

Community Notes

Loon Lake Elementary School slates health fair

National Nutrition Week will be highlighted by a Health Fair at Loon Lake Elementary School on Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. Exhibits, literature, speakers and films, in addition to a CPR demonstration, will be offered throughout the evening by the American Lung Association, the Michigan Heart Association, the Dairy Council of Michigan, YMCA, the Oakland County Health Department and the March of Dimes. The Oakland County Dental Hygienist Association, Scoliosis Association and the American Cancer Society will also be represented. Slim Goodbody of Captain Kangaroo fame will be featured in a film on nutrition. Literature on hypertension and a film and speaker on self-breast examinations will be provided during the Health Fair. Nutritional snacks will be available at a snack shack. The Health Fair was devised and planned by Janice Jackson, Diane Lenke and Maria Strom and is an outgrowth of nutrition studies carried on at the school. During the week, speakers will visit the classrooms and discuss a variety of health topics. Called "Happiness is Being Healthy," the fair is a family affair. All parents and their children from throughout the school district are welcome to attend.

Baseball Round-up
The Lakes Athletic Association will hold the second session of its annual baseball round-up tonight (Wednesday, February 28) in the Walled Lake Central High School cafeteria. The round-up, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and running until 8:30 p.m., will provide the opportunity for interested youngsters ages seven through 16 to sign up for Lakes baseball leagues. Registration fees for the Pinto, Mustang and Bronco levels of competition are \$15 per child. Cost for two children from the same family is \$25 with \$10 charged for each additional family member. Pony and Colt levels which include both junior and senior high school students carry a \$25 fee for each registrant.

Urgent Call
Women are urged to get help with a new breast cancer education effort being conducted in the Novi-Walled Lake area. The program, called "Straight Talk," needs volunteers to talk with local women about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. If you have some time to give and would enjoy talking to other women who care about their health, call Martha Bradley at the American Cancer Society at 557-5353. No medical background is necessary and training is provided.

Boating Classes
The Wolverine Lake Police Department will be holding boating classes instructed by the Oakland County Marine Division on Saturday, March 10, and again on the following Saturday, March 17. Classes will be held in the Wolverine Lake Village Hall at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Classes are for 12-16 year olds. Both classes must be attended to obtain a boating certificate which will be issued when classes have been completed successfully. To register, call 624-1335 or stop at the police station in the village hall at 425 Glangery Road.

Urgent Call
The Reverend Thomas Hartley, assistant pastor of the Redford Presbyterian Church, will speak on "Explaining Death to Children" on March 8. Psychologist Dr. Glen Chaffee will speak on "Coping with Grief" on March 15. The public is invited to attend any or all of the programs. Further information may be obtained from the church office at 349-5666.

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Cracks in pavement responsible for pothole nuisance

That spring sunshine may be doing wonders for your spirit, but as it melts those dwindling piles of snow it could be indirectly ruining the suspension on your car. This is pothole season — that in between time when it's warm during the day and still freezing at night. During the day the snow melts and runs into the cracks in the street. At night it freezes and the water expands, making a small crack a bigger crack and a big crack a pothole. The more cracks in a street, the more holes it will get. It's called the freeze-thaw cycle and it lasts until April. On the average there are 49 chukholes per mile in this county, and while Oakland County may have its share, Novi could be better off than some communities since many roads have recently been resurfaced. No one keeps track of the number of potholes in the county, but Dennis Pajot of the Oakland County Road Commission said "I'm sure we have our share. Most of our roads were never designed to carry the volume of traffic they're getting." The county road commission is responsible for filling the holes in 1,284 miles of paved county roads, which includes Novi Road, Grand River and the even-numbered mile roads in Novi. During the patching season the road commission will use enough asphalt to

pave 13 miles of two-lane highway at a cost of about \$750,000, according to Pajot. City officials report it takes about 10 tons of asphalt to fill potholes in city streets. County workers use two methods of patching holes — hot and cold patch, Pajot explained. Hot patch stands up to traffic better and can last as long as two years, he said. Owens mounted on trailers heat the asphalt so it can be spread in the holes. The county has seven port-patchers to carry the ovens. A hot-patch will serve as a semi-permanent repair, Pajot indicated. The second method of repair—the cold patch—is less satisfactory.

Road crews shove the asphalt from a truck and pack it into the hole. The patch could last for some time or pop out when the next car drives over it, he said. The only sure way to prevent holes is to put down a pavement overlay and seal all the cracks, Pajot said. That is why Novi roads may be in better condition than some in older surrounding communities. Ed Smidack, director of Novi's department of public works, reported that because all but four subdivisions have had their roads resurfaced recently, his crews have done only a minimal amount of cold patching this spring. The city has received about one complaint a day from residents reporting potholes which need repair, he indicated. When a complaint comes in, a truck will be sent to the street to repair the hole and any others found in the area, according to Smidack. Smidack explained the DPW road crew foreman will decide which streets need repair from visual observations during road checks and repairs also are made at citizens request. "The biggest problem wasn't caused by people swerving to miss a hole and hitting something. Accidents usually occurred when people hit the holes and lost control of their car," Barabas explained.

Maureen O'Hara claims victory in weight battle

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one day that she (stressing the she) was going to lose weight and wanted to join Weight Watchers. Tim (Maureen's father) and I agreed. She had her first weigh-in on March 14, 1978. We didn't know what was going to happen. The only child in a class of adults battling the bulges, Maureen said she didn't feel out of place. "After all, we had the same problems. Everyone was very nice to me ... we really helped each other." Her mother, the "after" picture is that of a very healthy, sparkling girl who agrees, quickly and easily, that she's "much happier."

dark-haired girl reached her goal. "I truly wanted to try anything that worked. I didn't like being fat, I didn't want to be fat anymore," answered Maureen when asked why she entered the program. "I was tired of being teased by the kids at school. There was a boy in class who was fatter than me but the kids never teased him." A "before" picture of the youngster showed her to be what might be considered "chunky" by some, "baby fat" by others, or even "healthy" by doting mothers. The "after" picture is that of a very healthy, sparkling girl who agrees, quickly and easily, that she's "much happier."

Endowed with a very mature attitude for one so young, Maureen claims the only way people can lose weight is if they really want to do it. "You can do anything if you want to." She emphasized

the "anything." For Maryanne, the classes taught her a great deal about nutrition and eating habits. Although she did not attend the classes to lose weight, she said she became more aware of what and how people eat and her subsequent purchases in the supermarket. "I did change some buying habits but retained others. Maureen's brothers Brian and Edward don't have weight problems so I had to consider them and their father when shopping." She did add that the whole family learned because of Maureen's diet. "And yes, it was more expensive having Maureen on the diet," but termed that additional expense "well worth it."

When she first began the program, Maureen ate her meals before the rest of the family so she would not be tempted by what the others were eating. "I didn't think it was necessary for her to watch us downing pork chops while she was pushing around a few peas and some fish." Maureen's diet did not change the lifestyle for the rest of her family although a few adjustments were made in schedules. Her mother said the suggested meals didn't involve a lot of additional work in the kitchen but she sometimes "wondered" about the daily tuna fish sandwich made with one teaspoon of mayonnaise. Still following her constant reminders and religiously attending her monthly weigh-ins, Maureen is totally sold on the program. "I wasn't very happy about all the fish I had to eat because I didn't like fish. And I didn't like eating the eggs either. But like I said, I'd do anything to lose weight." And she did!

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Jim Owens claims top math prize

A Walled Lake Central High School student has been named a gold award winner and presented with an \$800 scholarship in the recently concluded Michigan Mathematics prize competition. James S. Owens Jr. tied for second place in the state-wide competitive exams. It is the second year in a row the student, son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Owens of Lakepoint Road in West Bloomfield, has been named to the top 100 list. Last year's placement earned him a bronze award for his mathematical prowess. The scholarship grant, presented by the Burroughs Corporation, is annually awarded to top math students on the basis of competitive test scores. Jim tied on a point basis with a student from

Royal Oak Kimball High School. Six other Central students were named semi-finalists in the yearly examination. Following a second exam, Jim was named among the top 100 students. In all, 29,500 high school-aged youths participated in the competition. The awards program at Eastern Michigan University featured presentations by Dr. Irving Kaplanski of the University of Chicago and Dr. David S. Johnson of Bell Laboratories. The Michigan competition is offered by the Mathematical Association of America. The scholarships and awards program is supported, in part, through contributions by the Burroughs Corporation, Michigan Bell, the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Kuhlman Corporation.



Jim Owens copped math prize

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Counting calories
Teachers in the Novi schools got a taste of the nutrition information they will share with students next year during a seminar sponsored by Novi Schools last week. The highlight of the day was a nutritional luncheon where teachers chose their lunch from a variety of main dishes and then added up the number of calories they had eaten. They learned how their meal compared with the number of calories they should have consumed. Participating in the luncheon here are Superintendent Gerald Kratz, Novi Nutrition Director Rita Traynor, and State Senator Doug Ross. Experts in the nutrition field held seminars and panel discussions which were designed to increase teachers' awareness of the possibilities for nutrition education.

Judge upholds annexation decision

Novi Township's attempt to halt the annexation which already is in process has been thrown out of circuit court and is slated to be heard in appeals court Wednesday (March 6). After Circuit Court Judge Jack Warren decided last week not to stop action the city has already taken to annex the seven township parcels, the township filed a motion to halt annexation proceedings at the state appeals court level. Warren was apparently unmoved by the township's arguments that if the annexation were allowed to proceed and then later reversed by an appellate court there would be utter confusion. He instead favored the city's arguments that since the court had ordered the annexation retroactive to December 31, 1978, there would be even greater problems if the annexation were not allowed to proceed. City Attorney David Fried urged the judge to uphold his earlier action which authorized the city to proceed with the annexation. Warren upheld his order for the annexation to take place by refusing to order the stay requested by the township. Michigan Township Attorney John Bauckham said the judge's action was expected. "He had already decided against us," he said. "We had no right to have ordered the stay, but we felt we had to go through that step before entering a motion before the appeals court," said Bauckham. He indicated that at the appeals court level arguments which have already been filed will be considered. The township has acted promptly in the case in an attempt to have the annexation proceedings halted before the 20 day appeal period is up. Though it is believed the city acted prematurely in taking jurisdiction of the township, Bauckham said that issue would not be contested at this time. He has maintained the city has no right to take over the seven township parcels until the 20 day appeal period is up on March 12. Once the issue of halting the immediate action the city has taken to annex the parcels is decided, the larger issue of whether the annexation is proper must still be heard. An appeal of Warren's action authorizing the city to annex the township property is pending before the state appeals court. Warren ordered the city to proceed with annexation of the township property Tuesday, February 20. The city immediately took jurisdiction of the property.

Early census figures please city

Preliminary figures show that Novi could gain at least one and possibly two liquor licenses as a result of the special census currently being conducted by the city. With population totals for nearly three-quarters of the city in, but only one-third officially confirmed, city officials emphasize the figures are "strictly preliminary." By comparing some of the totals from areas which have been confirmed, past counts, and a little speculation, City Manager Ed Kriewall said "it looks like at least one is called down presently and the potential is there for two." If Novi can obtain two new liquor licenses as a result of the population update Kriewall indicated it will have been a success. "It seems worthwhile in terms of the prediction we'll land a hotel in 1979. From a timing standpoint it's important we have these available when they are ready to come in," Kriewall said. The city is allotted one liquor license for every 1,500 residents, and city officials have said they hope the census will show enough of a population increase to make Novi eligible for two or three new licenses. Officials have pushed for the census because the 1975 population figures put the city's population at 14,485 residents and estimates of the 1979 population run from 16,000 to 19,000. Novi was divided into 21 districts for the census. Of those districts, 15 have been completed and six districts have official totals. Officials explained preliminary totals from key districts were used to figure how many licenses the city could gain. If no special census had been conducted, the city would have to wait until the 1980 census was certified and probably would not receive additional liquor licenses until January 1981. Before the end of the month Kriewall also expects to have developed the new criteria for the issuance of liquor licenses which will be applied to new license applications. Priorities and requirements to insure that liquor licenses are given to businesses which will best be able to serve the community are currently being drafted. Kriewall has said that by setting certain criteria the city can eliminate average bars from the competition for liquor licenses and attract businesses the community needs such as nicer restaurants. The city has maintained the boundary commission was acting in accordance with supreme court decisions when it decided not to include Brookland Farms. Warren agreed and dismissed the township's case. That action is now under appeal.

Capitol talks exceed hopes

Novi officials who organized a meeting with legislators in Washington to discuss the so-called super sewer got better results than expected. Nearly 35 people turned out for the meeting where the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official reportedly admitted the alternative to super sewer proposed by the agency is unsatisfactory. Charles Sutphon, director of the EPA water division for region five, told the group assembled in U.S. Senator Carl Levin's office, that "obviously Plan D will be constructed." The EPA has conducted a study of the sewage treatment needs of an area stretching from White Lake Township, south to Sumpter Township and east to Lake Erie. Communities in that area have considered developing a super sewer to serve their needs, but after studying the impact on the environment of that project the EPA instead suggested a scaled down version - Plan D - be constructed. Local officials have maintained the alternative will not meet the needs of their communities in upcoming years. The EPA representative told the group that it is working on an alternative solution and the issue still is open. "We hope to have an alternative forthcoming in another month and while it probably won't be acceptable to everyone we hope it will be implementable," Sutphon told the group. City officials reported from Washington that it appeared the EPA is considering some sort of compromise solution to take care of the needs of more communities. At the urging of Levin and U.S. Senator Donald Regle, the EPA agreed to provide a timetable for reaching a solution to the super sewer problem and avoid further procrastination, city officials reports said. A meeting to further work out the details of an alternative to constructing the scaled down super sewer that the city has proposed will be set up between Wayne County Department of Public Works, EPA representatives and staffers from Levin's and Regle's Detroit offices. In response to the legislator's request

Incumbents enter race for school board posts

This year's school election is set for June 11. Petitions are now available for persons interested in running for two four-year positions on the Novi School Board in the June election. The terms of Trustee Joel Colliau and Board President Ruth Waldenmayer will expire at that time. Both have announced their intentions to run again. Colliau was elected to the board in 1978. He served as board president in 1977 and vice-president in 1976. Mrs. Waldenmayer was elected in 1976 to fill the unexpired term of a former board member. She currently is serving as board president and was vice-president in 1977. Nominating petitions with at least 20 signatures are due at the administrative board offices on Taft Road before April 9. Candidates have until April 12 to withdraw their names from the nominations. Persons seeking nominations must be registered voters in the Novi School District.

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The increase was due to rate increases and new signals added to the system to provide greater safety for motorists and pedestrians, according to

John Grubba, managing director of the road commission.

"Revenues to pay such bills come from the road commission's share of the state-collected gas and weight taxes which are feeling the dampening effect of lighter, more fuel-efficient automobiles," he said.

Grubba noted that the road commissions statewide received fixed percentages of the gas and weight tax proceeds whether the state's total collections go up or down. In recent years, the collections have increased annually — but at nowhere near the rate of inflationary cost increases for goods and services which must be purchased.

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Police building starts

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Special assessments under fire

City responds to citizen charges

Following the announcement by a citizen's group that Novi residents may be asked in August to vote on charter changes regarding assessments for maintenance and construction of city streets, local officials have answered questions raised by those seeking the referendum.

Currently Novi receives state, federal and local funding to maintain and upgrade local roads. The city also charges special assessments to property owners on roads being paved or repaired to help defray construction costs.

During the recent road program property owners deemed to be deriving special benefit from the construction have been asked to pay \$10 per front foot of the nearly 800 front foot construction cost.

Property owners have maintained they derive no special benefit from the paving and actually suffer damages by the loss of trees and shrubs taken during the paving. They also say through special assessments the city charges a few for the benefit of the city at large.

Proposed charter amendments being developed by a citizens' group on Nine Mile would force the city to develop a long range road program designed so the city could live within its income from state, federal and local sources other than special assessments.

Under the two proposed charter amendments, the cost of paving main roads, used mostly by the community and not the residents living on them, could not be paid by special assessments.

However, city officials have challenged the reasoning behind the proposed charter changes.

In his "Blueprint for Novi Road Program" Don Young, Jr. from the Nine Mile group explains he conducted a study while he sat on the city council, which showed that if state funding (ACT 51 monies) exceeding the city's needs for minimal maintenance and snow removal had been banked the savings could have provided 50 percent of the resurfacing cost in the subdivisions

bureaus. The second floor will house the department administration, detective bureau, general services offices, youth bureau and undercover officers. The building is planned to include a number of special features to aid the department in law enforcement activities.

and interest on the savings would have nearly paid the remaining cost.

Since Novi has not saved any ACT 51 monies it will be necessary to special assess for all resurfacing and major maintenance, he maintained.

Assistant City Manager Alex Allie maintained that savings and interest could not have kept pace with the rapidly rising inflation in construction costs. Additionally, the city has not had any excess state funds to bank after paying for minimal maintenance and snow removal, said Allie.

"We haven't had enough to keep up routine maintenance, let alone try and save," Allie said. He produced figures that showed during four of the past five years the city's road fund has run in the red and had to be bolstered with general fund monies.

Finance Director Les Gibson pointed out that though the city has continued to increase the number of roads for which it is responsible, the level of state funding has remained the same. "There has been essentially no increase in revenues received over the years, though we're adding more and more roads," Gibson said.

He explained the amount of funding the city gets from the state is determined by population and road mileage. The city's present funding is based upon 1970 population figures.

"We can't keep our head above water and it's not a problem unique to this community," Allie said.

Young also maintained that like all communities "everytime there are two dimes to rub together the city hires another body."

Allie stated, however, that during the past two years the city has had a net loss of employees and faces further cutbacks with the pending loss of Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA) funds from the federal government.

He described the current employees maintaining the city's nearly 80 miles of roadway as a skeleton crew and explained that five of them are paid with CETA funds.

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Walled Lake seeks new fire chief

Walled Lake City Manager Peter Parker is still looking for a new fire chief and he reported to the city council this week that "progress is being made to fill the vacancy."

The chief's post has been vacant since October when Acting Chief Robert Beagle Jr. resigned, reportedly following a disagreement with Police Chief Wilford Hook over the city's policy for dispatching ambulances to the scene of an emergency.

Russ Curi, who served as fire chief for 9 1/2 years, quit a year ago, also allegedly after a dispute with Hook over the work schedules for the four police-fire dispatchers. Parker said this week that he understood Curi recently resigned as a member of the Walled Lake Firefighters' Association, a volunteer group that serves as the city's fire department.

In another recent report to the council, Parker said a special police-fire study committee had concluded that the new chief should be hired from outside the ranks of the association or the four full-time police-fire dispatchers.

The new part-time fire chief, the manager added, should be able to provide services such as setting up pro-

grams for training department personnel, especially to come up with a new chief and assistant chief from within the city's ranks" setting up programs for repairing and replacing equipment; establishing work rules and regulations; and providing daily telephone contact with department personnel.

Parker suggested that the city might enter into a contractual agreement with a part-time chief and added that there was a possibility that a full-time chief might be interested in taking on the \$2,500-a-year Walled Lake post.

Under city ordinances, the manager is responsible for appointing a fire chief with the concurrence of the council.

The police-fire study committee has recommended approval of proposed rules and regulations for the four dispatchers. The proposed rules are being reviewed by the union that represents Walled Lake's police officers and the police-fire dispatchers as well as the association, he added.

Parker said he met with Association President Bill S. Frier last week to make the volunteers aware of the proposed rules. The manager described the session as "most informative and rewarding."

Court expansion plans reviewed

Three proposals for expanding or building new facilities for the 52nd District Court have been presented to Walled Lake city officials by the Oakland County Planning Division.

One of the plans calls for a 12,000-square-foot addition to the municipal building, while the other proposals provide for new 23,200 to 25,200-square-foot structures that would be built on city-owned land adjacent to the Walled Lake Municipal complex.

Cost estimates for the facilities — including a parking lot and site work as well as fees for architectural engineering and landscaping and a seven-percent contingency — range from \$72,756 for the addition to the existing building to \$1,351,790 for the larger of the two proposed new structures.

The 52nd District Court now has two judges — Martin L. Boyle and Michael Batchik — with offices in the Walled Lake municipal building and the Michigan Department of Social Services building at 1010 E. West Maple Road. Newly, a third judge may be added to the court and Oakland County officials, who administer the state court, have asked the city for its opinion on providing the facilities.

According to City Manager Peter Parker, county officials would like to locate all three judges in one building in order to centralize the administrative facilities.

One possibility for financing the addition of new building, Parker added, is for the city to construct the facilities and lease them to the county. Since the state may take over administration of the court, officials say, the county lease arrangement could be a problem.

Parker said another possibility is for the city to sell land to a private developer, who would build the structures, or the property could be added to

the tax roll. The county still could lease the facility from the developer.

There are several other problems with the court plans, though, the manager said.

The proposal for the 25,200-square-foot building calls for construction of the court facilities on a parcel of land between the Grand Trunk Western Railroad tracks and the parking lot of the existing building. Parker noted, however, that the site now is designated as a nursery for the city's parks and recreation commission and added the noise from trains could pose a problem for court personnel who, in the past, have complained about talking and other noise from the city offices.

Another plan calls for construction of a 23,200-square-foot building to the west of the existing municipal complex. The manager said that that parcel has been studied in the past as the site of a new city library building.

The proposal to build a 12,000-square-foot addition to the existing facility, Parker said, would "wipe out the green space in front of city hall." With the 5,000-square-foot west wing of city hall

Construction increases affect Decker paving

Road construction costs are going up and Walled Lake is feeling the pinch.

In a recent memo to the city council, City Manager Peter Parker reported that the Decker-Pontiac Trail intersection improvements has increased from \$90,000 to \$120,000.

Since the city must pay half the cost if it decides to go ahead with the project, Parker said the local share of the improvement is now \$60,000 instead of the originally anticipated \$45,000. The manager added, though, that he wouldn't feel comfortable unless the city provides \$70,000-\$75,000 for its share of the cost.

The Oakland County Road Commission will pay for the other half of the project, which calls for the addition of center left-turn lanes on both roads as well as improved signalization.

A public hearing on the proposed improvements has been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. next Monday in the road commission's administrative offices at 31001 Lahser Road in Birmingham.

Road construction costs took "quite a jump" as of last July, according to Dennis Pajot, the county agency's public information director, with some bids as much as 40 percent over the estimated costs.

The higher costs, Pajot said, apparently resulted from a general boom in the construction business that allows contractors to pick and choose the projects they will bid on, especially with the availability of federal grants for some long-awaited improvements.

Another factor, he added, is that contractors apparently had not been passing along the full costs of materials over the last several years.

When construction costs started to climb last summer, the commission staff recommended advertising for new bids and, in some cases, re-design of the project in an effort to come closer to the estimated cost, Pajot said. So far, no projects have been abandoned because of the higher costs, he added.

According to the commission's notice of Monday's hearing, the Decker-Pontiac Trail improvement is tentatively scheduled for construction between May 1 and July 31. Right-of-way for the intersection work is supposed to be acquired between March 13 and May 1, if the commission approves the project next week. Bids for the work are expected to be awarded in April.

Parker has asked the council (which met last night, after our deadline) for policy guidance on the Decker-Pontiac Trail project.

He noted that the city's traffic consultants, Goodrich-Calkins, have recommended the improvement for the 1979 construction year.

The manager alerted council that it is now "extremely difficult to estimate construction costs." He added that the widening of Maple Road cost the city some \$20,000 more than the original estimate and the intersection improvements at South Commerce Road and Pontiac Trail were \$8,000 more than the \$20,000 projected cost.

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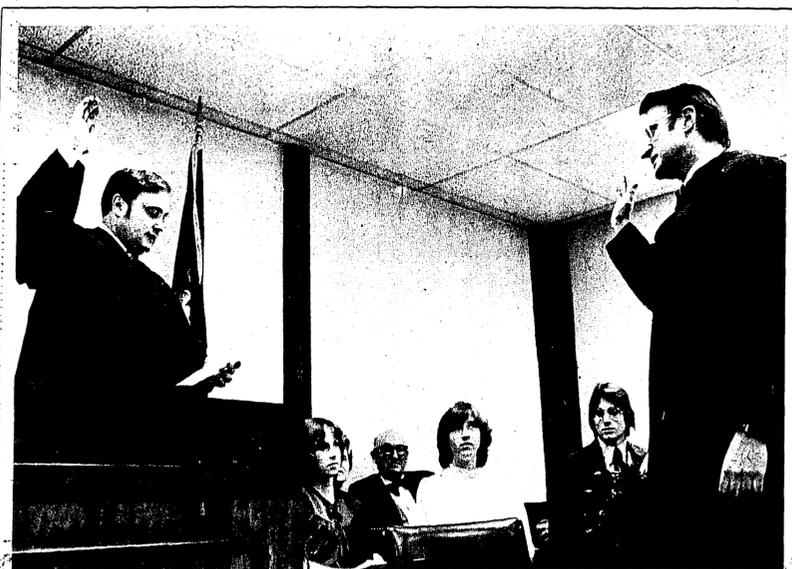
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Judge Batchik takes office

Former 52nd District Court Judge Gene Schnelz (left) administers the oath of office to Michael Batchik of Union Lake who was sworn in as the new 52nd District Court judge in ceremonies in Walled Lake last week. Batchik was appointed by Governor William Milliken to fill the vacancy created by the

election of Schnelz to the Oakland County Circuit Court. Batchik will have to run for election to the post in the next general election, which is slated for November 1980. His appointed term expires January 1, 1981. Martin Boyle is the senior judge in the 52nd District Court, First Division.

Schools eye election for millage hike

Voters in the Walled Lake School District will probably be asked to approve a request for additional millage in a special election sometime in May. Just how much additional millage will be requested and the date of the special election have not yet been determined, however.

The Walled Lake Board of Education is expected to come to grips with those questions at its regular March meeting next Monday at 8 p.m.

Consideration of a request for additional operating millage comes shortly after many property owners were hit with a substantial increase in assessments.

Several board members expressed skepticism about the possibility that voters would take kindly to a request for additional millage in wake of the assessment increases. Those same board members also stated, however, that the district's gloomy financial outlook left little choice other than to ask for a millage increase.

Trustee Leo Wessinger summed up the predominant feeling of the board when he said he was "pessimistic" about the chances for voter approval of a millage request, but "we have to make a stab at it."

The board members will be informed of the village's efforts to clean up the school district since the project was adopted in September 1977. Oakland County Commissioner Robert McConnell, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) representatives Howard Wandell and Albert Massey, and Oakland County Drain Commission representative Robert Fredericks will be brought up to date on the lake proceedings. All were named to the board at last month's regular council meeting.

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Road board reports progress with complaints

Three special road maintenance and construction projects conducted in 1977 as recommended by the Oakland County Road Commission's ombudsman seemed to have answered needs expressed by Oakland County citizens.

"For the first time in five years, the number of complaints received in 1978 did not significantly increase over those received in previous years," reported John Grubba, managing director of the road commission.

"In fact, complaints about holes and rough roads were down dramatically as were complaints about dust, trees and brush, drainage, and about damage attributed to our operations," he added.

Grubba explained that three projects were conducted in 1977 to reduce problems with holes and rough roads. Each project had been recommended by a special ombudsman office after an analysis of complaints received in previous years.

One project placed three inches of new gravel on 283 miles of gravel roads in 17 townships at a cost of \$1.3 million. The project was paid 40 percent by road commission funds, 40 percent by participating townships, and 20 percent by the Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners.

Another project provided higher than normal repairs to sections of 12 primary roads and streets in 13 subdivisions. The project required a special \$230,000 road commission appropriation and the hiring of 23 temporary laborers for 15 weeks.

The third project involved the road commission's purchase of special \$13,000 "pothole patchers," which are special trailer units that heat cold asphalt and allow better chuckhole patching in cold weather.

Grubba said most of these complaints (2,043) were about unpatched potholes. "In order for us to conduct a construction project such as placing three inches of new gravel on such roads, state law requires that we obtain at least 50

percent of the funding from local sources," he said. "The law prevents us from using our revenues from the state-collected gas and weight tax for more than 50 percent of such construction costs."

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Bar owners appeal LCC action

The East Shore Bar is still open for business despite a Liquor Control Commission (LCC) ruling to close it down March 5.

James and Carol Proctor, owners of the bar, have decided to appeal the revocation of their license as ordered by the LCC in early February.

John Carlin, the Proctors' attorney, said the couple would contest the LCC's action on the grounds that information on the alleged violations at the bar were improperly presented before the hearing officer.

Carlin said he also may argue the punishment is cruel and unusual. No date to hear the appeal has been established, but LCC officials reported that the case will be heard before late April. Now, police cannot confiscate the license until the appeal process has been exhausted.

The LCC revoked the East Shore license after the bar and its employees were slapped with 11 violations of the liquor control act.

During an administrative hearing of the LCC it was found the bar's employees had committed three violations by serving liquor to patrons who

already were intoxicated. Those violations, added to eight previous violations involving intoxication, led to the LCC's decision to revoke the license.

Police reports to the LCC allege that the bar continued to serve one patron who was staggering and falling off his chair until his wife requested that he be given no more drinks.

Police also reported that individuals observed drinking in the bar had been unable to pass dexterity tests administered shortly after they left the premises.

Police said that at least 25 complaints have been filed against the bar since the Proctors assumed ownership in October 1977. Those complaints included bar fights, serving to minors, and allowing as well as selling to intoxicated persons, according to police. Law enforcement officials said the complaints had been filed both by patrons of the bar and residents in the vicinity.

Police had expected to confiscate the Proctors' liquor license when the LCC order would have gone into effect on March 5. The appeal filed by the couple will postpone the closing of the bar until the hearing has been completed.

Two candidates needed

Six file for village council seats

Only six candidates filed nominating petitions to run for the Wolverine Lake Village Council by Saturday's deadline, leaving the council with the job of finding two more candidates to round out the April 2 election ballot.

A special council meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 tonight in the village offices in order to meet the charter requirement by coming up with at least two candidates for each of the four seats that will be filled in the biennial election.

Candidates who filed petitions to run for the council are: John R. Coxeter, an incumbent councilman who is completing his first four-year term; Thomas Gerhard, a member of the village planning commission and zoning board of appeals; Geri Matkowski, who was appointed to the council in

December to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dean Ratliff; John H. McLellan, the incumbent village president who is completing his first one-year term; Gary J. Veenstra, a member of the planning commission; and Robert Woodrow, an unsuccessful applicant for the council vacancy appointment who later was named to the zoning board of appeals.

The three top vote-getters in the April balloting will win four-year terms and the fourth-place finisher will earn a two-year term. The village presidency will go either to the first-place finisher in the April election or Councilman Charles Allen, if one of this year's candidates doesn't receive more than 47 percent of the votes cast.

The three incumbents plan to run together as a team, McLellan said Monday.

Councilman James Hall, who was elected to the two-year term in 1977, announced that he would not seek reelection because of the amount of time he feels he should devote to his business.

Council action to come up with additional candidates for the election is rare but not unheard of, according to Village Treasurer Fran Barber. Candidates had to be asked to run for the council at least once in the past, about 10 years ago, Mrs. Barber said, adding that similar situations may have occurred at other times in the village's 25-year history.

McLellan had asked Village Attorney Gary Allen for legal opinions on two questions: whether the charter requirement for the council to appoint additional candidates was in conflict with any state elections laws and whether

the three incumbents should participate in choosing candidates they would be running against.

Allen informed the village president Monday that the council should make a reasonable attempt to find the additional candidates and added that the three incumbents would not be in a conflict of interest situation by voting on the appointment of two more council contenders because they would be upholding the village charter.

Speaking for his team, McLellan said the incumbents would not actively seek out candidates for the two ballot openings, but added that they would probably vote on appointments proposed by one of the other council members.

"We will live up to the spirit of the charter," he said.

The village president added, though, that the charter probably should be revised to drop the requirement for two candidates for each seat.

"It's a sad thing when you get two people (on the ballot) who haven't expressed an interest in running for council, all when six other people went out and got petition signatures and did all the work to get their names on the ballot," he said.

On the other hand, McLellan said, the concept of providing an alternative by requiring two candidates for each post is a good one.

Two years ago, there were 10 candidates for the four seats and, in 1975, eight residents vied for the posts.

Three council members - Charles Allen, Pat Howarth and Tim Kozub - were elected to four-year terms in 1977.

Budget woes discussed at Plymouth workshop

Walled Lake's School Board met with administrators at a special workshop to hear administrative reports and information relative to various issues of concern to the district at the Plymouth Hilton over the weekend.

The special workshop for the school board and key administrative personnel was held Friday and Saturday, March 2-3. The board met with administrators from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Additional discussion on financial matters occurred at a special board meeting in Walled Lake on Monday. The board is considering a proposal to ask voters for additional millage.

Six board members attended the Friday evening session, while five were present at the Saturday morning conference. Trustee Robert Cooper returned home after the Friday workshop and did not return for the Saturday morning talks. Trustee Barbara Scully did not attend either session.

The workshop also was attended by the administrative cabinet, a group described by Superintendent Don Sheldon as the district's 12 department heads.

Public notices of the meeting stated that the purpose of the workshop was to permit the board of education "to receive administrative reports and information relative to various issues of concern to the district, including financial and student enrollment projections as well as a review of Special Education plans and other curriculum and district related information as time may permit."

Overnight accommodations as well as dinner and breakfast expenses for those who attended were paid for by

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Center near completion; April occupancy possible

Commerce officials hope to have the new community center ready for use by the end of the month.

Several township officials and employees were working on electrical fixtures last week and, according to Supervisor Robert Long, a painter was finishing up his work.

Township officials, though, ran into a new snag last week when they were advised by Oakland County officials that bids would have to be received for carpeting the center since federal community development act funds will be used for the purchase. A special township board meeting probably will be called later this month to consider bids for the carpeting, Long said.

The supervisor said Building Inspector Bill Mitchell has predicted that the center should be ready by mid-March, but Long said he thought the construction work would take a little longer than that.

"There are a lot of little things that pop up on the end," he added.

"Although no date has been set for the completion, Long said he believed the facility would be ready sometime in April to serve as the site of the Oakland-Livingston Human Services Agency

(OLHSA) nutrition program in Commerce.

Walled Lake Schools officials have been approached about a one-year contract with the township to have Senior Citizens Coordinator Fran Sarto administer the center in conjunction with OLHSA. Long said, adding that the school board hasn't taken action yet on the proposal.

Other members of the committee and some members of the township board favor naming the building after the late Ralph C. Richardson, who donated the park land to the township.

Long asked area newspapers last month to run stories asking township residents to suggest names for the center.

In addition to the Commerce and Richardson names, other suggestions have been made to honor either Long or Blanche Cummins, a former township treasurer.

There haven't been a lot of suggestions so far, Long said Friday, but he added that everyone he has talked to has said the building should be named for Richardson.

The township board is expected to decide on a name for the facility at its March 13 meeting.

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Won't wait for State Legislature

Commerce officials seek local wetlands ordinance

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Through them, I thought they'd pass it after the election. Township officials first started to study a possible wetlands ordinance about three years ago...

The amendments approved last week were primarily technical changes, the aide added, although several pending amendments could pose potential problems for adoption of a strong wetlands bill.

One of those amendments would require an inventory of state wetlands before the law could take effect, he said, while another proposed change deals with the classification of certain waterways...

According to the East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC), more than 70 percent of Michigan's original 11.2-million acres of wetlands have been seriously impaired or destroyed...

Opponents of wetlands laws, mainly farmers and logging and mining interests, say the measure amounts to state land use planning that could deny property owners the use of their land.

"We made a few errors in guessing when the legislature would act on wetlands," the supervisor said, "I thought they were going to consider it last summer and, when it didn't go...

The legislative session that began four years ago, the house passed a proposed wetlands bill, but the measure died in a senate committee. During the...

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A similar bill also is being considered by the senate conservation committee, Reece added.

Proponents of the law say wetlands provide a natural filtration system to improve water quality, as well as serving as a home for wildlife and spawning and nursery areas for many sport and commercial fish.

Under the proposed state law, an inventory would be made of state wetlands and permits would be required in order to fill or dredge the land.

DPW head cites manpower needs

Walled Lake's four-man road crew is down to three employees, according to DPW Superintendent John Nail, who says his department desperately needs more manpower.

In a memo to the city council, Nail asked what the city plans to do "about the current lack of manpower situation and an increase of men that is so desperately needed."

The department has kept its overtime costs to a minimum this season, he said, but added, "I am very concerned about the services the citizens expect from the DPW with the manpower situation as it is."

The DPW chief also noted that the current two janitorial people (both CETA employees) have done a very good job for the city since they began. There have been no complaints about the janitorial services for quite some time...

Walled Lake also has three CETA employees assigned to the police department - two civilian dispatchers (two others quit last fall) and one police-fire dispatcher.

City Manager Peter Parker has said it could cost the city about \$73,000, or about 2 1/2 mills - to add the CETA employees to the general fund budget.

Facing with the possibility of losing half of the eight employees he started the year with, the DPW superintendent said the city should consider "workload continues to increase all the time because of new things such as the sidewalk and bike path (snow removal) ordinance to be enforced and generally as the city continues to grow. All new construction in the city creates more work also."

Nail said his main concern now is that the DPW doesn't have "enough manpower for proper ice and snow removal and to keep up with other work that is required such as equipment and vehicle maintenance." Vacations and sickness also have affected the DPW's operations, he added.

Two months ago - at a time when the DPW had eight employees - Nail informed the council that his department needed more manpower "in order to do what is expected... and maintain county roads." A main reason for the manpower problem, he said, is that it takes two men full-time from May to September to keep up with wood cutting, especially along county roads.

The Oakland County Road Commission has told the city that it will not cut weeds along its roads, Nail said. The road crew also is responsible for maintaining the city's parks, cemetery, beach, monument, city hall grounds, roads, ditches, underground storm drains and road shoulders, according to Nail.

And, adding to Walled Lake's possible money woes, Parker said, are reports that Governor Milliken may reduce state shared revenues distributed to municipalities by about six percent in order to balance the state budget.

The 1978-79 city budget projected \$138,500 in state revenue sharing receipts. A reduction of six percent in state shared revenues could cost the city \$8,300.

Walled Lake parks board eyes federal grant

A \$10,000 federal grant for improvements to Riley Field will be sought by the Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Commission.

The commission voted last month to ask the city council for authorization to apply for the grant under the U.S. Department of the Interior's Heritage, Conservation and Recreation Service land and water conservation fund.

The Optimist Club donated the park land to the city in 1971, Mrs. Brookover said, adding that she planned to contact club officials for information on the possibility of extending the field.

If the city receives the \$10,000 federal grant, local matching funds would have to be available. The commission is expected to include its 50-percent share of the Riley Field improvements in its 1980 budget.

The city last year received a similar grant of \$7,500 in federal funds for a magic square facility to be built in Sims Park. Mrs. Brookover said she talked with the city's engineers last week about preparing specifications for the magic square.

The asphalt-surfaced magic square could be used for basketball, tennis and other sports during the summer and could be flooded in the winter for ice skating, Mrs. Brookover said.

Deadline for applying for the grant is March 15, she added. The commission also voted to ask the city for permission to "explore the feasibility and potential costs of an engineering study" to clean up the two ponds in Sims Park.

Some of the new members of the commission proposed the study, the chairperson said, because the ponds appeared to be stagnant or filled with debris.

The study would be aimed at determining whether the ponds could be cleaned up so they would be usable for recreational activities, she said. In other action, the commission submitted a proposed budget of \$22,000 to City Manager Peter Parker for the 1979-80 fiscal year that begins July 1.

The spending plan is within the seven-percent increase Parker suggested for each department; and it took the first toward coming up with a questionnaire designed to ask residents for their input on additional programs or facilities that should be offered by the city.

Commission members are supposed to come up with a set of questions at their March 15 meeting.

When contacted yesterday, Best said he has reviewed the matter with his attorney and plans to litigate the termination of his contract. He is being represented by Harvey Wax of the firm Levin, Levin, Garvett and Dill.

School board fires special education director

Claiming his work performance has been unsatisfactory and deficient, the Novi School Board decided last week not to renew the contract of Dr. Patrick Best, special education director.

The board directed the administration to advise Best of his dismissal and to seek a replacement. A selection committee including board members, building principals and a member of the district's citizens' special education committee is to be set up.

In the formal motion to remove Best when his contract expires June 30, the board resolved that "having reviewed the recommendation of the superintendent and being aware of the evaluation memoranda and other employment data including summary reports and having met with Dr. Patrick Best for review of such recommendation and further concluding his work performance has been unsatisfactory and deficient... in compliance with all applicable laws and board policy the board terminates the employment contract of Dr. Patrick Best."

Trustee Joan Daley opposed the board action. Superintendent Gerald Kratz declined comment on the circumstances leading to Best's dismissal, saying it would be inappropriate as the district could face litigation over the matter.

School Attorney Frederick Krauser would not speculate on whether Best intended to litigate the termination of his contract. He indicated he had not been contacted concerning the matter.

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In a related action the board also extended the contracts of David Brown, Dr. Helen Ditzman, Joseph Imrick, Paul LePae, Charles Nanas, Milan Obrenovich, Robert Young, Dr. Robert Youngberg and Roy Williams.

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Fire chiefs to consider revision of mutual aid pact

An organization designed to improve fire protection for 11 surrounding communities has been revived by local fire chiefs after nearly two years of inactivity.

Through the Western Oakland Mutual Aid Association, fire departments will offer their services to other area departments when needed. The group also offers a chance for fire officials to get together monthly and discuss common problems.

The fire chiefs' report that though the formal organization had not met for some time, they have had no trouble getting assistance from other departments when necessary. However, the group was revived in order to exchange updated information and services offered by each department.

The communities participating in the association include West Bloomfield, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Lyon Township, Wixom, Walled Lake, Milford, Highland and White Lake.

Each type of wetland has its own characteristics and benefits, EMEAC says, and "water need not be present year around as long as the plant and animal life are typically adapted to saturated and seasonally saturated soil conditions."

Under that agreement, departments are responsible for bearing the cost of operation and insurance for their men and equipment. The agreement is designed to mutual-benefit the departments involved. No fee is charged for services offered under the terms of the agreement.

The board will determine the amount of the millage increase at Monday's meeting. The amount of the millage increase is expected to range between 2.5 and five mills.

The board will then set a special election for the millage request early in May. In the event the millage request is rejected by the voters at that time, the board will "pink slip" employees 30 days in advance of the end of the school year.

In the meantime, administrators have been directed informally to attempt to develop a contingency plan in the event that the voters reject the millage request in both the May and June election.

The contingency plan can be expected to include program and staff cuts. It may also include additional attempts to ask voters to approve an increase in millage.

Sheldon said the budget projections dictate that the district follow one of two paths. "We can either get more money or cutback on staff and programs," he said. "The first is as difficult as the second is disconcerting."

In addition, the board is required to make a request for a special election stamped self-addressed envelopes for their reply. We have done everything we can to make it as easy as possible for these people," she said in exasperation.

Board eyes millage

Continued from Walled Lake, 1 superintendent. "We could go to half-year sessions in the elementary schools and five-period days in the secondary schools."

"We would have to eliminate programs and staff, and I'm afraid those cutbacks would have to be pretty drastic," he continued. "I don't know how they would be received by the community, but they probably would not be received very well."

Several board members suggested they would prefer to wait as long as possible before reaching a decision on the amount of a millage request in hopes of obtaining additional information on the state aid program, the district's SEV, and enrollment figures.

Trustee Robert Cooper suggested there were too many "ifs" involved for the board to reach "an intelligent decision on how much millage to ask for."

Additional factors persuaded board members to attempt to determine the amount of a millage increase and a date for election by their next meeting (Monday), however.

The district is contractually obligated to provide employees with a 60-day notice before terminating their employment, although the "pink slips" are not served with a 30-day notice under a financial crisis.

Report census figures

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A hotel or motel, which would provide meeting and banquet rooms, also is considered a high priority since local groups presently are forced to use facilities in Farmington or surrounding communities because there are none locally.

The city manager maintained that because of the interest different groups have shown in establishing a hotel in the city, the census was a wise move. He indicated it has been going well too.

"We had some problems in the beginning with the extremely cold weather and the holidays holding things up, but it's going better now," Krievail said.

Deputy Clerk Patricia Loder, who is coordinating the census for the city, explained her census takers are making progress but the going is still slow.

She explained the continuing problem of obtaining information from persons who are not at home when the enumerators call is still causing delays.

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As We See It

Village charter needs revision

There's a strange provision in the Wolverine Lake Village Charter that requires at least two candidates to be listed on the ballot for each council seat to be filled in the biennial municipal election.

Since only six village residents filed nominating petitions by the March 3 deadline for the four council seats that will be decided in the April 2 election, the council tonight is expected to add two candidates to the ballot.

Village officials say it is rare to have a shortage of council candidates, although it has happened before. Two years ago, there were 10 candidates for the four posts and, in 1975, eight residents ran for the council.

Apparently, the residents who drafted Wolverine Lake's charter 25 years ago felt it would be a good idea to offer village voters a choice of at least two candidates for each council seat, officials say.

We think the charter should be revised to drop the two-candidate provision. There are a couple of

Keep sessions local for public's benefit

Walled Lake's School Board met with administrators at the Plymouth Hilton over the weekend to receive reports and information relative to various issues of concern to the future of the school district.

Public notices of the two-day session indicated that the board would discuss financial and student enrollment projections as well as a review of Special Education plans and other curricular and district-related information.

There is little doubt that the board and district administrators devoted a significant portion of time to discussion of budget concerns. According to a projected budget prepared by Assistant Superintendent for Business Harry Carlson, the district faces a \$340,000 deficit in the 1979-80 school year.

An anticipated balance of approximately \$400,000 in fund equity at the end of the current fiscal year will not be sufficient to cover the projected deficit. Carlson indicated that it would take a minimum of 2.158 additional mills to eliminate the projected deficit.

More disturbingly, Carlson said his projected 1979-80 budget carried no provisions for raises for school district employees other than incremental increases. Since virtually all employee groups in the district are slated to negotiate new wage schedules this summer, the anticipated deficit could grow substantially.

Carlson said that a seven percent pay increase for all district personnel would cost in excess of \$1 million.

Obviously, these are matters of great concern. Further discussion of financial concerns occurred at a special board meeting in Walled Lake on Monday. The board plans to devote additional consideration to the financial concerns at the regular meeting next Monday.

Nevertheless, we feel it is

good reasons for making that change.

First of all, it is unfair to the residents who take the time to go out and collect petition signatures in order to win a place on the ballot. If a resident isn't interested enough to file nominating petitions for a council seat, he or she shouldn't be added to the ballot by the council.

Secondly, it is possible that incumbent council members who are running for re-election may be inclined to seek out weak candidates since the "add-on" contenders are, after all, the incumbents' opponents. We don't think that will happen this year, but it is a possibility as long as the council has the power to add candidates to the election ballot.

Several other proposals have been made in the last year for changing certain sections of the charter.

We feel the village council should create a special committee to study possible amendments or revisions to the charter, especially to do away with the two-candidate rule.

necessary to state our opposition to out-of-town workshops such as the one at the Plymouth Hilton over the weekend. In all fairness, it should be noted that the Walled Lake School board is not the first unit of government in the area to state such a workshop.

Additionally, there was nothing illegal about the manner in which the board conducted the workshop. Public notices were posted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, and the public was not prohibited from attending the sessions.

As a practical matter, however, we have reservations about the out-of-town meeting concept. There can be little doubt that a weekend workshop in Plymouth is inconvenient for school district residents to attend.

There are those skeptical souls who maintain that units of government — whether the Walled Lake Schools or any other public body — are well aware of this inconvenience and the general likelihood that anyone will show up to witness their discussions.

In a very real sense, an out-of-town workshop enables a public body to discuss weighty concerns with little or no public scrutiny. Therein lies our objection.

On final footnote is important. Any misgivings about the meeting at the Plymouth Hilton over the weekend should not be allowed to detract from the very real and very serious financial problems which confront the Walled Lake School District. It would be a grave mistake to allow concerns about the out-of-town workshop to cloud the financial crisis which is developing.

Still, we would hope that all units of government make every effort to conduct meetings within the boundaries of their jurisdictions so that interested individuals may attend with minimum inconvenience.



MARILYN LEE

Speaking for Myself

Require immunizations?

Immunizations against the seven so-called "childhood" diseases should be required. The vaccine-preventable diseases of measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and polio contributed severely to childhood mortality in the years before vaccine was available.

Let's look at measles. From 1950 through 1959 (the decade before vaccine) there were 5,487,322 cases in the United States, resulting in 4,950 deaths. In addition, measles and its complications (ear infections, pneumonia, encephalitis) caused millions of days of school absenteeism, lost productivity, and lost dollars. In six states where immunization laws were strictly enforced, the rate of measles infection was less than one-fourteenth of the measles rates of other states.

In 1978, Michigan had the highest rate of measles of any state of the nation. In 1978 there were over 100 cases

NO

I feel that force immunization is wrong because there are people who are aware that healthy children build their own natural immunity. All viral vaccines have the potential of causing the very symptoms against which they are supposed to protect you as well as secondary encephalitis and nervous system reactions.

Many people today feel that if they choose to understand natural health based on the body's own God-given systems, then they should have the freedom to make that choice. Forced immunization is not only illegal according to Michigan state law, but should be unconstitutional.

Michigan Act 199 of 1966 states that all children enrolling in any school in Michigan shall submit a statement signed by a parent or guardian that the child has not been immunized because of religious convictions or objection.

of polio in members of a religious sect in the Netherlands. This happened because the sect did not believe in immunizations and had refused them for their children. In 1978 there were five cases of polio in London, Ontario, Canada — just on Michigan's border.

Our physicians and scientists have worked through the years testing and perfecting vaccines for these and other diseases. They have increased our life span. Would it be wise not to assure our children such protection once it had been found? Can anyone forget those dreadful, fearful years before polio vaccine was discovered? Not those of us who are old enough.

Marilyn Lee
Director of Personal and Preventive Health Services
Livingston County Health Department

Good health is based on a natural, balanced diet void of junk food; a balanced, normally functioning nervous system; a positive mental attitude void of excess stress; internal spiritual peace, proper rest and proper exercise.

Today's orthodox health care system does not teach us how to be healthy and stay well. It infers that we will get sick and when we do only that system can help us. Chiropractic, for instance, teaches its patients that a healthy body resists disease and chiropractic treatment is based on removing disease-causing factors.

The present law upholds our freedom to choose which system we prefer: natural immunity or induced immunity.

Dr. Gerald L. Berbaum
Chiropractic Physician

Photographic Sketches . . .

By JIM GALBRAITH



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Your letters welcome

This newspaper welcomes Letters to the Editor. We ask, however, that they be limited to 500 words and that they contain the signature, address and telephone number of the writer. Deadline for submission is noon Monday. Names will be withheld upon request. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity and libel.

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Of tavern plans

Novi planners withhold approval

Plans for the construction of a lounge near the southwest corner of Taft Road and Grand River Avenue have been temporarily delayed by the Novi Planning Board.

The planners voted unanimously (7-0 recently to table on March 7 (tonight) in order to give the owners an opportunity to provide more detailed engineering information.

The lounge is proposed for construction on a 1.1 acre parcel on the south side of Grand River Avenue, approximately opposite the former Novi Building Department offices.

The request for preliminary site plan approval was submitted by Robert Langan who also owns the Goat Farm Tavern near the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Novi Roads.

The lounge is to be operated under a liquor license which is to be transferred from Port Austin (Michigan) contingent upon city approval of site, building, and landscape plans.

A request for approval of the transfer ran into strong opposition from several city council members when it was submitted for consideration in December.

Several council members expressed opposition to the transfer at that time on the basis of Langan's performance in carrying out the site plan for the Goat Farm Tavern.

Langan had initially proposed construction of a bar and a bowling alley in requesting the rezoning for the Goat Farm parcel. After the property was rezoned, he secured a permit from the city's building department to construct the bar, but has never drawn a permit for the construction of the bowling alley.

The city is currently in court with Langan for an alleged failure to complete the site plan on the Goat Farm parcel. The litigation does not involve the bowling alley, however.

The council approved the transfer of the liquor license from Port Austin for the Grand River Avenue lounge on a 5-2 vote in December. The transfer was contingent upon city approval of site, building, and landscape plans for the proposed establishment.

City Planning Consultant Charles Cairns of Villean-Leman told the planners that there were some minor problems with the proposed site plan. He indicated that minor revisions to the site plan could eliminate the problems, however.

The planners voted to table action on the site plan on the basis of the engineering report from Mosher-Meade, the city's consulting engineers.

The engineers reported that Langan received a landfill license for the site in 1978 and recommended rejection of the site plan on the basis that it "neither recognizes nor correlates with the landfill plans."

A.E. McCardell, an engineer representing Langan, told the planners that he had not intended to address the engineering aspects of the landfill on the request for preliminary site plan approval.

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Hoffman's Column

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"You mean . . . ?"

"Yup. If the fans aren't getting it, the lower pecking order is. And no sooner has he drained the Dixie-cups and along comes this kid and he slops 'em full again and a fresh round of spitting begins. I tell you it's a regular cesspool down there."

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"Jeff, the tall screaming meany, is waving his fist and stomping his feet. Naturally, you keep your eye on him to see if he's gonna bust a vessel or smack somebody. And just about that time, from the blind side, you get Mutt's mouthwash."

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Three posts up in school election

Three seats on the Walled Lake Board of Education will be up for grabs when voters go to the polls in the annual school election on June 11.

Slated to expire at the end of the 1978-79 school year are the terms presently held by Betty Campion, Barbara Scully, and Steven Lasher.

Mrs. Campion and Mrs. Scully are completing the four-year terms they won in the 1976 election, while Lasher is filling out a term to which he was appointed in November 1976.

Voters will fill two four-year terms and one two-year term in the June election. The two-year term represents the unexpired portion of a four-year term won by Chester Gerbensky in the June 1977 election.

Gerbensky, an executive with a bottling company in Detroit, resigned from the board last fall, citing the increased workload brought about by implementation of the ban on non-returnable bottles. The board appointed Lasher to fill out the remainder of Gerbensky's 1978-79 term, but he is required to run for election to the post in June.

Mrs. Campion and Lasher both have indicated they will be candidates in the upcoming election, while Mrs. Scully said she has not yet decided whether

she will seek re-election.

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Councilwoman upset with federal response

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In early January Mayor Pro-Tem Martha Hoyer, acting independently of the council, blasted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its position opposing construction of super-sewer and expressed her displeasure with the agency's public hearing on the matter.

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B & E suspects charged

In Novi

Novi Police believe that the alleged solution of one breaking and entering has led to the solution of a second case. Charged with the crimes are Mark Johnston and Daniel Smith. Both have been arraigned before 52nd District Court Judge Martin Boyle in connection with the two breaking and entering.

Specifically, the two men were charged with two counts of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny. "Not guilty" pleas were entered on their behalf and they were released on bonds.

The two were arrested after a breaking and entering of an auto supply store on Grand River Avenue on March 1. Approximately \$50 in cash was taken during the incident. In addition, shock absorbers and assorted tools worth an estimated \$70 were removed from the store.

Police said they have linked the perpetrators of the theft with a theft from a gas station which occurred February 24. According to reports, investigation showed that Smith loaned his truck to Johnston on the day of the breaking and entering at the auto store. Johnston reportedly told Smith that he had broken into the store when he returned the truck, according to police.

Police interviewed Smith unloading the truck at his place of employment. The victim of the theft subsequently identified a box of wing nuts as having been stolen from his store, police reported.

Johnston was also arrested after police allegedly observed him placing some of the stolen merchandise in his vehicle.

Police later recovered additional merchandise believed to have been stolen in the area from Johnston's car and a shed behind his residence.

A suspect in an armed robbery case was apprehended by police while fleeing the scene of the crime. According to police reports, the suspect pulled into a gas station and asked for \$2 worth of gas on February 1 at approximately 8:30 p.m. The suspect allegedly pulled a gun and ordered the gas station attendant to turn over his cash while he was making change for a \$5-bill. Reports indicate that the man made off with between \$30 and \$400 during the robbery of the Grand River gas station.

A BOI (be on the lookout) bulletin was broadcast on police radio channels after the man left the scene of the alleged crime. An off-duty Novic police officer heard the bulletin and spotted a car which matched the description in the broadcast.

The officer went into a neighboring residence to call police for assistance in apprehending the suspect. Police subsequently stopped the vehicle and arrested William R. Osterman of Wixom on charges of armed robbery. Osterman was arraigned on the charge before 52nd District Court Judge Martin Boyle March 2 and subsequently released on a \$5,000 personal bond.

A Novi police officer was allegedly assaulted while attempting to make an arrest for drunk driving last week.

Police reports indicate that the officer approached a vehicle parked on Haggerty Road, south of Thirteen Mile. The officer observed a man sleeping inside the vehicle and knocked on the window in an attempt to wake him, according to reports.

Police said the man was placed under arrest on the drunk driving charges after he was finally aroused. The man resisted arrest when police attempted to place him in handcuffs and struck the officer in the process, according to police.

The suspect was arraigned before 52nd District Court Judge Martin Boyle on charges of drunk driving and assaulting a police officer. He was released on \$1,000 personal bond. Police said the officer suffered only minor injuries and did not require medical attention.

In Wixom

A driver took his eyes from the road to look at a hitchhiker allegedly causing a three-car pile-up in Wixom early Monday morning. Steven Weston, driver of the lead car, was treated for injuries at Ford Hospital for his actions.

The driver, police say, apparently crossed the center line on Pontiac Trail while taking his glance and struck an oncoming vehicle. Although Danny Mick of Wixom, driver of the second car, said he saw Westmeier cross into his lane, he could not leave the roadway because of a parked vehicle.

Kenneth Fries of Walled Lake, also in the line of eastbound traffic, told police he did not see the accident and struck the Mick vehicle as he passed by.

All three cars wound up in ditches along side the roadway. A head-on collision at the eastbound entrance ramp to the I-96 expressway sent the passenger of one car to Botsford Hospital for treatment of injuries. The driver of that car, Carl Osborn of Howell, was uninjured.

The Osborn vehicle, exiting the expressway, was waiting at the stop sign for traffic to clear when it was struck by a car driven by Ronald Schuman of Mt. Clemens.

Schuman, witnesses said, was in a near-by gas station prior to the accident. He left the area at a high rate of speed causing his vehicle to fish tail as it entered the road. The on-lookers also claimed Schuman never reached his proper lane, cut his turn short at the ramp and piled into the Osborn vehicle. He was cited by police for reckless driving.

A case of following another car too closely caused a two-car collision on the railroad tracks at the Beck Road crossing shortly after midnight Saturday, according to police reports. Only minor injuries were sustained by Tina Heyart of Novi following the accident which caused her car to flip over on the tracks.

According to police reports, the Heyart vehicle was traveling south on Beck Road. The car in front of her apparently slowed to cross the tracks causing the young woman to swerve to

the left to avoid hitting the car. That action sent her into the path of a north-bound vehicle.

A second pile-up on railroad tracks was logged only hours later in the center of Wixom. Neither driver in that incident received injuries.

The accident allegedly was caused when an Ypsilanti man, who later told Wixom Police he was not familiar with the area, failed to see the flashing red lights at the signalized intersection. Driving through the light, he ran into a car proceeding east on Pontiac Trail. The collision drove one vehicle into the adjoining municipal parking lot, while the second car was spun around and sent into a side street.

A daytime breaking and entering of a home on Pontiac Trail earlier in the week netted the thief with one color TV set.

Police indicated entry to the home was gained by breaking the glass in the front door. The intruder made off with the portable set, valued at \$450, but left a brand new set, still in its box, on the floor.

A truck parked at the Tel-Way Truck Sales yard on Twelve Mile was victimized by the theft of two front tires and rims. The semi was propped up on wooden blocks enabling thieves to remove the giant tires which were valued at \$500.

The list of larceny to autos continues at the Ford Motor Company with the report of another incident Thursday. A stereo tape player, tapes, and hand tools were included in the items reported missing from a van parked in the employees' parking lot at the auto plant. Thieves forced the lock on the car and then tore the dash apart to remove the stereo equipment.

The owner placed a value of \$600 on the equipment. Damage was estimated at \$240.



Recovered property

Novi police reported that by cracking a break-in and entering case involving an auto parts store they were able to find the culprits allegedly responsible for an earlier theft from a gas station. Lieutenant Richard Faulkner of

the Novi Police Department displays merchandise that was recovered by detectives. Suspects in the case have been arraigned in district court and released on personal bonds.

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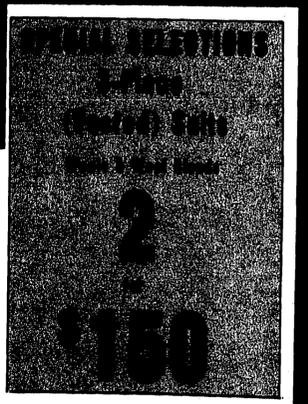
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Sports ... in The News

Wildcat cagers claim two more victories

Novi's basketball team finished up what's been a rather bittersweet 1979 regular season schedule with a pair of convincing home-court victories last week.

Powered by Louie Balogh and Phil McCarty in the scoring column, Dave Plisha and Dwayne Ridenour on the boards and Chris Giorgio in the backcourt, the Wildcats breezed to a 72-15 non-league triumph over Walled Lake Western last Tuesday and a 72-57 SEC win over Dexter three nights later.

That gave the local cagers a perfect 10-0 record in home games this season and hit their final regular season mark to 13-7 overall. Except for four heart-breaking losses, though, the Wildcats could have had a 17-3 record and a league championship. Four of their seven losses, including three in league play, were by two points or less.

There was no question about last week's outcomes, though.

Thanks to a big first-half spurt, Novi was never pressured in its victory over Western. The Wildcats raced out to a 38-25 halftime advantage and coasted. Midway through the third quarter the winners had built a 23-point cushion, 51-26, and the closest Western came after that was 11 points. Balogh topped both clubs with 21 points, 18 of them in the first half, and snared seven rebounds as well. McCarty added 12 points and Plisha 10.

Plisha also grabbed 11 rebounds while Giorgio dished out eight assists and had four steals. Jeff Lavery added six assists.

On Friday the 'Cats dashed out to leads of 17-9 and 39-20 in the first two quarters and, except for a letdown in the final quarter, they were never challenged by Dexter.

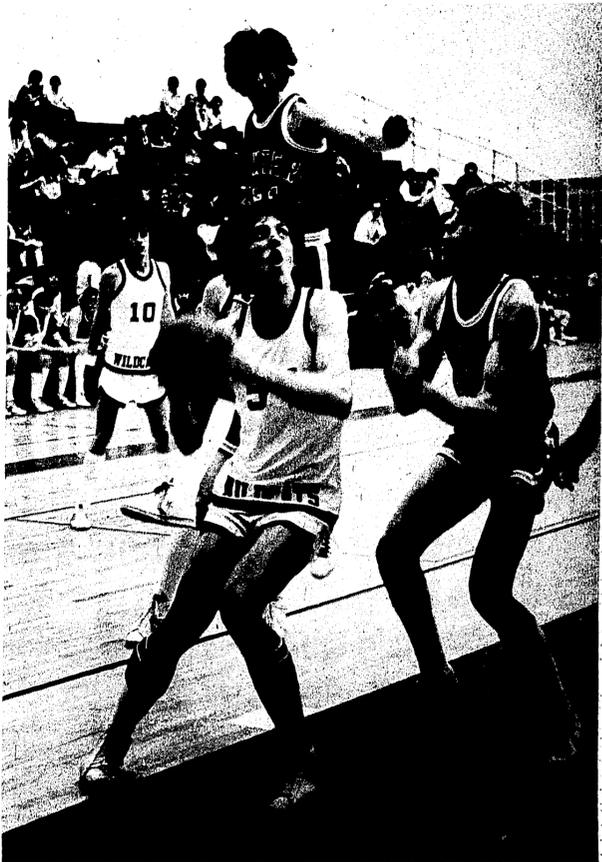
Novi still had an 18-point bulge, 52-34, entering the last eight minutes. But the Dreadnaughts rallied to within nine, 63-

64, before Coach Ron Flutur's quintet caught fire and pulled away for good. "We just got too overconfident," Flutur said of his team's fourth-quarter breakdown. "It seemed we couldn't do anything wrong in the first half. Everything was falling for us, and we let up in the second half."

Balogh tallied another 18 points to lead the winners again, but it was Giorgio's 11 assists that caught Flutur's eye. That gave the senior guard a school record 107 assists for the season, surpassing Lavery's year-old record of 105.

Giorgio also had 15 points while Plisha and Ridenour had 12 points each and McCarty 10. Ridenour and Plisha controlled the boards with 15 and 14 rebounds respectively.

Novi finished with a 10-4 record in SEC competition, good for third place behind Brighton (12-2) and Milan (11-3).



Dwayne Ridenour was a key in Novi's wins

Western tankers win big, prepare for league meet

As league meet grows closer, the times just keep going down for the Walled Lake Western swimming team.

The Warriors kept the momentum going last week, plowing to two more dual meet victories and raising their record to 9-4. Western has now won three of its last four dual meet encounters, but that isn't nearly as important as the fact that Bill Kletke's group is making big individual splashes.

"The team's really going strong now," Kletke offered. "We think we'll be ready for the league meet (March 8), and hope to finish as high as second this year."

Things are going so well for the tankers right now, in fact, that big obstacles are becoming little ones. Take last Thursday's 111-54 drowning of Farmington Harrison, for example. In that meet, Western's 200-yard medley relay team suffered a disqualification, but that small fact didn't make any difference. An entirely different team - consisting of Chuck Watson, Knute Kverneland, John Kelly and Bill Craig - took its place and finished first anyway. The new "hearsome foursome" clocked in at a time 2:10.

Six other first-place finishes were recorded at that meet, including a win in the 400 freestyle relay competition.

The quartet of Bill Mitchell, Scott Taylor, Chuck Rasche and Tom Mihfeld got the job done in just 3:54.4.

The other five firsts were of the individual variety. Mihfeld continued his outstanding performance this year, turning in a 23.6 time in the 50 freestyle. Buzz Nau joined the winner's circle by accumulating 149 points in the diving competition, and Carl Skonieczny headed the pack in the 100 freestyle, finishing in 54.3.

Chris Martin and Brian Bell also took firsts - Martin in the 100 back stroke (1:09.3) and Bell in the 100 breast stroke (1:11.2).

And just to prove that wasn't a fluke, the Warrior tankers came back the next day with eight first-place finishes in a 102-70 win over Walled Lake Central.

Led by Mihfeld and Mark Hughes, the boys racked up seven individual firsts and a team first to boot. Mihfeld had a pair of number ones, as did Hughes.

Mihfeld's time of 22.9 in the 50 freestyle, in fact, came within one-tenth of a second of qualifying for a state berth. That effort set a new school record. Mihfeld was also first in the 100 freestyle, with a time of 51.3.

Hughes, just a freshman, also set a new school record. He accomplished that in the 200 individual medley,

Buttazzoni falls short in state mat tourney

Angelo Buttazzoni found out the hard way Saturday what it's like to lock horns with the very best.

Buttazzoni, the only Walled Lake Western wrestler who qualified for the Class A state finals, put on a fine performance last weekend, only to go down in the third round.

Nevertheless, it was the end of a satisfying season for Buttazzoni. Just a sophomore, he finished the season with a 29-10 record and promise of better things in the next two years. Angelo wrestled in the 165-pound class.

"He (Buttazzoni) had a real fine year for us," Western Coach Carl McBride reported. "You've got to be pleased any time you have a sophomore go to the states."

Buttazzoni was introduced to state competition in a very rude manner. His first-round opponent was DeMillo Riley of Mount Clemens, who brought a 44-1 record into the meet. Riley beat Buttazzoni by a 13-1 decision, but not before Angelo had given him a battle.

"Angelo wrestled well against him," McBride opined. "He was trying to get him on his back, but couldn't quite do it. All in all, though, he did a good job."

Buttazzoni bounced back in grand style, however, in the second round. He whipped John Kennedy of Flint Northerns and was awarded a 10-2 decision. McBride said that the win over Kennedy "was the type of job I've come to expect from Angelo."

But that was to be Buttazzoni's last triumph on this day. In the third round, Greg Mannino of Warren Towers claimed a 5-2 victory prompting McBride to remark, "it was in that round that Angelo looked like a sophomore. But it made him realize that he has to improve."

"The team had a good year," McBride concluded. "We'll be looking to go at 'em again next season, and you can look for the guys returning, especially Angelo, to be even tougher." The Warriors finished 13-4 in dual meets this winter.

Soccer registration slated

Registration gets underway in two weeks for Novi Parks and Recreation's youth soccer program, one of the department's most popular activities.

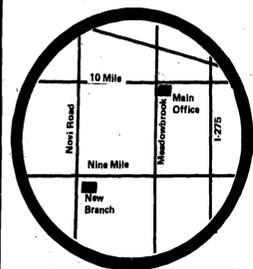
There will be two registration sessions - one on Monday, March 19, and the other on Tuesday, March 20. Both

will take place between 6 and 8 p.m. at the recreation office, located on Novi Road just north of Grand River in the Novi Community Building.

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Mrs. Lulu R. Christensen of 39720 Nite Mile, Novi, died March 2 at the age of 97 at Beverly Manor Convalescent Center. She had been ill for the past year.

Mrs. Christensen had been an area resident for 67 years. Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Monday at Casterline Funeral Home, Incorporated, with Father Leslie Harding of Holy Cross Episcopal Church officiating. Interment was to be in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Christensen was born February 26, 1882, in Wyandotte to William W. and Clara A. E. (Jackson) Roberts and married Alexander P. Christensen, who preceded her in death in 1948.

She leaves a daughter Mrs. Clara E. Johnson of Williamston, sons Howard M. of Midland and Roger of Novi, 12

STANLEY O. DYMENT

Stanley Orton Dymont, 84, of 8 Meadowbrook Lane, Northville, died March 2 at St. Mary Hospital after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Dymont, who was retired, had lived in the community for eight years.

Private family service was held at Casterline Funeral Home, Incorporated. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

Mr. Dymont was born in Hamilton, Ontario, March 19, 1894, to Orton and Nettie (Cornell) Dymont. He leaves his wife Nellie Graisley Dymont, daughters Mrs. Myrtle Kinsey of Northville and Mrs. Marie Oeming of Arlington, Illinois, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Doolin stationed in Philippines

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Defenses Milford

Viking five finally tastes victory

Patience has finally paid off for the Walled Lake Central basketball team. The Vikings notched their first victory of the season February 27 when they played some sensational defense in defeating Milford, 54-39. It was Central's first success in 19 attempts this season.

A stingy, pressing defense, combined with an equally tight-fisted zone defense, was too much for the opposing Milford five. The persistence by the Vikings defensively kept the enemy frustrated all evening.

"We used a very aggressive press," Coach Ken Smith explained. "They had trouble getting the ball upcourt against us, and when they did manage to get the ball down to the other end, our zone defense chewed 'em up."

"It just seemed like we had a hand in their faces every time they tried to shoot the ball," Smith continued happily. "It also helped that we matched up with them height-wise. Inch for inch, we have good rebounders, but there's only so much you can do when you're at a big height disadvantage like we've experienced so much this season."

The story of Central's fine defensive

play was best told in the second quarter, when it held Milford to just two points. That helped the Vikings to a 26-13 lead at halftime, and the winners never caught again. The opposition didn't score more than 14 points in any one quarter.

"The kids were ready to win," Smith offered. "You could almost tell it was going to happen. They wanted this one really badly, especially since they knew they had a good shot at coming away with a win."

Harry Nichols was the individual most responsible for the Viking triumph, pumping in 18 points and contributing an outstanding 14 of 15 show at the free throw line. Central sank 20 of its 27 freebies, while Milford managed to convert on just five of its 15 tries. Tom Phelps and Rick Saries also reached double figures with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Friday night, the Vikings came within a whisker of making it two in a row. In what may have been the team's most exciting outing of the season, the boys fell to Farmington, 71-63, in two overtimes.

Lady luck just didn't seem to be on

Ladycats advance to district semis, then lose

Two months ago Novi's volleyball squad was an also-ran at best among area schools.

Despite a log of spunk and spirit, the Ladycats struggled to only three victories in their first 10 games and appeared on their way to a losing season.

Times have certainly changed for the local girls in the past few weeks, though.

Under first-year Coach Barb Ball, Novi's varsity spikers have turned the season around and, capped by last week's performance in their own district tournament, they've become winners.

Thanks to another impressive showing by the team's seniors and a relentless offensive attack, Novi advanced to Saturday's semifinals before losing a pair of cliffhangers to Southgate, 16-14 and 15-13.

Five days earlier, following a win over Highland Park on Monday, the Cats had qualified for a berth in the districts with an easy two-set victory

over Dearborn St. Alphonsus in the pre-districts.

That pitted them against Dearborn Heights' Robichaud in the opener of last weekend's districts. This time Novi came through with a 15-2, 15-4 triumph over the Bulldogs, placing them among the final four in the tourney.

Southgate, however, ended the Ladycats' hopes of a finalist berth. Livonia's Clansville then defeated Southgate for the district championship.

Despite Saturday's loss, Novi's season finish was anything but mediocre. The local spikers won all of their final five regular season games and wound up with an 8-7 record.

Combined with their results in the league and state tournaments they were 13-10 overall this season. Among their top players this season were seniors Ann MacKay, Sheri Alexander, Gayle Davidson and Sue Beall, juniors Paula Dobransky and Kathy Lowry.

Viking gymnasts warm up for regional meet

The Walled Lake Central gymnastics team tuned up for this Saturday's regional competition with a dual meet win over Northville, last week, but was somewhat disappointed with its finish in Saturday's league tournament.

The Vikings grabbed a 78 to 74.4 victory over Northville in a meet that was just recently scheduled. Central, which finished its regularly scheduled dual meets with six wins and three losses, recorded four state scores in their latest success.

Two of those efforts came on the vault, where Kristie Carrel and Barb Burke finished 1-2. Carrel

claimed a 7.3 score, and Burke was right behind at 7.2. And, even though Barb took ill and left the meet at that point, Central still had more than enough to win.

The local gymnasts finished 1-2-4 on the parallel bars, with Connie MacDermid ringing up a state-score total of 6.9. Sandy Polasek was second with a 6.8 score, and Kristen Brady's 5.3 effort was good for fourth.

One final state score went to Tricia O'Connor, who continued to show good form on the balance beam. Her 6.8 score was good for first place, and Carrel's 6.3 outing was second. Debbie Stone completed Central's sweep of the first three spots with a 5.9 score. Floor exercises, meanwhile, were paced by Carrel's first-place, 7.1 score.

Nancy Wallace's crew finished sixth in the

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Novi grapplers lose out in bids for state titles

Three Novi wrestlers traveled to Central Michigan University for the Class B state finals last Friday and Saturday, and three Novi wrestlers came back without a win in the regional finals.

Jim Longhurst, Eugene Yzquierdo and Dave Ford—all of whom qualified for the state finals by finishing as runners-up in the Willow Run regionals the week before—were each eliminated before gaining a berth among the final six wrestlers in their respective weight classes.

Longhurst, who sported a 65-5 season record going into the tournament, suffered the team's toughest setback of the weekend.

After winning two of his first three matches in the 101-pound flight, the lightweight senior lost a 2-2 decision to a Muskegon Reeths-Puffer opponent on a reversal in the last 10 seconds of the match. A victory would have virtually sewed up a placement for Longhurst, who finished ninth instead.

Ford suffered a similar fate in the

148-pound bracket. Following a pair of impressive victories in his first three matches, the middleweight senior lost a 7-5 match to Willow Run's Rodney Ford in the regional finals.

Yzquierdo, meanwhile, was eliminated in two matches in the 115-pound division. He suffered a 5-3 setback against Ovid-Elsie's Dave Poth in the opening round, then lost to Mason's Ramie Mohlman in the following match.

The early elimination somewhat marred what has otherwise been an outstanding season for the trio. Longhurst wound up the year with 47 victories while Ford had 46 and Yzquierdo 44 to lead the team in that category. Longhurst and Ford also ended up tied for the team leadership in points with 222 each.

Other individual leaders for the Wildcats this season included Todd Spielman (87 takedowns, 27 escapes, 60 near-falls), Marc Brinker (30 reversals) and Ford (26 pins).

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Top skiers Brian Turner and Robin Gaubis

Hot third quarter does it for Western five

It was Parents' Night Friday at Walled Lake Western, and the Warrior basketball team, led by several seniors playing their last regular-season game at the school, made sure the moms and dads in the audience went home happy.

The Western five shot down Farmington Harrison, 71-63, to end the 1978-79 campaign on a winning note. The victory left the Warriors with a 5-15 record.

A third-quarter barrage lifted Western in this one, as the fired-up Warriors outscored Harrison by a 24-7 margin in that frame to set things up. The winners connected on 10 of 13 field goal attempts in that period.

"That third quarter was the best quarter of basketball we've played all year," Coach Ted Feley said afterward. "We ran the break real well, and had good shot selection. Even when we missed, it seemed like someone on our team was there to put the ball back in."

The decisive period served to break open a close game. Western played well in the first period, but held just a 13-12 lead going into the second stan-

In State Ski Meet

Turner, Gaubis finish in style

The 1979 Walled Lake Central skiing season came to its official end on Saturday, February 26 at the state meet in the Upper Peninsula's Iron Mountain, and it was only fitting that Robin Gaubis and Brian Turner were in the spotlight.

Central's dynamic duo, both instrumental in the boys' and girls' teams success this winter, capped the campaign on a high note. Gaubis finished 10th in the giant slalom, and Turner was third in the same event. Sixty-four girls and 67 boys were on the slopes.

Gaubis' fine state effort came on the heels of a first-place performance in the

giant slalom at the regional meet in Brighton. She was a key to the girls' undefeated season.

The boys Vikings, on the other hand, didn't enjoy as much success this season. But that certainly wasn't Turner's fault. Al-Brian did this season was finish first in all but one of Central's six dual meets, besides leading the pack in the slalom and giant slalom events at the league divisionals.

Turner also participated in the slalom event in Monday's state meet, and demonstrated what an intense competitor he is in the process. Not satisfied with a fourth-place effort on the slalom in his first run, Turner attempted to finish even higher by taking to the slope once more.

In going all out, however, Turner fell, thus wiping out the fourth-place spot. Nevertheless, he and Gaubis both had reason to be proud of outstanding individual season.

"It was a good way to end the season," coach Muriel Wittmer offered. "It was a great meet... for Robin and Brian to go to the states and do that well was quite a tribute to their ability."

Three other skiers—Kelly Riley of Milford, and Phil Berry and Cathy Gass of West Bloomfield—accompanied Wittmer and the two Central skiers; Riley finished 12th on the giant slalom; and slalom. Berry suffered a disqualification and Gass was 17th on the slalom.

"It was the toughest competition I've seen in four years," Wittmer, who coached the team with Dave Darton this year, said. "That makes Robin's and Brian's efforts look even better."

Central tankers lose, but show improvement

The Walled Lake Central swimming team may have lost its final two dual meets of the season, but Coach Craig Auten insists that looks can be deceiving.

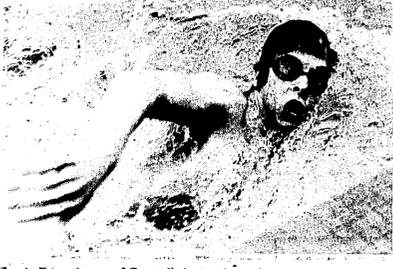
"Everybody turned in their best times in our last dual," Auten reported. "And that's what we've been aiming for, to reach our best times around this time of the season so that we can be ready for the league meet."

Unfortunately, it looks as though the teams in competition with Central are going the same thing. Viking enemies were particularly tough last week, as Central suffered a 111-61 thrashing from Farmington Thursday before succumbing to rival Walled Lake Western, 102-70, the next day.

Thursday's loss, however, was highlighted by another fine performance by Paul Lachner. Central recorded the only two firsts by Lachner in the meet, and set two new school records in the process. The former standards bit the dust in the 200-yard freestyle, where Lachner clocked in at 1:55.3, and the 100 backstroke, where his time was 58.7.

The Vikings also claimed three seconds, as Danny Ladd contributed a fine 171.4 total in diving. Jamie Enzor also had a runner-up effort, posting a 57.7 time in the 100 freestyle. In addition, Chris Kotke had a personal best time of 1:02.2 in the 100 butterfly.

"They (Farmington) had power over us," Auten explained. "It was a matter of them having better swimmers in almost every event."



Jamie Enzor is one of Central's improving swimmers

Christian wins tournament

Novi Christian School claimed first place in the Michigan Christian Athletic Association Eastern Regional Tournament Saturday night, capturing the championship with a 57-43 win over Perry Baptist.

Christian squashed Berean Faith Academy, 67-31, in Friday's night's opening-round action to advance to the championship game.

As has been the case most of this season, junior center Jim Jidov and junior guard Nelson Tremblay were key factors for Novi Christian. Jidov led all scorers Saturday with 23 points, and Tremblay contributed 18. Jidov also ripped down 25 rebounds.

In Friday's opening-round, it was Tremblay's turn to lead the scoring. He turned in a 27-point, 10-assist effort. Jidov chipped in 18 points in this one, and sophomore forward Roger Shepherd added 14. Reserves played the entire fourth quarter for the winners, who took the lead early and won it going away. Christian scored a school record—32 points in the third quarter.

Novi Christian now advances to the quarterfinals tomorrow at Spaulding College and will play Faith Baptist of Mattawan, the tournament favorite.

Resident lands fishing trophy

A Walled Lake man has received a citation in the Metropolitan South Florida Fishing Tournament.

Conward E. Johnson of East Lake Drive earned the citation when he caught a 37-pound cobia in the 12-pound division of the fishing tournament.

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After dual meet triumphs

Western spikers fall in districts

A busy week started very promisingly for the Walled Lake Western volleyball team with Monday, Tuesday and Thursday victories, but the Warriors ran out of gas in Saturday's district competition.

Even though that foot didn't come off, the week was nonetheless a very successful one for the girls. Western notched two other wins before the week was over, starting with a conquest of Northville Tuesday. Hirsh's heroes picked a pair of 15-13 wins to gain a measure of revenge, since Northville had beaten Western earlier this season.

Hirsh praised the girls for playing well offensively in the Northville encounter. Cathy Van Putten led the scoring, accumulating eight points, while Connie Sacco was next with six. Sacco also had a fine game setting.

Then Thursday, the girls won once more, this time besting West Bloomfield. The final scores were 15-4 and 15-6, with Van Putten again leading the way with 13 points, two of which were aces.

The Western spikers are now 9-7 in regularly-scheduled dual meets. And, even though the team won't compete in any post-season action, two more dual outings remain on the slate.

Warriors were scheduled to travel to Farmington Harrison yesterday, and wind up the season by hosting Plymouth Canton tomorrow.

Western dropped 16-14 and 15-3 decisions to Waterford Township and was eliminated in the first round. The girls would have had to win the regional.

Cathy Hirsh's unit got to compete in the districts by virtue of its previous district win Monday, February 26th, over Pontiac Northern. Western triumphed in that one to qualify as one of eight teams battling to win the districts.

McIntosh grabs title with playoff triumph

The Walled Lake Community Education Department's men's "A" league championship game was a thriller last week, as McIntosh came from behind to defeat West Maple Gardens in a playoff, 79-77.

The first half of the contest was close, with West Maple holding a 44-43 margin at halftime. In the second half, however, West Maple pulled ahead by 15 points.

But McIntosh wasn't ready to throw in the towel just yet. Using a full court press, the winners came back to take the lead. Then, with 11 seconds remaining in the game and McIntosh holding a

one-point lead, West Maple intentionally fouled Cecil Gross.

Gross made the first attempt, but missed the second. West Maple rebounded the ball, but McIntosh's Ernest Crawford intercepted the succeeding pass and drove for a lay-up to clinch the victory. A basket by West Maple at the buzzer then proved to be meaningless.

High point men for McIntosh were Crawford with 22; Sam Houston with 21; and Gross with 17 points. West Maple was led by Robert Sielaff with 28 points. Denny Clifford had 18.

Wildcat cagers take aim at district title defense

Novi's cagers will be aiming for their second straight district championship when they open state tournament play at Auburn Heights Avondale tomorrow (Thursday) night.

The Wildcats, who beat Oak Park and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook en route to last year's title, will meet Oak Park again in their first contest, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

And a victory will be anything but easy to come by. Oak Park, a 57-57 victor over Avondale in

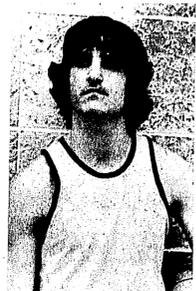
Monday night's district opener (Novi drew a first-round bye), sports an impressive 16-5 record overall this season, while Novi is 13-7.

The winner of that game will advance to Friday night's district championship, which starts at 7:30.

In tomorrow's other semifinal match-up Clawson will take on the winner of last night's Troy-Cranbrook contest at 8 p.m.

Clawson, which boasts an 18-3 mark this season,

Wildcats of the Week



LOUIE BALOGH

Louie Balogh has been playing his best basketball of the season as of late, and the timing couldn't be better with state tournament action right around the corner. The speedy senior forward erupted for 40 points in two games last week, leading the Wildcats to victories over Walled Lake Western and Dexter in the team's regular season finales. Eighteen of his game-high 21 points came in the first half in the win over Western, and Balogh added seven rebounds as well. He was also the game's top scorer against Dexter with 19 points.



KATHY LOWRY

Kathy Lowry put the finishing touches on a very impressive volleyball season with Novi's Ladycats last weekend. The junior spiker, as usual, was among the team's top servers and turned in a strong all-around performance in helping the local girls to a top four finish in the Class B district tournament that Novi hosted. Her steady improvement throughout the season was reflected in an outstanding finish this season by the Ladycats, who won each of their last five regular season games plus two of their three state tournament contests.

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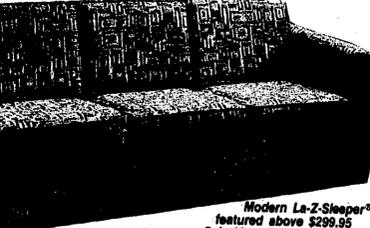
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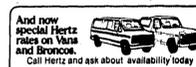
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Squires, Cook head for regionals

Warrior gymnasts topple Salem to end season

The Walled Lake Western gymnastics team ended its dual meet season on a high note last Wednesday, taking a 75-4 to 54-35 triumph over Plymouth Salem. But things didn't come as easily in Saturday's league meet.

In that competition, the girls closed out the season as a team by finishing seventh of 12 teams. Disappointingly,

no Western girls placed in the top 10 in any event.

The victory over Salem, however, was encouraging. The results were remarkably one-sided, as the Warriors finished 1-2-3 in each event except the balance beam, where they still were 1-2.

Five state scores were recorded by Western in that victory. Two of those came in the vault competition, where Kendra Marsh was first with a 7.5 score. Barb Bonner also notched state qualifying status, chalking up a 7.3 effort. Margaret Grubb's 6.95 finish was third.

Two more state scores went into the books on the parallel bars. Grubb picked up her first of the evening with a first-place 6.7 score, and Marsh claimed No. 2 with a 6.65 effort. Bonner's 5.6 performance was good for third.

On the balance beam, Karen Krzyzowski got into the act, picking up a state score for her first-place, 6.6 effort. Kim Evans' 4.9 effort was second. No state scores were recorded on the floor exercises, though Marsh had a 7.0 total. Gina Muscio's 6.75 was good

for runner-up status, and Krzyzowski was third with her 6.3 score.

And hopefully, better things are coming.

"Next year, and especially the following year, we should be strong," Kin said. "I'm pleased with the improvement shown by all the girls, and I've been happy with our season."

"I know we didn't finish with too good

of a record in duals," the Western coach acknowledged, "but the girls still feel like they've accomplished a lot. It's been fun."

Only two Western gymnasts will remain in competition this season—Shelley Squires and Suzanne Cook. Squires will go to this Saturday's regionals on floor exercises and beam, and Cook will participate in the beam competition.



Shelley Squires is enjoying a fine season for the gymnasts

Russ Gardner named best regional coach

Novi's three state wrestling finalists may have failed to place in last weekend's Class B tournament at Central Michigan University, but the Wildcats didn't come home empty-handed.

Russ Gardner, who's headed the local school's mat program for the past seven years, was named the region's Coach of the Year by his colleagues and received a plaque between the semifinals and finals of the state tourney. There are four regions in the state.

That capped a year that saw Gardner develop his team from an apparent also-ran into one of the top wrestling powers in the area. Novi was frequently listed among the state's top 15 in Class B polls.

Over the past-four years they've been league runners-up in the final overall standings.

But this season was particularly surprising for Gardner. Despite losing 10 of 13 regulars from his 1978 powerhouse, Novi rolled to a 16-5 record in dual meets, repeated as conference runners-up and placed high in several tournaments.

The Wildcats' three representatives in the state tourney gave them a total of seven finalists over the past two seasons, and as a team they finished third in their districts three weeks ago.

Before coming to Novi seven years ago, Gardner had also coached several top-notch teams at South Lyon.

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There's just no resting for county road crews

By HOWARD RONTAL

Out of the frying pan and into the fire. With spring just around the corner the people at your local county road commission are saying goodbye to winter. To sudden, unexpected five-inch snowfalls, 16-hour days, 10-foot snowdrifts.

To icy roads, cold that chaps the lips and hands and keeps the salt from melting the snow, equipment failures and the calls from irate motorists who claim they haven't seen a road commission employee since the first snowfall—1953.

The road commissions will be saying hello to spring; to flooded roads, swampy roads, rutted roads, impassable roads, cracking roads, heaving blacktop, chockholes the size of furniture crates, little overtime, and to irate motorists who swear they haven't seen a road commission employee since

the first pothole—1953.

And then again, maybe the mere fact that it's March, not one of humanity's favorite months, that has county road crews down in the dumps.

All this gloom and doom came as a shock while trying to research an article on the lighter side of road maintenance.

When asked about the humorous aspects of their work road commission people gave the following answers.

Don Hallowell, managing director for the Livingston County Road Commission: "This is every dull, boring, monotonous job. Same old garbage day after day."

Charlie Johnson, superintendent of the Oakland County Road Commission, Milford Garage: "The days are never long enough to do what you want to do. You try to do the best you can with what you've got."

Mike Anderson, superintendent of maintenance, Washtenaw County Road Commission: "Not a lot you can laugh about anymore because of the low priority of funding in most local communities..."

In overall maintenance the WCRC is only 15 percent through the year but it has used up 98 percent of its budget, he added grimly.

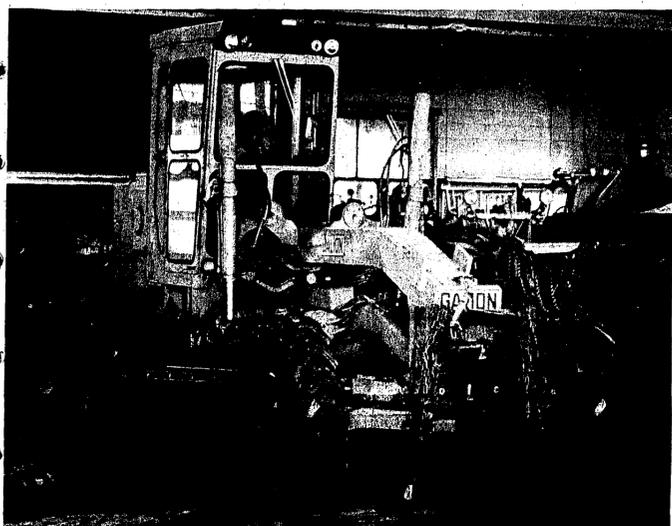
"This means a lot of road improvements won't get done," Anderson said.

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A. THOMAS HAHN, JR.



BARBARA J. WRIGHT



McPherson staffers (l to r) Roberta Essenberg, Caroline J. Wright, Peggy L. Goff, Mary Bresett, and Patricia T. Gruebel

A. THOMAS HAHN, JR. AND BARBARA J. WRIGHT were elected vice-presidents of McPherson State Bank at the bank's recent annual meeting. In addition, five others were named officers of the bank with the title of assistant cashier. These were: Mary Pat Bresett, Roberta Essenberg, Peggy L. Goff, Patricia T. Gruebel and Caroline J. Wright.

Both Hahn and Wright have been assistant vice-presidents and loan officers at the main office in Howell. Hahn joined the bank staff in 1973 following his receipt of a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and is pursuing his master's degree at Michigan State University.

Ms. Wright has been with McPherson for 15 years and had other banking experience prior to that time. She has filled a variety of managerial positions at the bank over the years and has taken a number of courses through the American Institute of Banking.

Mary Pat Bresett has been a McPherson banker for 11 years and was assistant manager at the bank's Hartland office before taking her present post as manager of the Howell shopping center office. She attended Marygrove College, has done A.I.B. work and had a prior banking background. Bresett is a past president of the Hartland Jaycees and has been active in the Hartland Playoffs.

A member of the Pinckney office staff since 1956, Roberta Essenberg, formerly operations manager is now loan officer. She also has participated in courses through the American Institute of Banking.

Peggy L. Goff is a loan officer at the Brighton office and was in banking for 4 years prior to coming to McPherson in 1973. She has been a staff member for 9 years. She too had several years of banking experience prior to her arrival and has participated in A.I.B.

In another recent promotion, Jan Machnis was appointed assistant manager at Hartland.

At the annual meeting all other officers and the incumbent directors were reelected.



Bump Shop Charlie's staff: (from left) Dennis Dormanen, Charlie Bakkila and Rick Wahlberg

BUMP SHOP CHARLIE'S at 21061 Old Novi Road, Northville is celebrating its first anniversary this month. Owned and operated by Charlie Bakkila of Salem, the shop specializes in bumping and painting of domestic and foreign vehicles as well as customizing work. He is assisted by Dennis Dormanen and Rick Wahlberg.

A 32nd degree Mason, Bakkila was recently installed as Worshipful Master of the Northville lodge of Free and Accepted Masons 186. He served as charter president of the Salem Jaycees in 1976-77 and was president of the Northville Golf League at Salem Hills.

He and his wife and three children have resided in Salem since 1970.

BRIGHTON RESIDENT PAUL R. GOODALE has been promoted to executive vice-president of Walker Wire & Steel Company, Ferndale. The announcement was made by another Brighton resident, J. Douglas King, who is president of Walker.

Goodale, 36, has been with Walker Wire since 1976, when he represented the company as its Ohio salesman. He spent 11 years prior to that at Penn-Dixie Steel in Kokomo, Indiana. Goodale graduated from Ball State University in 1964 with a degree in business administration. He and his wife Laudine reside with their two children in Brighton.

Walker Wire and its Royal Wire Division form one of the Midwest's largest producers of steel wire and cold drawn bars as well as the largest in Michigan. The company serves wide-ranging industries including automotive, appliance and construction.

C. A. HULL CO. of Walled Lake was the lowest of six bidders, at \$4,352,357, for construction of a nine-span plate girder bridge to carry northbound M-99 (Logan Street) over the Grand River in Lansing, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced.

The project was one of 24 highway and airport construction and maintenance projects on which bids were taken February 14 in Lansing.

Hull also was low bidder in a joint bid with Owens & Stroman Excavating Co. of Imlay City at \$2,760,946, for construction of one bridge and 3.8 miles of earthwork as part of the planned M-21 Freeway between Lapeer and Wadham.

LAPRIMA MUSIC INC. has inaugurated a special "Keyboard Club" for anyone who purchases a piano or organ at one of its five locations.

LaPrima Music President Dick DeMarco said the Keyboard Club is an attempt to give "our customers a little something extra" for their money.

Anyone who purchases a piano or an organ at LaPrima Music becomes a member of the club. Membership entitles the card-holder to a 10 percent discount on all regularly-priced merchandise and a five percent discount on all sale-priced merchandise.

Club members also receive instant credit up to \$1,500, a chance for one-year free service, all service at technicians' rates, and various other benefits including an opportunity to win a winter vacation for two in Florida.

The drawing for the winner of the vacation this year will be held in the community room of the Wonderland Center in Livonia on March 1. The winner will be drawn from the many Keyboard Club members who purchased pianos or organs during the 1978 calendar year at the LaPrima locations in Livonia, Farmington Hills, Southgate, Troy, and the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

John Norton, a nationally-known organist from Kimball International, will open the evening with a concert to entertain the customer representatives who have been invited to attend. The evening will culminate with the drawing for the Florida vacation which includes air fare and hotel accommodations.

DeMarco said the Keyboard Club represents an innovation in the retail musical instrument business.

There will be another drawing for a Florida vacation next year for anyone who purchases a piano or an organ from LaPrima Music during the 1979 calendar year.

ANN ARBOR TRUST COMPANY shareholders have approved a two for one stock split, it was announced today by President George H. Cress. Record date for the split is March 20, and is effective as of April 12, 1979. Action on the stock split was taken at the annual meeting of Ann Arbor Trust Shareholders held Tuesday at the Campus Inn.

Cress confirmed in his report to shareholders, that 1978 earnings reached a record high level of \$8.46 per share, compared to \$7.14 in 1977. This reflected an increase of 18.5 percent.

The board of directors approved a quarterly cash dividend of 70 cents per share, payable March 15 to shareholders of record on March 1, 1979.

"We will continue to provide the highest level of banking, trust, and related financial services to Washtenaw County and closely adjoining communities," Cress reported to his company's shareholders.

"We will seek and take advantage of attractive new market areas, as well as consider further branching to accommodate our existing customers as the economics permit," he added.

Cress's remarks referred, in part, to Ann Arbor Trust branch activities begun last fall with a trailer branch office in Chelsea, while

new branch bank buildings are under construction in both Chelsea and Brighton. These facilities are expected to be completed on or about May 1.



Mike (left) and Steve Showerman

THE SHOWERMAN FAMILY is celebrating their 38th anniversary in the grocery business in South Lyon this week with many "special" specials.

It was on January 2, 1941 that Cortland Showerman and his son Gordon went into business in the "stone" store at the corner of East Lake and Wells streets. Five years later "Gordie" bought his father out when ill health forced Cort's retirement.

In the late '40s, Showerman's moved to the North Lafayette Street location where Jimmy's Meat Market is now. In 1967 Gordie doubled the size of the store, moving to the current location on South Lafayette and Liberty streets.

When Gordie's sons Steve and Mike came into the business in 1971 it was incorporated, with the senior Showerman as chairman of the board. He remains in that capacity even though his sons bought him out in 1974, becoming co-owners of the business. The three Showermans had, in the meantime, built onto the store again in 1973, doubling its size.

Now the plans are for Showerman's IGA to again double in size with groundbreaking for a new building at Pontiac Trail and Nine Mile slated for early May. Completion of that facility is anticipated in the spring of 1980.

A NEW dental office has been opened in Northville by Dr. Peter J. Ehendt, DDS, at 18000 Northville Road in the Northville Professional Park Building.

Formerly of Birmingham where he practiced for four years, Dr. Ehendt will operate a general family practice here. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit where he received a DDS degree. Dr. Ehendt, 28, lives in Livonia.

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Novi's Liz Kalota joins Opryland cast

While she was still a student at Northville High School, Elizabeth Kalota began to worry her parents, the Leo Kalotas of 4410 Cottford in Brookland Farms, by saying she was "going into the theater."

During her high school years, the 1973 graduate had been in almost every production of the dramatics department with her favorite being "Sound of Music" in which she played Liesl.

"But they knew how precarious the theater is," recalled the young entertainer who six years later has signed her second professional contract with Opryland USA in Nashville, Tennessee.

Not only has she been hired for a second season with Opryland, but as a performer she will be going to Hawaii next month and getting paid for doing so. The Opryland show will be performed there.

Then AMOCO has bought it for a television special to be shown later this year on network television.

This means that the petite, five-foot-two brunette has signed three rewarding contracts.

But they have come after years of work and sticking to the goal of "going into the theater."

While a student in theatre arts at Eastern Michigan University, Miss Kalota tried out for and won roles in the EMU lab theatre, EMU Players and the EMU Little Theatre of the Young.

During the summers of 1976 and 1977 she was giving her "all" in two-day shows at Greenfield Village and in the Henry Ford Museum Theatre.

In 1976 she was Georgia in "Our American Cousin" and in 1977 Audrey in "Three Men on a Horse."

As she was about to receive her BS in theatre arts with a minor in theatre for children and literature, Miss Kalota auditioned for Nashville representative holding interviews in Ann Arbor.

By the fall of 1978 she was one of the performers in "I Hear America Singing" and "Broadway" in Nashville.

Those shows closed the end of August and the 24-year-old "pro" found she was "hired again." She had been doing both ensemble and solo work using both her singing and dancing talents.

The offer of a second contract not only meant that Liz Kalota had "made it" in a tough field but has a continued good exposure for the future.

"Some things I'll always remember," says Miss Kalota, as she reviewed her year while home on the winter holiday.

"I remember the first time onstage in the opry house rehearsing with 400 seats in front of you."

It hasn't all been thrills, however. The young actress lost many of her possessions when her apartment was robbed shortly after she moved in. She since has moved into Tanglewood Apartments, a large, safe complex.

She's also survived an encounter with chiggers that finally took her to the hospital as an emergency patient. "I was at a backyard party when I found I was bitten from waistline to ankles. Since everybody seemed to use their own remedies and get over them, I didn't realize what an infection I was getting," she moans.

"In order to pay me, they just set me in the chorus and I survived."

Working in Opryland is demanding, the young performer points out and "tired people don't make good performers so you limit your social activities."

"Performers expend great amounts of energy," she says, mentioning that Nashville "has a tremendous amount of talent to work with."

There are benefits and pleasant situations, she is quick to point out.

"The dressing rooms are beautiful and even have color television. They supply beautiful costumes. They are basic red, white and blue with such changes as little skirts for different solos. This is a very fast show."

Even though Elizabeth Kalota has signed for another season, she's keeping her resume current and is in touch with agencies for no one knows better that she's chosen a "very insecure field."

She's succeeding professionally, she declares, "because I got a lot of steering in the right direction."

It also must help that she's smiling, bright-eyed young woman who leaves no doubt that she's doing exactly what she wants to do — entertain.



LIZ KALOTA

Novi Girl Scouts think international

Village Oaks Junior Girl Scout troop 837 hosted Thinking Day ceremonies recently at their school, all built around the theme of world friendship. A yearly observance, Thinking Day is celebrated by Scouts and Girl Guides in every country of the free world giving the event an international theme. Scouts Michele Thompson, Tricia Pali and Kristi Brown explained a replica of the World Friendship pin with the actual pins later presented to the Brownie troops attending the event. Other troops presented songs and skits from foreign lands. Russian tea cakes as well as treats from Germany, Italy, and Sweden were shared during the afternoon activities pointing out that all girls are sisters through scouting.

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TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Novi Athletic Booster Club, 8 p.m., Room 107, Novi High School Civic Welfare Club, 12:30 p.m., Stonestree Building, Walled Lake Novi Parks and Recreation Department, 7:30 p.m., Novi School Administration Building
Wixom Parks and Recreation Commission, 8 p.m., Wixom City Hall Stage One Productions, 7 p.m., Novi Community Center
Earlybird Weight Watchers, 8:30 a.m., Novi High School Commons Inter-Lakes Chapter Sweet Adelines, 7:30 p.m., Union Lake Elementary School

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

"Brigadoon," 8 p.m., Walled Lake Western Auditorium
Magic Carpet Preschool Story Hour, 10 a.m., Wixom Public Library
Southwest Girl Scout Association, 9:30 a.m., Walled Lake Baptist Church
Wixom Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Wixom Public Library
Parents without Partners, 8 p.m., Chalea, 30689 Grand River, Farmington
Make Today Count, 7:30 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church
Novi Rebekah Lodge #482, 8 p.m., Old Novi Elementary School
Novi Senior Citizens, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wixom Community Building
Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Walled Lake United Methodist Church
Novi Rotary Club, noon, Novi United Methodist Church

MONDAY, MARCH 12

Novi Library Board, 8 p.m., Novi Public Library
Walled Lake Senior Board, 8 p.m., Walled Lake Administration Offices
North Lakes Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Dublin Community Center
Morning Novi Weight Watchers, 10 a.m., Novi Public Library
Walled Lake Rotary, 6:30 p.m., Walled Lake United Methodist Church
Novi Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Orchard Hills Elementary School

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

Wixom P.T.O. Potluck Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Wixom Elementary School
Village Creek Garden Club, 8 p.m., Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Novi
Orchard Hills Booster Club Executive Board, 7:30 p.m., Orchard Hills Elementary School
Lakes Agency Council, 9 a.m. to noon, Walled Lake Schools Administration Offices
Southwest Girl Scout Association, 6:30 p.m., Dublin Community Center
Northville-Novu AAUW, 7:30 p.m., Northville High School cafeteria
NESPO, 8 p.m., Novi Woods Elementary School
Commerce Township Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Commerce Township Hall
Novi Boy Scout Troop 54 committee meeting, 8 p.m., Novi United Methodist Church
Walled Lake Plan Commission, 8 p.m., Walled Lake City Hall
West Lakes Senior Citizens, 11 a.m., Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
Wixom City Council, 8 p.m., Wixom City Hall
Novi Community Band, 7 p.m., Novi High School Band Room
Choralaires Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Novi Middle School
Farmington Hills Sweet Adelines, 7:30 p.m., University Hills Church
Novi Weight Watchers, 7 p.m., Living Lord Lutheran Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

CF Volleyball Marathon, 4 p.m., Walled Lake Central High School
"Brigadoon," 8 p.m., Walled Lake Western Auditorium
Walled Lake Senior Citizens Drop-In Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shepherd of the Lakes Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

District IV Band Festival, 8 a.m., Novi High School
"Brigadoon," 8 p.m., Walled Lake Western Auditorium
CF Volleyball Marathon ends, 4 p.m., Walled Lake Central High School
Saturday Movie Program, 10:30 a.m., Novi Public Library

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Lakes Community Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Commerce Methodist Church

A Matter of Taste

By Maria Sarivalas Kokas, Novi Nutrition Consultant

How often has the pharmacist handed you a prescription with too few instructions? Just handed you the meds with the bill and a wide smile? Supper time as soon as you get home? Pop those pills and get on to the business at hand. Oops, you forgot to eat... but take the pills anyway. Or do you wash everything down with fruit juice—maybe a sip of wine to cut the aftertaste?

Food and drugs can't always be mixed. Swallow them together and you may be headed for trouble. Take drugs on an empty stomach? Wrong again. Every drug is different. Taken with the wrong food, it may set you on a collision course. Think before you pop 'em. And when in doubt, ask for assistance. Foods do change the action of pharmaceuticals. How? Effects on drug absorption can be separated into four categories: —The effect of a food directly altering drug absorption —Foods changing the drug's action in the body —Foods changing the rate of excretion of the drug from the body —Foods containing active substances that change the body's responses to the drug.

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Novi band students claimed 16 awards in solo and ensemble festival

Novi musicians score in festival competition

Novi High School band students copied 16 top division awards in the district solo and ensemble music festival held last weekend at Macomb Community College. The students are now eligible to compete for state-wide honors at a similar festival in Roseville on March 24. Nearly 20 Novi students participated in the day-long festival with 18 receiving second division ratings. Working on a scale of one to five, judges not only rated each performance, but submitted a written commentary on each rendition as well. A rating of one is considered excellent execution, while a rating of two is awarded for a "good performance showing much accomplishment and promise." Music Director Craig Strain lauded the students' efforts, noting that the number of first and second division ratings has more than doubled since last year. Strain said their aid was invaluable, as was the support given by the many Novi parents who attended the festival.

Novi High to host district band festival

Over 1,000 band students are expected to converge on Novi High School Saturday as the school hosts the District IV school band festival. Sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, 15 bands from Oakland and Macomb County are expected to participate. The day-long festival was designed several years ago to encourage band directors and students to perform to the fullest extent of their abilities. Bands receiving top ratings from a panel of judges will be eligible for the state band festival competition later this spring. Each band attending the festival will perform three selections of music during the concert portion of the event. One warm-up march, one selected piece, and one piece chosen by the conductor are required. In addition, one march and one concert piece must be played by sight. The conductor and band are given seven minutes in which to prepare those selections. The bands receive ratings according to marks compiled on their performances before a panel of four judges. A rating of one is considered superior and allows for state competition. The Novi concert band will perform at 10:45 a.m. with the symphony band scheduled at 2:25 p.m. The festival is open to the public with performances slated for the auditorium. The day will begin at 8 a.m. with the last band performing at 4:40 p.m. Marks will be posted in the school commons area immediately following each performance. Novi will host the second portion of the District IV festival the following Saturday, March 17. Approximately 1200 junior high and senior high schools will compete in the orchestra portion of the regional event. Facilities at both the high school and Novi Middle School South will be used for the competitions. The Novi Band Boosters will manage concession stands during the music festivals beginning at 6:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day offering food and refreshments to the students and public.

Jaycee chapter forming in Wixom

Efforts are under way to establish a new Jaycee chapter in the City of Wixom. Heading up efforts to establish a Wixom Jaycee chapter is Keith Parkett who resides in the new Hidden Creek Subdivision off Charns Road. The Jaycees is an organization for young men between the ages of 18 and 35 years which stresses "personal development through community service." The concept is based in part on the fact that leadership positions most frequently fall to older, more experienced individuals. The Jaycees makes certain that younger men receive leadership training by restricting membership to individuals under 35 years of age. The outlet for leadership training is community service projects. The Jaycees traditionally sponsor projects to aid the community. Such projects may range from clean-up campaigns or fund-raising efforts to purchase equipment for the police department or recreation fields. Through such statewide projects as "Jelly Week" the Jaycees raise funds to benefit underprivileged or handicapped children. Other fund-raising projects by the Jaycees raise money for such worthwhile programs as the Burns Center in Ann Arbor, Cystic Fibrosis, or Muscular Dystrophy. The Jaycees also serve a worthwhile social function. Local Jaycee chapters provide an avenue for newcomers to the community to meet other people in the community with the same basic interests. Most Jaycee chapters are affiliated with a Jaycee Auxiliary composed of either wives or other young women 18-35 years of age. Parkett reported that a total of 20 members are needed in order to charter a Wixom Jaycee chapter. The city has agreed to let the Jaycees use its Community Building on Pontiac Trail as a meeting place, and Parkett indicated that posters will be put up at various spots around town to let people know of efforts to establish a local chapter of the Jaycees. Efforts to establish a Jaycee chapter in Wixom are being assisted by the Holy Jaycees. All young men between the ages of 18-35 who are interested in establishing a Jaycee chapter in Wixom are encouraged to contact Parkett at 669-9700 after 6 p.m.

Travelogue to visit the Caribbean

"By Sail through the Caribbean" is the title of the next travelogue in the Travel and Adventure Series sponsored by the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. Jean Polsson will provide the film and narrative for the trip to the Caribbean which will be presented in the E. V. Ayers Auditorium at Walled Lake Western High School on Beck Road this Sunday (March 10) at 1 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$2.50 per person. Special rates are available for senior citizens. Additional ticket information is available from the Chamber office at 622-2826 or Betty Sipecek at 363-1577. Jean Polsson is a graduate of Ohio State University where his areas of interest were real estate and cinematography—two subjects which have fascinated him ever since. Aviation and sailing are two of his other active pursuits. He is an accomplished celestial navigator and blue water sailor with 14 years experience in sailing his 33-foot sloop "Le Bateau" through the beautiful Caribbean West Indian Islands. Captain Polsson will take "guests" aboard his sloop at the travologue and journey by sail through the Caribbean West Indies. Day after sun-drenched day will be spent meandering to island gems, each one more intriguing and lovely than the last. The sloop will sail to the beautiful Grenadine Islands of Grenada where the pace is slow and the atmosphere congenial. The sloop will also sail to Petit St. Vincent, Palm Island, and the incomparable Tobago Cays, Mayaro, Mustique, Bequia, and St. Vincent. The Caribbean still offers pockets of wilderness that delight the visitor, and the travelogue will explore these beautiful uninhabited islands. People who attend the travelogue will roam native villages and enjoy the sounds of the sea, wind, and steel drum bands. "By Sail through the Caribbean" will provide Lakes Area residents with a family-oriented outing which is entertaining and educational for adults and children.

Turning back thermostat not healthy for seniors

Turning back the thermostat is a patriotic, frugal act for most Americans. But it may not be recommended for the elderly. Whereas 72 degrees Fahrenheit was once the norm, it's not uncommon these days to set the stat at the mid-sixties during the day and the fifties at night. Most people adjust to such temperatures with no ill effects. In fact, the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine says 55 degrees is fine for people in good health. But they suggest five to 10 minutes of active work or exercise every half hour. It's a different story for older people. The National Institute on Aging says many older people cannot even maintain their own body heat at temperatures commonplace in many homes. Even relatively mild cold can cause "accidental hypothermia" which involves a drop in body temperature that can be dangerous to them. The Institute recommends that people in their late sixties or older and those with circulatory problems keep their thermostats set at 68 degrees or higher.

Baby contest finalists chosen by Auxiliary

The three finalists have been selected in the "Beautiful Baby" Contest sponsored by the Novi Jaycee Auxiliary. Selected as finalists in the contest were: —Eric Sahlberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sten Sahlberg of Kings Pointe; —Julie Laisle-Reeves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Laisle-Reeves of Village Wood; and —Christopher Niemann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jan Niemann of Village Lake Road. The three youngsters were selected from more than 20 entries by a panel of judges. Infants under 18 months of age were eligible to be nominated for the contest. Pictures of the three finalists will be placed on canisters which will be posted in Brown's Drugs and Michael's Restaurant. People will cast votes for the "Most Beautiful Baby" through cash contributions in the canisters. The canisters will be collected Wednesday, March 21. The baby who receives the most "votes" will be named the winner of the "beautiful baby" contest and receive a \$25 savings bond. The other two finalists will also receive prizes.

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Novi Highlights

Welcome Wagon members to learn disco dancing

By JEANNE CLARKE 624-0173

Disco Dancer Renee from Dance Unlimited of Plymouth will be the featured guest at the next general meeting of the Novi Welcome Wagon Club on Thursday, March 15.

Disco Renee will teach club members the latest disco steps. The date for the couples activity at Northville Downs has been changed to Friday, March 16.

members. Their next activity will be an Irish dinner. Contact Mrs. Lenski for additional information. Anyone interested in organizing a baby-sitting co-op should contact Marile Lingenfelter.

The next board meeting will be held in the home of Mary Patera on Monday, March 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morse of Mooringside are very proud of their grandson Mark Shank who recently saved the life of another youngster by pulling him from a lake with his hockey stick.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Taylor of Meadowbrook Road have returned from a three-week vacation in Tampa, Florida.

L. Roy Crites of Rexton has returned home after a stay in Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Mrs. Alma Johnston, a former longtime Novi resident, has returned home from a three-week stay in Providence Hospital for treatment of a broken hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gilmore and their children have been visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Caswell of South Lake Drive. They have recently moved from Clare and are planning to make their home in this area.

Standings are as follows: HI Lows 59 33 Kool Kats 55 37 Town Square Cards 53 39

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Several members of Cub Scout Pack 238 received awards at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet recently.

Mike Babbish and Bradley Smith both received Bear badges. David Stewart received a Bear badge, a gold arrow, and a silver arrow.

Greg Gett received a gold arrow and a silver arrow. David Colcouth received a gold arrow and three silver arrows.

And Derek Nelson received a silver arrow. David Hurley, Mark Bacchian, John Snider, and Rickie Spicer all received Webelo patches during the ceremonies.

In addition, Hurley received craftsman, naturalist, sportsman, and traveler patches. Bacchian received citizen, craftsman, and engineer patches; and Snider received a scientist patch.

Special event of the evening was the performance of a computer made by Den Four which answered questions.

Many awards were presented during the annual Blue and Gold Banquet of Orchard Hills Cub Scout Pack 240.

John Cohen received a Bobcat badge, Wolf badge, and a gold arrow. Kevin Buck received a Wolf badge and a gold arrow. Bill Binton received a Bobcat badge.

Wolf badges were received by Bryan Davies, David Mazer, Duane Borsvold, Tom Wigley, Jim Sullivan, and Jay Schermer.

Jeff Cohen received the Bear badge, and a gold arrow, and three silver arrows. Michael Marrow received a Bear badge, a gold arrow, and three silver arrows.

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Important legislative matters are on the agenda for discussion.

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Novi Girl Scouts

Girl Scout cookies have arrived and will be delivered during the coming week. Anyone who has not ordered cookies will be glad to know that the Senior Troop will be selling cookies at

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Community Notes

Local talent heads Baptist show

The First Baptist Church of Walled Lake will present its second annual talent show on Sunday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

Various members of the church will put together songs, vocal presentations, and instrumental solos and duets. All area residents are invited to attend the talent show.

There will be a free will offering during the show. The First Baptist Church of Walled Lake is located at 309 Market Street. More information is available at the church at 624-2486.

Magic Carpet

The spring session of the "magic carpet" preschool story hours presented by the Wixom Public Library will begin Thursday, March 8, and continue for an eight week period ending April 26.

The learning experience designed for three and four year olds will include story telling along with flannel board fun, finger plays and other activities.

Meeting each week for one hour beginning at 10 a.m. in the community meeting room at Wixom City Hall, the first session will also feature a program for mothers. The time will be used to introduce the Friends of the Library and

explain their purpose to the library, their projects and activities.

There is no charge for the story hours. More information is available from the librarian at 624-2512.

Babysitting Clinic

The Novi Jaycee Auxiliary will sponsor a free babysitting clinic for boys and girls 10 years old and older during March.

The babysitting clinic will consist of three 90-minute sessions and is designed to teach young people to be good babysitters.

The clinic will focus on child safety, accident prevention, first aid training, and methods of entertaining young charges. A certificate will be presented to individuals who complete the course and the Jaycees will keep a reference list of certified babysitters.

More information about the clinic will be distributed through the middle school. Inquiries about the program should be made to Karen Jones at 348-5296.

Boating Classes

The Wolverine Lake Police Department will be holding boating classes in

structed by the Oakland County Marine Division on Saturday, March 10, and again on the following Saturday, March 17.

Classes will be held in the Wolverine Lake Village Hall at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Classes are for 12-16 year olds. Both classes must be attended to obtain a boating certificate which will be issued when classes have been completed successfully.

To register call 624-1335 or stop at the police station in the village hall at 425 Glangery Road.

P.T.O. Potluck

The Wixom Parent-Teacher Organization will host its annual potluck dinner on Tuesday, March 13, in the school multi-purpose room. Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m. with "Dollo the Clown" providing entertainment.

The dinner will coincide with the yearly school book fair conducted by the P.T.O. Parents will have the opportunity to browse through the selection of paperback books that will be offered to the children throughout the remainder of the week. Geared to all age levels, the books are priced from 50 cents to \$3. Books may also be purchased that evening.

For information and the type of dish to bring to the dinner, contact Carol Samiti at 624-6536 or Kathy Sawyer at 624-1645.

Each family should bring its own place settings. The P.T.O. will provide beverage.

Pasta Benefit

The "Wildcat's Roar," the student newspaper at Novi High School, will benefit from a full-blown spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 16, in the Novi High School Commons.

Menu for the evening includes spaghetti, salad, roll, dessert and beverage. Cost for the dinner, which will be served from 5 to 8 p.m., is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens.

An Irish Jig

In conjunction with the International Year of the Child, the Wixom Public Library is planning a series of programs for elementary school children.

The first of these programs, focusing on Ireland, is planned for St. Patrick's Day (Saturday, March 17) at 1 p.m. in the community meeting room at Wixom City Hall.

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Hilburn enters medical field. Airman Edward Hilburn, Jr. of Walled Lake has been selected for technical training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas in the Air Force medical service field. He is the son of Mrs. Lenora Eklund of Decker Road in Walled Lake. Airman Hilburn is a 1974 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School. The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs. He received special instruction in human relations.

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Dobrinsky enlists

Robert A. Dobrinsky of Novi has enlisted in the United States Air Force and will depart for six weeks of basic training at the Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Dobrinsky, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dobrinsky of Sheridan in Novi.

Following completion of basic training, he has been guaranteed training as an Electrical Power Production Specialist. The 1979 graduate of Novi High School will receive college credit for his Air Force training through the Community College of the Air Force.

Dobrinsky will be assigned to an Air Force Duty station upon graduation from technical training.

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John Dewey and Vince Salazar rehearse the Highland fling before opening night of 'Brigadoon'

Western students to present musical production 'Brigadoon'

"It will not be the typical or usual high school production," promised producer-director Tim Kinne of the upcoming Walled Lake Western High School musical production, "Brigadoon."

The bright Lerner and Loewe smash Broadway hit, filled with color, choreography and well-known songs, will open tomorrow (Thursday, March 8) with two additional performances set for Friday and Saturday night. Curtain time is 8 p.m. each evening in the high school auditorium.

In rehearsal since January, the musical has been performed on the Western stage several times in the past. But, according to the young alumnus of Western who starred in the same production ten years ago, this year's rendition will be the most outstanding of all. Kinne assumed the duties of lead of vocal music at the high school in September.

Kinne's sense of showmanship includes the use of a fog machine to simulate the sometimes eerie mood of the Scottish Highlands setting for "Brigadoon." The Cavonons of Dearborn, three bagpipers dressed in full Scots' regalia, will pipe in the entrance of the clans during the wedding scene and again during the mournful funeral set.

Set design will also take on a different air due in large to the abilities of Art Stokus and stagecraft classes, added Kinne. Four street vendor carts have unique designs lending a very professional touch to the production. "All the extras will mark 'Brigadoon' as a very special offering," commented Kinne.

The cast of the musical includes 45 students plus those participating in staging, scenery and lighting. Jacqui Pias, assisting with makeup; Donna Scheer, costuming; and Stokes in sets and lighting make up the production team.

Starring roles will be portrayed by Dave Taylor as Tommy Albright and Beth Schmelz as Fiona MacLaren. Wes McAtee has been cast in the role of Jeff Douglas, Paula Schaefer as Meg Brockie, John Dewey as Charles Dalrymple, Peggie Fritchard as Jean MacLaren and Connor Ferrick as Jane Ashton.

All seats are reserved with tickets priced at \$3 each. Senior citizen discounts will be honored at the opening night performance only.

Kinne indicated that although Saturday night tickets have been sold out, some seating is still available for Thursday and Friday performances. Requests for tickets may be made by calling the high school at 624-5020.

The patron system has also been reinstated by Kinne for the musical production. The system, allowing interested individuals to support the program through direct financial donations, was a tradition with the school up until a few years ago.

Kinne pointed out that costuming, production costs and royalties often exceed ticket sales, thus creating financial problems. The patrons' support was regarded as a necessity by Kinne. Patrons will be acknowledged in the program.

Adding that the entire cast has been working very hard on all aspects of the production, Kinne indicated that the Western rendition of "Brigadoon" would be as bright and gay as Lerner and Loewe meant it to be.

Smoking clinic set for OCC

Smokers who want to kick the habit will have their chance under a special Five Day Plan to be conducted at the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College.

Directed by a physician-clergy team, the plan consists of regular evening group therapy sessions, films, and a daily personal control program for home or work. It has been successful over a period of more than 14 years in major cities and around the world.

Conducting the program locally will be Dr. Raymond Mayor of Pontiac, Reverend John Swanson of Detroit, and Reverend Philip Colburn of the Riverside Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Group therapy sessions will be held for five evenings (March 11-15) from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Student Center on the Highland Lakes Campus at 735 Cooley Lake Road in Union Lake.

The Five Day Plan to stop smoking aims to improve the health of the community and contribute to the national physical fitness program.

Already held successfully in cities across the United States and Canada, the Five Day Plan features such topics as the psychological and physical aspects of the habit, how craving can be lessened, how willpower can be strengthened, physical effects of smoking, organization of a buddy system, and many other techniques designed to break the habit within a five-day period.

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Trade Center proposed in Novi

By PHIL JEROME

Plans for a "Northern Renaissance" in the City of Novi have been announced by Trade Association Center, Inc., a firm based in Birmingham.

Specifically, the firm has announced plans to develop a combined office-hotel-convention center on 35 acres of land across from the Twelve Oaks Mall on the west side of Novi Road. Cost of the project has been pegged at \$22 million.

Nikolas Booras, president of Trade Association Center, said the development is in response to a tremendous demand for hotel rooms in the Novi area as well as a need for convention and exhibition facilities which not only have access to Detroit Metropolitan Airport but can service Detroit's growing western suburbs.

Booras noted that Novi also has easy freeway access to western portions of the state including Lansing, Kalamazoo, and Grand Rapids.

Booras told The News in an exclusive interview yesterday (Tuesday) that the development has two primary objectives: (1) to provide Novi with a major hotel and (2) to provide the Greater Detroit Area with a multi-faceted convention center in a northern suburb.

"The convention business in the Greater Detroit Area is very limited in terms of facilities," commented

Booras. "There is no intermediate step between Obo Hall and the RenCenter in Detroit and conventional hotel facilities."

"We hope to be able to fill that need. What we're really looking at is something of a Northern Renaissance in the Metro Detroit Area."

Booras said the project will be similar in scope to the Dallas Apparel Mart which acts as a regional showplace for new fashions where manufacturers and buyers come together approximately 90 times per year to display and sell tomorrow's fashions.

He noted that the Dallas Mart is quite large and draws retail buyers from all 50 states. The Novi Center, on the other hand, is expected to be regional in nature drawing from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

"There is no such thing as a national wholesale market anymore," stated Booras. "Regional apparel marts have begun to flourish not only in Dallas, but in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Atlanta."

"The remaining days of the year not utilized for apparel shows will be booked for other trade and recreational exhibitions, according to the Trade Center Association president. These would include associations similar to the apparel groups which sell such merchandise as giftware and jewelry."

The development is proposed to include a convention center of approximately 60,000 square feet of multi-purpose floor space for use as an auditorium, trade center, exposition hall, athletic arena, and other uses for which large uninterrupted floor space is required.

—a first class hotel of approximately 250 units to be operated under an agreement with a national hotel organization; and

—a five-story office building of approximately 110,000 square feet of floor space.

Booras said the project is unique in that the office spaces will be rented for the most part by tenants who will be using the convention center on a regular basis. The Michigan Women's and Children's Apparel Association has already committed for 50 percent of the office space.

Booras further stated that the group will occupy the first two floors of the office building which will be specially ramped to permit the tenants to move clothing racks between the office and display space to the convention center with relative ease.

Booras reported that he is negotiating with several major hotel chains for the development. The hotel as currently contemplated will contain a 7,500 square foot restaurant-bar area, a 4,600 square foot banquet area, and a 2,600 square foot lecture hall.

Efforts to accumulate the property for the development have been taking place over the past 1 1/2 years, according to Booras.

The Trade Center Association President said aesthetics will be a primary concern in development plans on a regular basis. The Michigan Women's and Children's Apparel Association has already committed for 50 percent of the office space.

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Round they go

On the swings, the merry-go-rounds, and the jungle gyms children are taking advantage of the springtime weather to let off some of the energy that builds up during the long winter months. Novi's Gary Leeper proves that chivalry is not dead in the picture above, while Penny Strand hangs on for the ride. The weather may still be taking those predictable unpredictable turns — warm one day and cold the next, but the kids know how to make the most of those warm days. After school is out is a perfect time to forget the piles of snow that left the merry-go-round unusable, and go for a spin. (Staff photo by David Turnley)

Another party contacts board

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Interest in Novi El runs high

Interest in purchasing the old Novi Elementary School is definitely picking up.

The Novi School District has had the building and 11 acre site on the market for three years without receiving a formal offer.

Until recently, that is. School officials have received two formal offers in the past week and another party has expressed an interest in the site.

Superintendent Gerald Kratz reported that he was contacted last week by a party who said he was considering purchase of the property for an office building. Kratz said he informed the individual of another offer currently before the school board only to learn that the party still was interested in negotiating for the property.

A committee of school board members plans to meet today (Wednesday) with representatives from a firm which recently made a formal offer to purchase the elementary school and the 11 acre site.

The board has received an offer of \$2 per square foot — more than \$70,000 — from Prime Properties, Inc., a firm based in Southfield.

A representative from Prime Properties reported that the group has a specific use in mind for the property, but declined to divulge what was being considered.

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was first placed on the market. The offer came in at about half the price the district expects to receive for the property, according to administrators.

An estimated value of the property has not been determined since no formal appraisal has been authorized by the school board. The administration has said that an appraisal would be undertaken if a formal offer for the building were received.

The district is acting as its own agent in selling the property instead of hiring a real estate company. Administrators and school board members believe the parcel is highly marketable and they will be able to eliminate brokerage fees by selling the property themselves.

Road program status report due

Before proceeding with approval of future special assessment districts for road paving, Novi's city council will receive an update on current status of the road program.

With special assessments for the paving of Beck Road from Eight-and-one-half Mile to Ten Mile and Taft Road between Eight-and-one-half Mile and Nine Mile slated to be considered by the council in upcoming weeks, the city manager has requested a report to determine exactly where the program stands before those rolls are approved.

Both projects have come under fire from the residents, who would be charged 30 percent of the paving program cost. Beck Road residents would be assessed about \$182,000 of the more than \$1 million construction cost, while Taft Road residents would be asked to pay about \$48,000 of the \$351,000 cost.

Residents have claimed they derive no benefit from the paving of the road in front of their homes and, in fact, believe they suffer a loss because paving destroys trees and atmosphere of surrounding property. Residents also have claimed they are paying for paving which benefits the entire community — not them particularly.

City Manager Ed Kriewall explained Monday that the finance director has been analyzing the city's finances for

the road program. The administration has delayed setting public hearing dates on the special assessment rolls until the financial analysis is complete, he explained.

"That information should be ready for the council by its Monday, March 19 meeting, the city manager said."

"Our concerns are directed at the placement of the special assessment, bonds that were on the ballot in November of 1977 and the possibility of rejection of the remaining special assessment bonds that must be voted upon since the passage of the Headlee amendment,"

Novi is looking for dedicated men and women to bolster its volunteer fire department. He suggested those interested contact the Chamber of Commerce for help in finding them.

The city council and the chamber are slated to meet Tuesday, March 27, to discuss the possibility of local businesses releasing personnel to assist with fire calls during the day.

City Manager Ed Kriewall told the council Monday the department has been having trouble with response time on daytime calls. "We want to explore the concept of involving commerce and industry in expanded volunteerism so we asked for this meeting in order to address this particular dilemma," Kriewall said.

Earlier the city manager indicated the city had contacted the chamber to see whether a release program could be worked out. He suggested some questions have already arisen which would have to be answered at the upcoming meeting.

Some businessmen have asked who would be responsible for paying the salaries of volunteer firefighters who would be on duty during the working day. Another question was raised concerning whether the city or the business would pay workman's compensation in case of an injury on such a call.

The city manager said he expects to have answers to these and other questions prepared for the upcoming meeting.

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