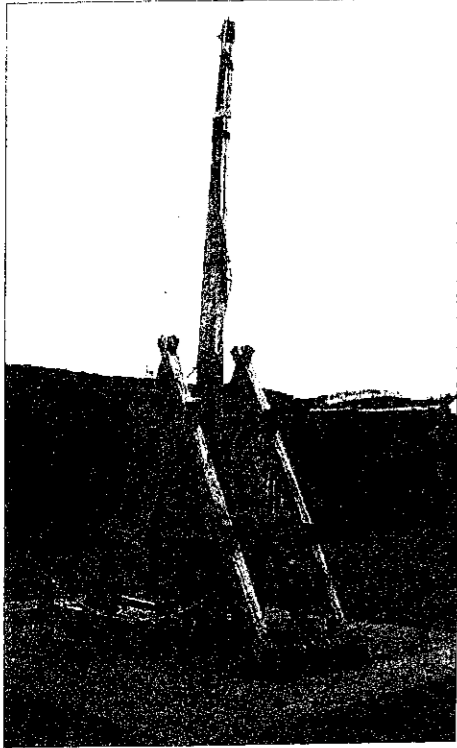
Ringle is already looking forward to next year's Pumpkin Palooza. "I'd really like to see this become a big thing," she said.

Next year's event will move to Lake Shore Park, where there will be room for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to create

an enchanted forest and room for the pumpkin chunkers to toss their pumpkins even farther.

In the meantime, for more information about this year's event, call parks and rec at (248) 347-0400.

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Pumpkin tossing contest gets big league entry

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Novi's Parks Recreation and Forestry Department is expecting twice as many contestants for the pumpkin chuckin' contest at its second Annual Pumpkin Palooza slated for Oct. 18.

"OK, so that brings it to four contestants, but one of them has some pretty big plans."

Dr. John Parker, a local veterinarian, and a couple engineering buddies at St. James Catholic Church have been planning to build a trebuchet for about a month.

A trebuchet is a medieval siege weapon originally designed to throw large rocks and dead animals over castle walls. Dr. Parker and his confederates have been designing a scaled down version to toss pumpkins.

"We thought, well, to hurl a pumpkin 300 feet would be good, but 500 feet would be better." To do that, they are planning to construct a trebuchet with a 16-foot throwing arm. That, said Dr. Parker, requires an axle eight feet off the ground and a base that's eight to 10 feet wide.

Dr. Parker said he got the idea for building a trebuchet watching a Discovery Channel special on pumpkin chuckin' contests. He got the plans and engineering software for the project from www.trebuchet.com.

He said his design team includes an engineer from a robotics company and an engineer and a student working at an automotive spring company.

While the machine's design is going to be handled by adults, Dr. Parker said construction is going to be a youth group project at St. James Catholic Church.

He said the machine will be used to throw and upright piano in an episode of Northern Exposure and a Buick in a Discovery Channel special. Oct. 18 several local groups are expected to show up with substantially smaller models to hurl pumpkins at the Novi Civic Center as part of Pumpkin Palooza.

only gotten commitments from Dr. Parker's group, a Cub Scout group, a sixth grade class and some technicians with the South West Oakland Cable Commission.

"If we're successful this year," suggested Dr. Parker, "we may get exotic next year." Of course, his group has already spent \$40 on a 1.5 inch bar of chrome-moly steel to serve as an axle and one team member is fabricating steel parts to hold the trebuchet's 4x4 and 4x6 frame together.

Dr. Parker said he and his team are looking for a site to test fire their set-up engine once it's complete. He said test firing a device that will throw a six-pound pump-

kin 200 feet in the air and 500 feet down range in the backyard of the church is just out of the question. "We don't want to kill anyone with this thing," he said.

He noted that when he first suggested the idea to his wife, she wasn't surprised. "I'm learning how to play the bagpipes. One of reasons decided try is that some people irritated no matter what you play."

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Courtesy photo

While the trebuchet, like this one at a European museum, was the atomic bomb of its day, almost everything known about the weapon comes from medieval prints, tapestries and sculptures. In modern times they've been used to throw and upright piano in an episode of Northern Exposure and a Buick in a Discovery Channel special. Oct. 18 several local groups are expected to show up with substantially smaller models to hurl pumpkins at the Novi Civic Center as part of Pumpkin Palooza.

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County businesses have plan to reduce Oakland's roadway congestion problem

Funds for improvements to be raised, used locally

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who drives in Oakland County knows the roads are congested and need work.

In fact, the 2003 Quality of Life Study conducted by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments revealed that 83 percent of the respondents were not satisfied with the condition of the roadways.

Oakland County has the most heavily traveled and congested freeways and local roads in the state. It is approaching gridlock faster than any other area in Michigan. And, the 10-year cost of local road capacity needs for the county only is about \$1.7 billion, according to the Road Commission for Oakland County.

The question: Where do we find the money to alleviate these problems?

Members of the Oakland County Businesses for Better Roads, an organization formed a few years ago to look at the problem, believes they have the solution.

Since there aren't enough state and federal funds to update our roads, they want to create a "Self-Help Congestion Fund" for county roads comprised of money raised locally and used locally. The 10-year program would generate funds for road widening projects.



"Actions proposed by members of the Businesses for Better Roads would amount to an annual total of \$154.6 million for road widening projects."

Brent Bair, managing director

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Work on 12 Mile draws to a close

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

The "12 Mile Gap" has been closed, but orange barrels will continue to decorate the road between Meadowbrook and Novi roads for awhile as Road Commission for Oakland County construction crews complete the finishing touches on the \$6.5 million project.

Commission spokesman Craig Bryson said that while all four lanes for traffic were opened Sept. 29, Six S Construction still has traffic signals at the boulevard turnarounds and sidewalks to complete.

"We're still not finished, but it's better than what it was," said Bryson, adding that the last of the orange barrels are expected to be gone by the end of the month.

That will end two years of construction on 12 mile west of Meadowbrook Road. Last summer 12 Mile west of the intersection with Novi Road was paved through a special tax assessment program paid by PLC Development, owners of Fountainwalk Mall.

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

Taubman Company, owners of the adjacent Twelve Oaks Mall, paid the city's share of the cost of widening 12 Mile between Novi and Meadowbrook, which included moving utilities last summer. The commission paid another 10 percent, but 80 percent of the project was paid for with Michigan Transportation Economic Development (TEDF) funds.

"This is a significant improvement for traffic flow in this rapidly developing area," explained RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair. "It will certainly make it more convenient for motorists to travel through the area or access the many shopping opportunities available there."

Although the orange barrels are going, the "no left turn" signs on 12 Mile at Novi Road will remain. Left turns at the intersection have been replaced with boulevard turnarounds, often referred to as "Michigan lefts."

Novi Fire Department OPEN HOUSE

Fire safety prevention week "GET OUT, STAY OUT!" Oct 5-11, 2003

The Novi Fire Department invites you to our open house on October 11th, 2003
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ENGAGEMENT
Fitzpatrick & Isaacson
John and Linda Fitzpatrick of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Dan Fitzpatrick to Sarah Isaacson, daughter of Ed and Carol Isaacson of Oxford.

SENIOR CALENDAR

- Thursday 10/9
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Line Dance
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Computer Windows
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Crafts with Loreta
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open

OBITUARIES

Fred J. Baker

Fred Baker of Novi died Oct. 5, 2003. He was 78. Mr. Baker is survived by his wife, Juanita; four children, Randy (Michelle), Gary (Dorothy), Kim (Tim) Todd and Robin (Rob) Byrnes; seven grandchildren, Sydney, Courtney, Paul, Joe, Courtney, Matt & Chris; and one brother, Robert Baker.

James Hoff of St. Paul Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, Mich. 48076.

Lois M. Crowther

Lois Crowther died Oct. 1, 2003. She was 80. Survivors include five children, Michael (Beth) Whitebeck, Sally (Chuck) Hachetzki, Daniel (Loretta), Meta (Tory) Duter and Dean (Michelle); seven grandchildren, Dennis, Gary, David, Lisa, Renee, Dan and Wendy; and two brothers, Ken Rakestraw and Tim Rakestraw.

Raymond Cecil Martin, Jr.

Raymond Martin, Jr. died Oct. 2, 2003. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 37 years of faithful service at Detroit offices in 1982. He was a founding member of Holy Family Parish, Novi. He will be dearly missed by aunts, uncles and cousins in the West Branch and Rose City areas.

Alice Mae Storm

Alice Storm died Oct. 3, 2003 at Lutheran Heritage Village, Livonia. She was 85. Mrs. Storm was born Jan. 18, 1918 in Houghton, Mich.

Michelle Wolfe

Michelle Wolfe died October 3, 2003 at home. She was 55. She was born Dec. 8, 1947 in Detroit to the late Edward and Majoria (Rechen) Wagner.

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public 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.

Design-a-Plate days

Design-a-Plate days will be held Thursday, October 9, from 4-8 p.m.; Tuesday, October 14, from 4-8 p.m.; and Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Chapter Club

The Chapter Club, our book discussion group for grades 4-6, meets Saturday, October 11, from 11 a.m.-noon.

Board meeting

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, October 13, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Rock and roll over dead

The music librarian has been found dead! Was it a heart attack or murder? Detectives in grade 5 and up will meet at the Novi Public Library Tuesday, October 21, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Middle school book discussion

Our book discussion group for teens in grades 7-9 meets for food, fun, and a lively discussion.

IN THE SERVICE

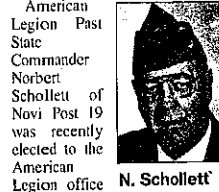


Michael P. Lockeman

Air National Guard Master Sgt. Michael P. Lockeman has deployed overseas to a forward operating location to support the mission of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

More internet

A class that builds on our introductory Internet training will be held Thursday, October 16, from 7-9 p.m.



N. Schollett

Schollett, one of the founders of Post 19, now represents Michigan's 95,000 Legion members at the national level of the organization.



Halloween at the Fountain

Rebecca Seguin and her brother, Troy, are ready for Fountain Walk's "Halloween At The Fountain," on Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Norbert Schollett earns Am. Legion position

American Legion Post 19 State Commander Norbert Schollett of Novi Post 19 was recently elected to the American Legion Office of National Executive Committee.

Advertisement for St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Services. It features portraits of several doctors and text: "DISCOVER COMPASSIONATE CANCER CARE CLOSE TO HOME. These doctors practice at one of the only community hospitals in Wayne County accredited by the American College of Surgeons for cancer care."

Advertisement for JCPenney Optical. It says "it's all inside" and "Hurry In—This Week Only! Sunday, October 5-Saturday, October 11". The main offer is "BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE".

Advertisement for "O, Horrors" Home Decorating Contest. It says "We're looking for the most well-decorated homes in the communities—maybe yours is one of them! Fill out the entry blank below - on Oct. 23 we'll judge the entrants and announce the winners in our Oct. 31 edition."

Advertisement for Rocky's of Northville. It says "Autumn Harvest NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 15TH" and lists a menu: "GRILLED GULF SHRIMP, RICOTTA AND BASIL STUFFED RAINBOW TROUT, SMOKED APPLE CIDER CHICKEN LINGUINE, INDIAN SPICE RUBBED PORK LOIN, BLACK WALNUT ENCRUSTED WHITEFISH, SOUR CREAM APPLE PIE".

Advertisement for Club Elite. It says "\$0 to Join!" and "Join Novi's Exclusive Ladies Only Fitness Center and pay no enrollment fee! Call today for your free Personal consultation. (248) 305-8707".

Advertisement for Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center. It says "MAKE A SCENE! FOR HALLOWEEN Decorate your yard NOW!" and lists "Pumpkins, gourds, mums and in-store Halloween ghouls & goddess!".

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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fruits make lack lignan, a phytochemical found in these types of foods. Lignans can provide a daily supply of lignans from flaxseed. For more information, call the Better Health Store at (248) 963-0740.

Hallmark offers Red Hatters

The Gala Hallmark store at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi now carries a full line of products for Red Hatters, including T-shirts, jewelry, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, candles, umbrellas and tote bags. Red Hatters is a national organization of women who champion the wisdom and vitality of mature women. Their symbol is the red hat.

Twelve Oaks Mall is located on the east side of Novi Road at the I-96 interchange. For more information, call (248) 497-0294, ext. 88.

Epoch Events to cater DSO events

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra recently selected Novi-based Epoch Events as the exclusive in-house catering and event planner for all events that will take place at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, which opens Oct. 11.

Epoch Events, a catering, food service and event planning firm, is part of Epoch Restaurant Group, which owns and operates some of the area's foremost restaurants, including the nationally acclaimed Tribune in Farmington Hills and Fink's in Birmingham.

Epoch Events will provide food and beverage service for all concert performances at "The Max," as well as provide catering and event planning for all third-party civic, cultural, charitable, private or corporate functions at The Max.

For more information about catering, food service and event planning by Epoch Events, call (248) 735-6010 or visit www.epochrestaurantgroup.com.

Retailers forecast improved sales

Michigan retailers continue to project better fall sales this year over last year despite losing some momentum in August.

Projections for sales growth remain at their highest point since May 2002, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of the Michigan Retailers Association and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

According to the Index, which is based on a monthly survey of association members, 64 percent of retailers forecast increased sales for September-November over the same period a year ago, which 14 percent expect declines and 22 percent predict flat sales.

Retailers urge lawmakers to reject order

The Michigan Retailers Association urged state lawmakers last week to reject an Executive Order reorganizing departments because it jeopardizes the workers' compensation system.

In testimony presented to the House Commerce Committee, James P. Hillam, president and chief operating officer of the association, said, "Today, Michigan's workers' compensation system is fairly and evenly administered. Much of the partnership that existed in the '70s and '80s has been eliminated. It is our firm belief that the portion of the Executive Order that eliminates the Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission lampers with that fragile balance between claimants and insureds. It is also a structural change that could hurt the climate for economic development in this state."

Credit unions assist youth

Michigan credit unions once again lead the nation in efforts to eradicate youth financial illiteracy, having educated more than 55,000 Michigan students with over 1,000 personal finance classroom presentations during the 2002-2003 school year, according to the Credit Union Network's National Youth Involvement Board.

Local beauty salons help raise funds for children's charities

Michigan took first place in the "Number of Students Reached" category for the fifth consecutive year.

"Recent surveys and polls show many young people today lack basic financial knowledge. That lack of knowledge directly relates to financial problems these young adults may face later in life, such as bankruptcy and difficulty in obtaining affordable credit. Michigan's credit unions are helping change that," said David Adams, CEO and president, Michigan Credit Union League.

Blackout losses to area to top \$220 million

The Detroit Regional Chamber working with the University of Michigan and regional sources, has estimated financial loss to the Detroit metropolitan area from the August power blackout will reach \$220 million.

The Detroit Regional Chamber collaborated with senior researcher Donald R. Grimes of the University of Michigan's Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, who created an estimate of the overall impact of the blackout on the area's economy.

The Chamber believes the \$220 million figure is the most accurate estimate available for the region. Grimes is well-known in the area for his economic forecasting and worked closely with the Detroit Regional Chamber's Research and Information Center.

Components of the estimate included lost wages in private, service-producing industries; lost profitable business investments; household food losses; losses to eating establishments affected by the water ban; and direct losses to county governments.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

Principal Michos feels her school was already on right track before "Reframing" theme was introduced

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

Two local salons are participating in a "cut-a-thon" in anticipation of Dreams, an annual fashion show benefiting Variety - The Children's Charity and the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

This is the fifth story of an eight-part series on how each school in the Novi Community School District is dealing with the district's new "Reframing for the Future" theme. Parkview Elementary was chosen this week.

Parkview Elementary is not starting from square one when it comes to the Novi Community School District's "Reframing for the Future" theme. In fact, the school is far from square one.

her first year as principal, believes that there were many good things already happening before the theme was introduced. She just describes the introduction as "looking at it from a different perspective and seeing how the staff can continuously improve."

Reframing, according to Novi Schools Superintendent Emmet Lippe, involves:

- realigning curriculum to fit with what is assessed on the MEAP test;
- making sure each and every child in every school understands the material being taught; and
- making sure that the children are learning in a comfortable environment.

According to Michos, teaching / learning is an art rather than a science and the staff at Parkview is creating a new landscape. She said that the reframing that's going on is for the students.

Teachers come with a lot of heart, passion and dedication to do whatever they can to help children be the best that they can be and establish a culture of respect and responsibility for learning is paramount. It is up to the staff to facilitate the curiosity and energy of

CLASS NOTES

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@n-home.com.net

Parkview set to focus on many different snapshots to assess students

Principal Michos feels her school was already on right track before "Reframing" theme was introduced

REFRAMING

What "Reframing" means to Parkview Principal Jennifer Michos:

- Rich learning environment
- Experiential
- Friendships
- Reflection
- Achievement
- Measured by more than one test
- Individualized instruction
- Nothing less than the best
- Goal oriented

She explained that students are placed in schools based on age, not how far along they are academically. If they are of age they can enter into kindergarten, but within a certain age there could be a span of one to two years where a child will develop mentally and develop mental appropriateness for that age. So, even though a child is five years old, their brain may not be connecting at the point that another 5-year-old might be connecting at.

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The bottom line

The bottom line, according to Michos, is that the Parkview staff teaches the whole student body, which sometimes isn't demonstrated through one test such as the MEAP. Though she believes that she can show strong evidence of student mental growth from many different "snapshots" of assessment, she still feels that it is an unrealistic task to test the whole state of Michigan once and be graded on just one snapshot.

Tickets for this year's event are \$95 for general admission and valet parking. Patron tickets are \$150 and include VIP seating and valet parking. Benefactor tickets are \$250 and include Recognition Dinner, VIP seating and valet parking. Tickets are available by calling (248) 347-7700 x503.

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They are taking a snapshot in fourth grade and we get these report cards out in the fall, but we also don't get the MEAP scores."



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, intends to issue special assessment bonds to the City, in total principal amount of not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the purpose of defraying Special Assessment District No. 170's share of the cost of sanitary sewer improvements in said Special Assessment District. Said bonds shall mature serially in not to exceed fifteen (15) annual installments with interest payable on the unpaid balance at a rate of not to exceed 6% per annum of such higher rate as may be permitted by law.

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Parkview School set to focus on many different snapshots to assess students

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you or maybe they haven't. There are lots of different situations. It's not how smart a child is, it's how they are smart? How can we get kids to understand how they're smart in their own way? You think about adults, we all have different strengths and weaknesses and so do students. So, for me, ultimately I want that child to understand themselves as a learner, understand their strengths and weaknesses."

What mandates bring to Parkview

The federal and state governments' hopes are to try to hold schools accountable. So what will the legislation of No Child Left Behind and Education Yes bring to Parkview?

It is encouraging to Michos and her staff to be able to show strong evidence that all students represented in various populations are achieving at their maximum level. Michos also believes the Novi staff as a whole already does an outstanding job at meeting the unique and varying needs which will only challenge them to reflect deeper into the teaching and learning process in order to demonstrate success defined by the mandate.

"A new word that we have all kind of learned lately is 'triangulating' the assessments," Michos said. "We're not just using the MEAP as an assessment, but we have lots of other snapshots of the children throughout their journey in education to make sure that they are moving from point A to point B. All the children are moving in their own way."

The district is beginning to look at all of those snapshots and creating a common assessment for all fourth graders and third graders. Everybody knows that that students learn in a variety of ways and they come to schools with different gifts or talents and that's why Michos hopes that students will show evidence of their knowledge and learning through an array of options that are authentic such as work samples, speeches, projects, presentations, models and utilizing the technology in quizzes and tests.

The Parkview staff is also trying to keep a balance on being grounded with what they know is best for students and to also keep in mind of the mandates that are being asked of them.

"It is through teamwork that this staff has stayed grounded and strong during this time of turbulent change," Michos said. "Change can be messy, it can be organized chaos but I believe that this staff, from attending the two day retreat this summer, we established a strong foundation for us to move forward. We saw ourselves and the unique traits we all bring and with that foundation we can continue to work as a team because we all know that we get the best results that way."

Parkview has standards of assessments and standards of teaching and learning. The staff is trying to integrate the Michigan Curriculum Framework and the standards of teaching and learning into its curriculum, which is new this school year. The staff is also trying to look at its lessons to see how all of this fits.

Information age brings new type of students to schools

Michos believes that in education, there is always room for improvement. She also believes that children are changing nowadays.

"We are now part of an information age where kids are exposed to media and information beyond just their own little community," she said. "For a third grader or a fourth grader who's being exposed to that information, that poses a different type of a child that's coming to us. It's exciting in a way, but we have to teach them how to simplify and analyze what good information is versus bad information. There is just so much at their fingertips and we have to get them to be able to think critically and to be able to think at a higher level."

In other words, the students that are coming to schools are different intellectually then they have been in the past given all the technology that's out there.

"I think we are always trying to reflect and move forward on our practice, but the mandates that are coming down from the federal legislation and the state,

no child left behind and education yes, are really trying to hold us accountable and to make sure that all students are moving forward," Michos explained. "In Novi we're pretty fortunate because we have a supportive community. We have many teachers who have masters degrees or beyond, we have the resources in many ways to support us and move the students in their learning. We have technology and we have beautiful schools. We are fortunate to be able to respond to the mandates that are coming at us in the best way possible."

Michos feels that all the "snap shots" or assessments that are put into place throughout a child's school years are opportunities to reflect on those students who may not be performing at their maximum level, which is what No Child Left Behind is all about.

"There is brain research that tells us that kids learn in different ways," Michos said. "Some are auditory learners, some are hands on learners and some are more visual. Kids come to us with a variety of learning styles and personality traits. You look at these assessments through many different lenses and you ask yourself what is it about this child that's not allowing him or her to move forward?"

Michos explained that these sometimes can be many different outside issues that are going on which teachers don't have any control over.

"We want to keep in mind that it's a whole child, not just a child with a simple solution, but there are many variables to a child and once they can diagnose what it is that is happening with that particular child, then we can find what works," she said. "This is forcing us to individualize our instruction and now we have to slow down and reflect on what's making this child not move as fast as some of the other children. I think we have a tremendous amount of resources in place and because of that I don't think it's going to be a dramatic challenge."

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Parkview Elementary School students Elizabeth Malear, Olivia Warren, and Lauren Piorkowski, right, read books in the school's media center on a recent Thursday afternoon. As part of their effort to "reframe" the school's curriculum and resources to it more accessible for all students, Parkview is teaming up with its PTO to purchase books for the media center to keep the kids interested in reading and learning new materials.

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Scarecrows in the Woods! Kindergartners at Novi Woods welcomed the first day of fall with Scarecrow Day. The children celebrated with fall crafts and activities, a scarecrow stuffing snack mix and a parade through the school. Pictured from left to right are: Frank Aleva, Gabby Ubeda, Katie Telder, Emma Frasier, Teacher Jill Walro, Madeline Ligotti and Scott Fryson.

On Campus

Zachary Wollack of Novi joined the Class of 2007 at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., with the start of New Student Week on Sept. 10. Wollack is one of 492 students in the class, selected from a pool of 4,734 applicants. Wollack is the son of Robert Wollack and Judith Wollack of Novi.



Novi Resident Honored
Amanda Crawford, a Novi resident and senior at Northville High School, has recently been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy from Nov. 4 through Nov. 9 in Washington D.C. Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career related to national security, Crawford will join approximately 400 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the United States at the forum.

According to Donna Snyder, executive director of the forum, by participating, students like Crawford will develop a keenly educated perspective on the United States' role in global conflict resolution. The forum curriculum is based on actual world events, allowing participants to learn from examples set by previous generations of leaders and encouraging them to develop a perspective and tenacity unique to upcoming generations of leaders.

Novi sisters meet Hilary Duff
Novi sisters Rachel and Sarah Less had the opportunity to meet movie and television actress and singer Hilary Duff on Sept. 18 at the Sport-Way of Westland. Local radio station WDRQ was sponsoring the Fall Mini Putt Classic and Duff's visit to the metro area to promote her new CD, "Metamorphosis." The Less sisters were one of several winners of the radio station's contest for a personal VIP meeting with the star where she chatted with the winners, signed her CD and posed for photographs. Afterward, Duff had a general autograph session followed by the public's opportunity to golf for charity. Pictured from left to right are: Duff, Rachel Less, who is a freshman at Novi High School and Sarah Less, who is a sixth grader at Novi Meadows Elementary School.

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Bill's a cost-saver

Cost-saving legislation sponsored by Senate Education Committee Vice-Chair Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) was signed into law Friday.

Senate Bill 365 streamlines the use of the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) by requiring all data submissions go directly to CEPI rather than other state agencies. The legislation received strong bipartisan support, passing the Senate unanimously.

"This new law is a victory for Michigan's schools," said Cassis. "Making CEPI a clearinghouse for educational data will save taxpayer dollars and allow schools to direct more of their education funding toward their students where they belong by allowing CEPI and state agencies to coordinate their efforts and information more efficiently."

Novi Community Education Corner

Memory Enhancement Workshop
DATE: Monday, Oct. 20
TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Media Center
DETAILS: Learn how to remember names, memorize 20 words forward and backward in two minutes and apply the same learning concept to vocabulary, foreign languages, and math formulas.
FEE: \$35
PHONE: (248) 449-1206 for registration

Quick and Easy Bookkeeping
DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 22
TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 520
DETAILS: This is an ideal course for owners and bookkeepers of small, service type businesses. Learn how to track income, expenses, cash & credit card expenditures, reconcile a bank account statement and determine a profit or loss using a simplified, double entry bookkeeping system.
FEE: \$42
PHONE: (248) 449-1206 for registration

Re-entering the Workforce
DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 22
TIME: 7 - 9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 504
DETAILS: This seminar is designed to help individuals who have stepped out of the workforce and are now ready to return. Learn how you can market the skills you have used at home and in community involvement, then structure your resume to demonstrate your experience.
FEE: \$24
PHONE: (248) 449-1206 for registration

One-Stroke Painting Basics
DATE: Monday, Oct. 27
TIME: 7 - 9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Meadows 5 Art Room
DETAILS: Learn beginner friendly one-stroke painting techniques with a multi-loaded brush. After practicing on an easy to follow laminated worksheet, you will be ready to paint designs on any surface.
FEE: \$17 (plus \$18 material fee)
PHONE: (248) 449-1206 for registration

Who Moved My Cheese? Feng Shui Basics
DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 28
TIME: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Meadows 5 Media Center
DETAILS: Learn how to balance the energy of your living space with nature, color and simple elements. Enhance and/or restore harmony to areas of your life as they relate to your living space, such as abundance, relationships, career, etc.
FEE: \$24
PHONE: (248) 449-1206 for registration

How to Buy a Home
DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 22
TIME: 6:30 - 9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 506
DETAILS: Explore the many complex issues surrounding the purchase of your next home including financial programs and pitfalls, paying the right price, the purchase process, inspections, home-owner's insurance, title insurance, costs and closing issues.
FEE: \$23
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Debt Management
DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 22
TIME: 7 - 9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Room 516
DETAILS: Learn how to put a program in place for a debt-free future, pay off current bills using the equity in your home, consolidate debt into one lower fixed monthly payment and take advantage of

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Currently, schools are required to submit their data to CEPI, in addition to many other state agencies. This has caused duplicated efforts on projects costing schools and the state valuable time and resources.

Under SB 365, state agencies such as the Family Independence Agency, the State Police, and the Department of Education that need information on Michigan's public schools can contact CEPI and the data would be forwarded at the agency's request.

The Senate Education Committee held hearings in March asking educational leaders to bring forth suggestions on how the legislature can implement cost-saving measures for school districts. Senator Cassis introduced this legislation as a result of those hearings.



Teddy Bear Day!
Becky Hurst's first graders at Orchard Hills pose with their Teddy Bear hats and held their favorite bear friends. Teddy Bear day was part of their literature unit on animals. They took this theme into their science, Spanish, math and reading studies as well.



Butterflies at Orchard Hills
Tricia Styles third grade class poses with one of the monarch butterflies they raised from caterpillars.



Good book, eh?
Allison Schulte and Gabrielle DeLeon have fun reading new books in the Parkview Media Center.



Orchard Hills at the zoo!
Orchard Hills first graders in Darlene Grabowski's class get a big bear hug at the Detroit Zoo. The whole school's first grade visited the zoo as part of its "Animals Unit." Pictured from left to right are: Lauren Wahrmann, Casey Croad, Kylie Douglas, Rio Furuse and Matt Meyer.

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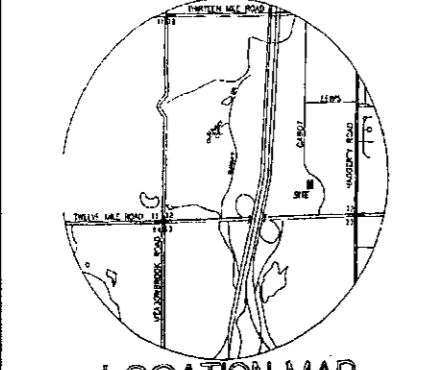
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Thursday, October 9, 2003

Queens of the KVC again!

Tennis seniors have always won coveted KVC crown

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It must be a strange thought for the seniors on the Novi Wildcats girls tennis team — the thought of losing, that is.

For eight straight years, the Novi Wildcats have taken control of the Kensington Valley Conference and kept it as they won the championships. Now and then, they shared that title with the Brighton Bulldogs, but for the past four years, it has been all Novi's.

What that means is that the seniors on the team this year, all five of them, have known nothing but outright conference championships since they started on varsity as freshmen.

The Wildcats took first place in the Kensington Valley Conference Tournament as they gathered a total of 21 points. Pinckney took second with 10 points, and Brighton took third with nine.

"This is a very talented team," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We have more depth than most teams, and it showed." The Wildcats had little trouble scaling

yet another conference victory for their high school trophy case, as they swept the championships of all of the doubles flights as well as third and fourth singles.

In the doubles flights, where the Wildcats are the deepest, the conference found total domination coming in the form of green-and-white duos. In the first doubles flight, Colene Brockman and Emily Holt marched to victory with a win over Brighton's Pam Stafford and Stephanie Harper in the first round, 6-1, 6-0, before they marched on to beat Hartland's Nicole Fabisiak and Stephanie Latroy in three sets 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1, before beating Pinckney's Claire Harris and Cate Harris 6-1, 6-3 to earn the championship.

The second doubles flight of Laura Vaughn and Ayano Nakamura dominated in similar fashion as they blasted Lakeland's Allison Corbin and Brittany Offutt 6-0, 6-0 before marching to a 6-1, 7-5 win over Pinckney's Abbey Ventrone and Allison Diaz in the second round. In the championship match, Brighton's Laurie Lysak and Mary

Branken in three sets 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

In the third doubles flight found Amanda Cassidy and Kaylan Pustover stamped to a flight championship as they topped South Lyon's Katie Gjerpin and Brenda Hewlett 6-0, 6-1 before beating Howell's Heather Marshall and Kerri Wanlass 6-1, 6-2. In the championship match, the Novi duo beat Brighton's Sara Jane Beach and Lisa Deptula 6-4, 6-2 for the flight title.

The fourth doubles flight had the same success as the other Novi duos as Lauren Thomas and Becky Thomson pranced to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Pinckney's Lisa Pearson and Mandy Roach before getting a 6-1, 6-0 win over Milford's Taylor Quinn and Melanie Plank. Brighton was their foe in the championship match, and Bulldogs Lauren Rentz and Jenny Borgstrom couldn't keep up with the Novi pair as they ran away with a 6-1, 6-0 championship win.

The third singles flight found Anna Switzer pound her way to victory as she

CHAMPIONS

Just who are those Wildcats that just won't quit until they have flight championships under their belts?

These tennis players have not given up all year, and their play showed as they won another KVC title for Novi.

- Third Singles player Anna Switzer*
- Fourth Singles player Diana Ticu
- First Doubles team of Colene Brockman* and Emily Holt
- Second Doubles team of Laura Vaughn and Ayano Nakamura
- Third Doubles team of Amanda Cassidy and Kaylan Pustover
- Fourth Doubles Team of Lauren Thomas and Becky Thomson

* Both Switzer (third singles) and Brockman (first doubles) are four time Kensington Valley Conference champs.

Continued on B4



Sam Eggleston

It's an exciting week for everyone in the halls at Novi High School, with Homecoming and all — but, I have to say that in my opinion it is also one of the most vulnerable weeks for a squad as well.

The Novi Wildcats are a darn good football team, but even the best team in the country can find itself on the wrong end of a game if they get too distracted.

Homecoming is always a good time for everyone, but unfortunately it also finds many of the football players involved in various activities or contest and such. That can quickly lead to a fatigued player on the field come Friday night.

The Wildcats aren't going against the best of teams for a Friday night and for Homecoming either. The Milford Mavericks may not be the team that had such potential last year, but they have good memories and they are no doubt going to be looking to take down Novi just like those wacky Wildcats did to them twice last year (for those with short-term memories, Novi beat them in the regular season and then again in the playoffs to send the Mavericks gathering their belongings and watching the rest of the post-season from home).

I am going to be the first to say that I have no love for Milford. Being that I am a major Novi fan from the tips of my toes to the hair on my head, I am quick to feel the rivalry that brews there and quicker to support my squad when this game rolls around.

Without going in to detail about a difference of opinion two years ago between myself and Milford coach Pat Fox, you can safely say that I would love to see Novi win this game.

Now, I have no doubt that plenty of Novi football players and fans feel the same as I do. A win over Milford is always a sweet thing, and the quicker we can rack up the points and secure that win the sooner the team can get prepped to start enjoying their Homecoming dance and celebration.

And, as if I need to mention it, this win will go a long way towards a Kensington Valley Conference championship which still needs two more victories to ensure outright. If the Mavericks manage a win in this game, that means Novi can only hope for a share of the crown with either South Lyon or Brighton. And, you can bet your paycheck on this one — every player on the Milford squad wants to do to Novi what the 'Cats did to them in the 2002 campaign.

I am, however, betting that Tab Kellepourey and his coaching staff of John Osborne, David Hartman and Jeff Burnside will have their squad geared up and ready to play some football come tomorrow night. To let a game like this slip past their fingers would be a painful experience for the squad, the parents and the fans. I know it would pain me if it were to happen, so I am confident my team isn't going to let me down and will come away with a win.

Novi 35, Milford 14

Too much Hart for Hartland

Kreutzberg on the receiving end of a pair of touchdown strikes from senior quarterback

By Lon Medd
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Big plays made the difference in the October 3 game between Novi and Hartland for the Eagle's homecoming night.

Senior quarterback Mike Hart threw two touchdown passes of 35 and 36 yards to senior wide receiver Kerry Kreutzberg to help beat Hartland 21-7.

"It's their homecoming," Hart said. "We are coming on to their field and they are going to fight to the end. We just to had to execute each and every play and that's what we did and that's why we won."

The Wildcats came into the game ranked eighth in the state in Division 1 and improved to 6-0 on the season, while the Eagles fell to 2-4 on the season.

Unseasonably cold weather mixed with steady rain kept both teams from doing too much on offense for most of the first half.

Hart's performance stood out because he was responsible for all three Novi touchdowns on the night.

With just under two minutes left in the first half, Hart scored on a 1-yard run to finish an 11-play, 82-yard drive.

Hartland got the ball back, but would turn the ball over on their first play of the possession. Quarterback Tim Hallin tried going down the field, but the ball was intercepted by Kreutzberg and returned to the Hartland 42.

With 38.1 seconds left in the half, Hart would find Kreutzberg for a 36-yard touchdown pass to go up 14-0 at the half.

Hartland turned the ball over three times on the night, but Eagles coach Todd Cobb said that was the one that really hurt.

"Outside of that, turnovers really were not a factor," he said. "The Eagles would get back into the game in the middle of the third quarter

with a 15-yard touchdown run, courtesy of senior running back Chad Takacs, which closed the gap to 14-7.

Takacs would lead all backs with 85 yards on 16 carries.

Cobb said the weather conditions didn't allow the Eagles offense to throw as much as they normally would. Senior quarterback Jeremy Jess threw for 71 yards on eight completions.

"I thought we moved the ball both on the ground and through the air," he said. "I know we averaged over five yards a rush and you can't be disappointed with that."

As much ground as Hartland would gain with their offense, untimely penalties would hurt the Eagles throughout the night. Hartland would end up with seven penalties for 73 yards.

"Penalties are something that we have to investigate," Cobb said. "We have to study that on film and find out why they are being committed and find out if they are being committed."

As soon as Hartland was able to pull closer on the scoreboard, the Wildcat offense would strike again quickly.

On the ensuing possession, Novi would only need five plays to hold the back the momentum gained by the Eagles.

Hart and Kreutzberg would hook up one more time with a 35-yard touchdown pass to go up 21-7.

"Throughout the whole season, our kids have done a nice job in terms of being ready to play on Friday night and I felt like tonight when we approached the game it was really no different," said Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey. "We came out here ready to play."

Kellepourey was pleased with the effort given by his defense to hold the Eagles to seven points for the game.

"Even though Hartland has got tremendous size and strength, I thought our defensive line played a nice game," he said. "The defense came through and held them to seven points."

Despite the 14-point difference, Hartland continued to play hard and tried to make the game interesting late in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles would use 15 plays and drive deep into Novi territory. With a first and goal from the 6, Jess tried a quarterback draw and was hit behind the line of scrimmage and fumbled the ball away to Novi.

"We played hard on both sides of the ball," Cobb said. "We made plays on defense, we made plays on offense, we made plays in the kicking game, but we came up short at times."

Novi gathered 118 yards on the ground and the same through the air. In the passing game, Hart went 6-of-13 for 118 yards. On the ground, Novi found Josh Woods getting 34 yards on six carries, J. W. Woods notching 24 yards on four runs and Josh Buck getting 29 yards with 10 hauls. Hart added 23 yards on seven attempts.

Receiving the ball was Kreutzberg, who grabbed three for 85, while Mark Angelocci hauled in two for 31 and Buck grabbed one for two yards.



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Novi quarterback Mike Hart

"It's their homecoming. We are coming on to their field and they are going to fight to the end. We just to had to execute each and every play and that's what we did and that's why we won."

Mike Hart
Senior quarterback

Mark Moore
Junior

Cross Country

Any time your top runner earns a career-best mark at a particular course, you have to take notice. Well, when it comes to Moore, just about any time he runs you should take notice. The stellar Novi junior was finally let loose of the sometimes binding restrictions of a pack time and turned in a performance of 16:44 at Kensington Metro Park to take eighth place in the Oakland County meet to help the Wildcats to a 10th-place finish out of 41 teams.



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Alison Greulich
Senior Basketball



The Novi girls basketball team may not be on the winning track when it comes to KVC play at this point in time, but that doesn't mean players aren't scoring. Greulich, one of the team's most potent offensive threats, has collected double-digit scoring in the last two games the 'Cats have participated in and has been a steady leader on the court for her team. No doubt, she will strive, as will the rest of the Novi basketball team, to get back to their winning ways.

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For a quick and easy sale, make your house the belle of the ball

A charming Santa Fe style house with crisp canvas awnings and a high-pitched shingled roof is the backdrop of many of my childhood memories. Its polished wood floors creaked under the footsteps of four generations of my Irish clan. We gathered there to celebrate countless Christmases and Easters, births, baptisms and marriages. And in times of illness and death, its fortress-like adobe walls provided us solitude and comfort.

Though we felt we all owned a part of this house, it belonged to my aunt who inherited it from her parents. And when she died 10 years ago it was sold to a young family. It sold in a matter of a few short weeks. Prospective buyers were eager to look inside the house because its outside was inspiring. The lawn was green and healthy, the shrubs were neatly trimmed, and the outside—both front and back—was absolutely free of clutter. The house was also priced appropriately and it was in a good location. All reasons, say real estate experts, homes sell quickly.

First impressions do matter - If you're preparing to sell your house, make sure the outside of your home looks appealing to potential buyers who may be driving down the street. Are the lawn and shrubs maintained? Are there sizeable cracks in the foundation? Is the siding in good condition? Are the gutters clean and free of debris? Are window casings, shutters or doors in need of a fresh coat of paint? Is the property free of garbage and debris? Removing detractors from your home will help pave the way to quick sale.

Make the place spic 'n' span - We used to joke that my aunt would come back in her next life as a box of Spic And Span. Cheryl Lynn's floors always glowed, the silver sparkled and the windows were spotless. My aunt's super cleanliness paid off. Because she'd maintained the home so beautifully over the years, we had to make very few improvements before placing it on the market.

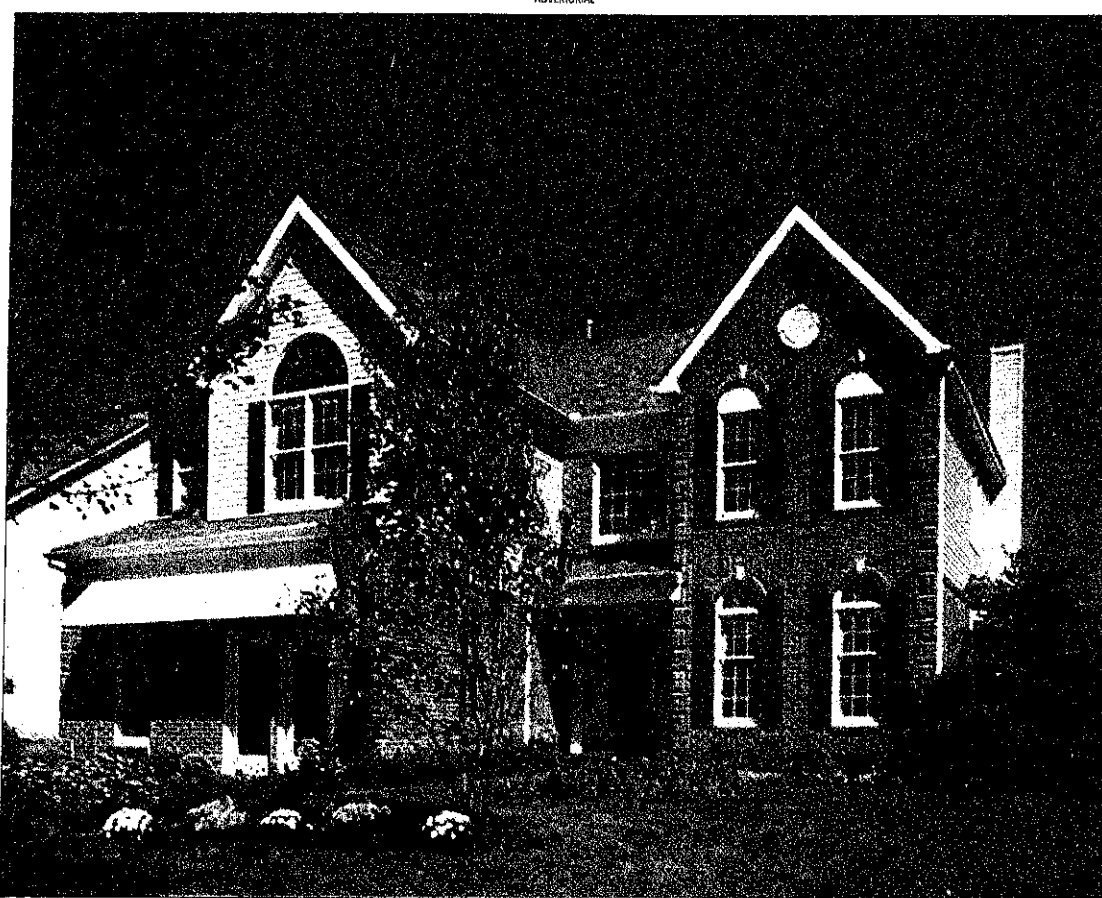
Even if your home isn't in tiptop shape, the few hours you spend cleaning and organizing it will go a long way with potential buyers.

Consider applying a fresh, neutral coat of paint to tired walls. Scrub floors, wash baseboards and clean windows so they sparkle. Shampoo dirty carpets, clean bathtubs, replace unsightly caulking and make sure to fix dripping faucets and oil squeaky doors. Is your oven clean? Some prospective buyers may judge the overall cleanliness of your home by how clean you keep your own. Inspect areas that are junk depositories, like closets and basements and attics. You want to give potential buyers the impression that there's ample storage space in house.

Clutter can be the kiss of death - If potential buyers have to perform gymnastic moves to avoid running into extra furniture and boxes, you may have to wait a while before you sell your house. Bric-a-brac and too many personal items are also detractors. From the minute prospective buyers walk into your home, you want to them to be able to imagine themselves living comfortably in the house surrounded by their belongings and keepsakes.

Set a fair price - Naturally you'll want to get as much as you can for your house, but be careful not to overprice it. An artificially high price may cause your house to sit on the market for too long. And the longer it sits the harder it will be to sell. When setting a price for your home you'll need to consider your home's location, the current economic conditions, the local housing market, your school district and average home prices in your neighborhood. Consider asking a real estate agent to perform a market analysis that shows the selling prices of three properties in your neighborhood comparable to your own. The agent can help you appropriately price your home taking into account any unique features your home may have - fireplace, pool, or professionally finished basement. In case your home doesn't move as quickly as you like, be prepared to facilitate the sale by paying the buyer's closing costs.

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Seven models are available in Trotters Pointe Village, ranging from 1,900 to 2,900 square feet. Prices start at \$260,000.

New home community has value and quality

By Elizabeth Heer
SPECIAL WRITER

The Estates of Trotters Pointe Village, Toll Brothers' luxury home community in South Lyon, has released the last 10 home sites available for sale. The final homes in this highly desirable community are expected to sell fast.

Trotters Pointe Village, a community of 340 homes, was created as a result of extensive focus group studies and national tours of other upscale developments. The resulting upscale development promotes hometown charm and appeals to move-up families and young professionals.

The location is just one of those many charms. "South Lyon has quickly become one of the most desirable locations for new home construction in Metro Detroit," says Charlene Bargert, Sales Manager for The Estates of Trotters Pointe Village. "Our location provides the small town charm that is so appealing to new homebuyers, plus we are just minutes from the expressways and major business centers like Novi and Southfield. The combination of location,

unbeatable value, and quality Toll Brothers construction has made Trotters Pointe Village the most sought-after new home community in South Lyon."

In all, seven models are available, ranging from 1,900 to 2,900 square feet, with prices starting in the affordable \$260,000s. In addition, several homes are already under construction and available for occupancy in the next few months for those relocating or just seeking to move soon.

All of the magnificently appointed, single-family homes are set on large home sites within the rolling natural woodlands. Each home is appointed with stylish design features which includes master suites, ceramic baths, and hardwood flooring in the grand entrance foyer, kitchen, and powder room. Dramatic nine-foot ceilings on the first floor and formal dining and living rooms or great rooms allow for spacious family living. In addition, each home is designed with a five-point energy plan that reduces the amount of energy needed so precious resources are pre-

served.

"The quality of our homes exceeds all other builders in the area," said Bargert. "We take that extra step with customer service to ensure that our customers are delighted with their home."

Those extra details show in the many standard features built into the homes at Trotters Pointe Village, like deluxe kitchens appointed with GE appliances, Andersen windows throughout, wood-burning fireplaces, central air, gutters, and attached two-car garages.

"We take pride in providing nice finish work, such as molding and trim work," she added.

Hundreds of other options allow homeowners to select the features that perfectly suit their lifestyles and tastes. "We give people that flexibility in predetermined options to customize their own home. For example, homeowners can choose among brick, stone, or marble finishing for their fireplace," Bargert said.

Environment is equally important at The Estates of Trotters Pointe Village. The exclusive community was designed to preserve the natu-

ral environment with a winding site plan that incorporates wooded home sites and cul de sacs. By preserving open spaces, woods, and wetlands, a 22-acre nature preserve complete with a nine-acre pond was set aside for residents to enjoy. Walking trails, children's play area, tot lot, and a private tennis court provide recreation and exercise opportunities. Lighted sidewalks, street lights, and full city services complete the community.

The amenities and location of Trotters Pointe have quickly made it one of South Lyon's most prominent addresses. Located within the exemplary South Lyon school district and adjacent to the high school, the Estates of Trotters Pointe Village is just minutes from quaint, historic downtown South Lyon.

Numerous golf courses, the nearby South Lyon Rail Trail into Kensington Metro Park, bustling shopping centers and a variety of restaurant and dining options are also nearby. Convenient access to I-96, U.S. 23, I-696 and I-275 make for easy commutes to major business centers, health facilities, and Wayne County

DETAILS

The Estates of Trotters Pointe Village, a Toll Brothers' luxury home community in South Lyon, is located on Eleven Mile Road, west of Pontiac Trail. The Sales Center is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (248) 486-4979, or visit the Web site at www.tollbrothers.com.

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