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Crusade to restore NYA making gains

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A crusade by the Novi Youth Assistance board of directors to keep the program's field worker on the job full time has been joined by three Oakland County Commissioners.

"We're trying to pull something together to find out how we can correct the inequities. Youth assistance is very dear to most commissioners. It's very important to their constituents. Hopefully, we can get something fixed before this becomes a real mess," Commissioner Kay Schmid, R- Novi, said Monday.

Youth assistance programs are run by the Oakland County Probate Court. As of April, Novi Youth Assistance (NYA) field worker Karen MacKenzie was shifted from five days on the job here to three days in Novi and two at the Farmington Youth Assistance office.

Countywide, 29 field workers cover 26 offices. Probate court administrators said the decision to shift MacKenzie and two other field workers was made to more evenly distribute caseloads at the various youth assistance programs.

The board of directors of Novi Youth Assistance didn't buy that and immediately launched a letter-writing campaign in protest.

NYA Director John O'Brien said they've made an impact.

"She (Schmid) said she got more letters over this than she's gotten over anything," O'Brien

said.

One reason for the reassignment of the field workers was that the board of commissioners did not fund three new field worker positions.

A plan by County Commissioners Dennis Powers, R-Highland Township, and Shelley Taub, R-Bloomfield Township, to introduce an Aug. 8 resolution calling for the hiring of three more youth assistance caseworkers was postponed, Schmid said. That would have put MacKenzie back in Novi full-time and also restored field workers to the commissioners' communities.

Instead, Schmid said the plan is to work with probate court administrators.

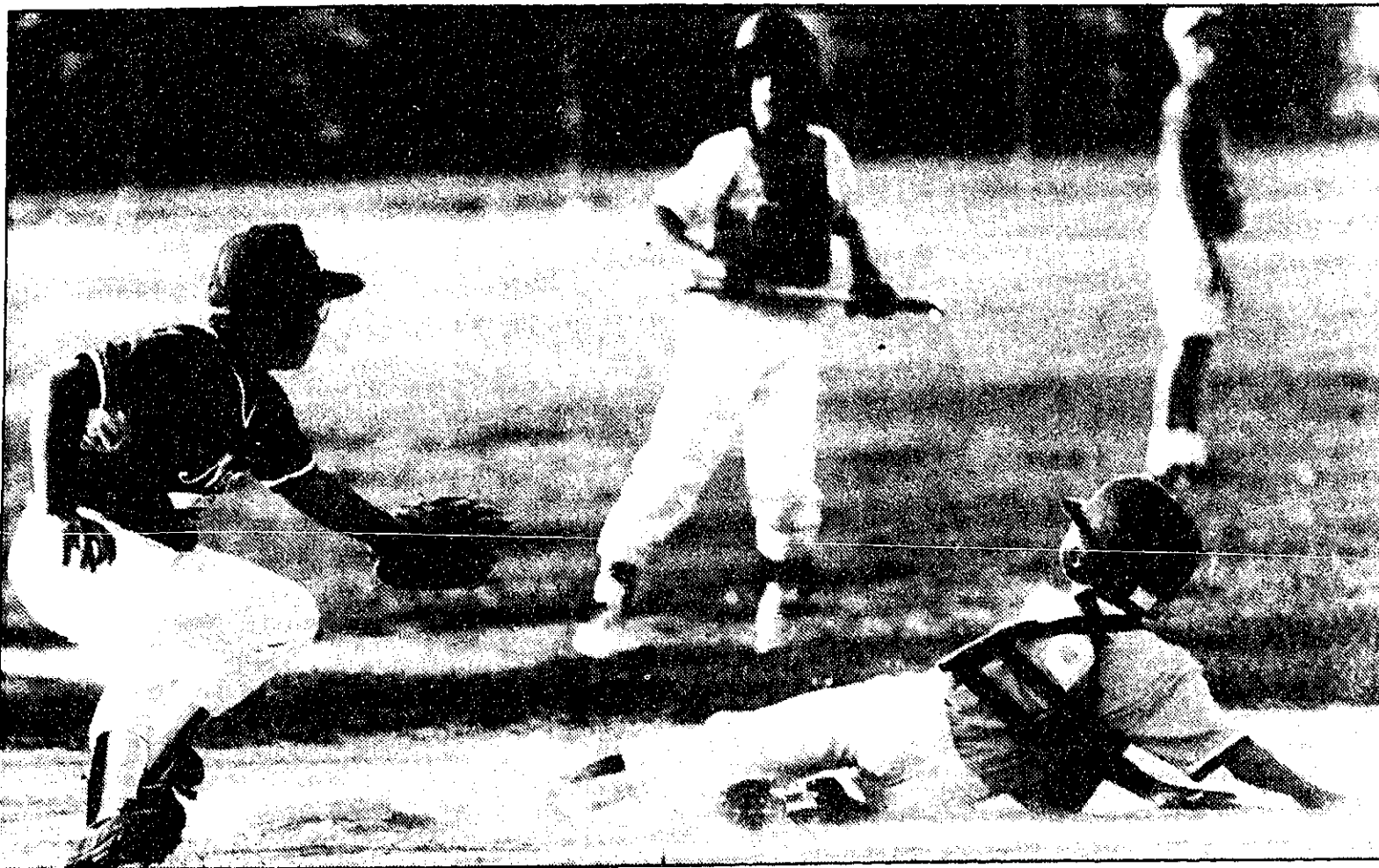
"I'm trying to work with the probate court, because that's where the change was made," she explained.

"I asked for justification. I got some silly things that they told us that didn't make any sense."

The City of Novi provides office space for NYA at the Novi Civic Center. The salary of the program's secretary is split by the city and the Novi school district.

The city protested the loss of MacKenzie's full-time availability. While Novi is growing by leaps and bounds, the county found that the youth assistance caseload was down 40 percent.

MacKenzie does one-on-one counseling with youngsters and their parent and also runs other programs, such as the Novi Teen Center.



File photo

New fields for Novi Youth Baseball may not be ready until 1996.

Fewer baseball fields upsets NYB

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A group of Novi Youth Baseball organizers are calling for an accounting of how the city plans to develop its new park lands, and for the removal of two Parks and Recreation commissioners.

Four directors of the private baseball program, Angelo Carcone, Earl Herbst, Edward Kennedy and Dolores Vedro, contend that the city is reneging on its promises to build enough baseball fields to accommodate the booming program, which will lose its diamonds on the privately-owned Bosco Field to development next year.

"We don't know where we're going to play. It's coming up to two years and they haven't developed anything yet. I guess I'm disappointed because the Novi youth program was behind the ballot issue and we support soccer and sports for the kids of Novi, but it hasn't come to pass," Carcone said.

"It is imperative that we force this issue in order to serve the community with an excellent baseball program," Vedro, the program's treasurer wrote in her letter to Mayor Kathleen McAllen and the Novi City Council.

What it boils down to is Novi Youth Baseball, now 650 sluggers strong, needs 12 dia-

monds. The members say that they actively campaigned for the 1993, \$9.9 million park millage with the understanding that the program would get those fields.

Plans under way for a new city sports park at Eight Mile and Napier roads call for nine multi-purpose fields, six soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts.

"There was always mention of 12 ball fields. They said that at the time and then they went and changed their minds and said we didn't mean baseball fields, we meant ball fields. All other cities around us provides fields," Car-

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Building pace exceeds expectations

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

New homes are sprouting up in Novi practically overnight, water moratorium or not.

According to the city Building Department's records, as of the end of July, permits for \$33.38 million worth of residential property were issued.

Novi Building Official Don Saven notes in his August report to the City Council that the volume of permits granted for single-family homes has "slightly" increased over last year and

"greatly" surpassed the six-month estimate made by the building department.

Commercial construction in the first seven months of 1994 brought in \$5.18 million worth of new building to the city.

A total of 225 single-family housing permits were handed out for homes valued at \$29.5 million. In addition, permits for 46 units of attached single-family housing will bring \$3.8 million worth of property onto the tax rolls.

Total collected as of July 1994

by the building department went up to just under \$105,000.

In June alone, 31 housing permits were issued, accounting for \$3.8 million worth of detached single family homes. In addition, eight permits were issued for attached single family homes; these properties are valued at \$529,000.

Permits issued for commercial operations include one for the T.G.I. Friday's restaurant in the Novi Town Center and for tenant alterations at Twelve Oaks Mall. The cost of constructing T.G.I.

Friday's was placed at \$1.345 million in Saven's report.

Larger commercial projects include the Pere Marquette Credit Union, with \$700,000 worth of construction; the Briarwood Plaza/Arbor Drugs shopping center, a \$1.396 million job; a \$1 million alteration at Brass Craft in Orchard Hill Place offices; and a \$535,000 remodeling of the La-2-Boy store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

In addition, permits for \$8.4 million worth of renovations were pulled from January to July 1994.

Police to review party response

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Novi woman faces a string of charges after hosting a party in her rented home Aug. 14.

Police responded to a home on Nine Mile east of Garfield when neighbors near there complained of loud noise.

At the home, police allegedly discovered more than 100 partygoers, most apparently under 21 years of age, inside the home drinking beer and smoking marijuana through pipes, the police report indicates. A live band was playing music in the garage of the home. More than 70 cars were parked on the lawn adjacent to the home.

When police arrived at the home they saw one white male run from a parked car into a

wooded area near the home. An officer approached the car and detected the scent of marijuana coming from inside. Both occupants stated that they had just finished smoking marijuana but neither owned up to owning it. Police searched the car with a canine cop and found a small quantity in one of the occupants' purse and a wooden pipe with resin in the bowl in a second purse. Police also confiscated a yellow and white bag which contained two pipes, a marijuana cigarette and a film container with marijuana inside.

Both women from Highland denied any knowledge of the narcotics. They were cited for possession of marijuana.

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

First day of school

The return to school at the end of summer is always exciting for students, at least on the first day. For those entering the first grade, it is an entirely new experience. Monday

was start of school for the year in Novi and, above, first grade teacher Carolyn Chaney get acquainted with the students of her new class.

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LABOR DAY EARLY DEADLINES

Monday Buyers Directory; Pinckney, Hartland, Fowlerville Shopping Guides; Pinckney, Hartland, Fowlerville Buyers Directory; Wednesday Buyers Directory; South Lyon Shopper; HomeTown Connection deadlines will be Thursday, September 1, 1994 at 3:30 p.m.

Monday Green Sheet and Wednesday Green Sheet will be September 2, 1994 at 3:30 p.m.

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Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, September 1

Lakeshore Beach and Concessions: Lakeshore Beach and concessions are closed today. They will reopen September 3, 4 and 5 for the Labor Day weekend.

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Friday, September 2

Lakeshore Beach and Concessions: Lakeshore Beach and concessions will be closed today. It will reopen September 3, 4 and 5 for the Labor Day weekend.

Saturday, September 3

Lakeshore Beach and Concessions: Lakeshore Beach and concessions are open for the Labor Day weekend.

Saturday, September 4

Lakeshore Beach and Concessions: Lakeshore Beach and concessions are open for the Labor Day weekend.

Monday, September 5

Labor Day: City offices and the library are closed.

Lakeshore Beach and Concessions: Lakeshore Beach and concessions are open for the Labor Day weekend.

Tuesday, September 6

Seniors meeting: The Novi Senior Citizens will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

Menopause Support Group: Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause

support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

Board of Appeals: The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Amateur Radio Club: The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

Wednesday, September 7

Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Business Network International: The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, 12 Mile at Meadowbrook Rd. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Saturday, September 10

Compost Fair: Master Gardeners and Master Composters are sponsoring a Compost Fair from 1-5 p.m. at Tollgate Education Center, located at the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Rds. Door prizes and refreshments will be available during demonstrations. The Master Gardeners and Master Composters will be on hand to answer questions. The event is free of charge.

Monday, September 12

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Library Board: The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

American Business Women's Assoc.: The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Cynthia McKissack, 397-7695. For membership information, call 960-9559.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, Room 6. For more information, call 348-9691.

Tuesday, September 13

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Camera Club: The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

CH.A.D.D.: Children with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 40700 W. Ten Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty Rds. Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information call the HOTLINE: 486-2876.

Wednesday, September 14

Lions Club: The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Officials serve for NYA fundraiser

By JAN JEFFERS
Staff Writer

The Labor Day weekend means just that for some people, who are stuck on the job while everybody else is out playing.

Among the working stiffs during this holiday will be local officials like Judge Brian MacKenzie, Oakland County Commissioner Ray Schmidt and Novi's Mayor Kathleen McAllen and City Manager Ed Kriewall, who'll be laboring in a new profession, as soda jerkers at the Twist and Shake.

Nope, they're not short of money and moonlighting on weekends.

It's all part of a Sept. 5 fundraiser the ice cream stand on Ten Mile Road is holding for Novi Youth Assistance (NYA).

The business, formerly the Cone Zone, was taken over in March by Oliver and Peggy Hayman and Mike and Elaine Gabriel, who are active in community events.

"All the volunteer work we do is geared toward young people. We feel Novi Youth Assistance is an outstanding effort to help the children in the community," Peggy Hayman, president of the Novi Rotary Club explained.

"We want to target those people who are not going out-of-town."

They hope to draw in the crowds with clowns, balloons, games, con-

tests, face painting, city council members mingling with the customers, the Novi High School Band and lots, but lots of ice cream.

McAllen, Kriewall and MacKenzie will be making the frosty treats that day, without much prior training.

"We're going to put them to work to see how well they can make a shake," Hayman explained.

McKenzie's wife, Karen McKenzie, runs the Novi Youth Assistance. Twist and Shake is donating one-half of the profits scooped in Sept. 5 to the program. The event runs from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Gabriels and the Haymans are currently attempting to conduct a special milkshake which will be named in honor of Novi's city manager.

"The Shaky Eddy Kriewall. We have to make something crazy up. Maybe it'll be a banana shake. Some weird one," Hayman said.

Since the Twist and Shake opened up early last spring, business has been good. Elaine Gabriel said.

"It's starting to slow down. It's the end of summer," she added.

The Labor Day weekend will event, which will include an ice cream eating contest, is sure to end the season with style-and taste.



Judge Brian MacKenzie, City Manager Ed Kriewall and Mayor Kathy McAllen practice their cone serving skills in preparation for the NYA Labor Day fundraiser.

Band Boosters preparing for annual bottle drive

The sound of clattering bottles and cans will ring out once again on Sept. 10. It's all part of the Novi High School Band Boosters' annual fund-raising drive.

Band Boosters is banding together to collect returnable bottles and cans from city residents to raise money for its programs. Boosters need your help and support.

This week's Novi News has a yellow flyer tucked inside that can be attached to bags of recyclables and left at the street. Band students will come by and pick them up. Or

recyclables can be taken to Farmer Jack's on Ten Mile after 10 a.m. where they are being collected on behalf of the band students.

Students will not be collecting donations from local apartment complexes, condominiums or trailer parks for safety reasons.

"But we do need their help though and they can bring their returnables to Farmer Jack's," said Marie Faulkner, the band booster public relations spokesperson.

Boosters hope the fund raiser will bring in \$4,000-7,000 to sup-

port the band which relies mostly on community donations to support its anticipated \$12,000 bud-

get for the 1994-95 season. Fund raising efforts over the summer raised close to \$1,000 at

the Michigan '50s Festival through bingo and parking fees. Specific-ly proceeds are used to defray

costs incurred by the marching, symphony and jazz bands. Funds also go to reimburse band members who take private lessons.

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Gun threat gets local man arrested

A man was arrested Aug. 23 near the Sunset Grill for felonious assault after he threatened a passing motorist with a semi-automatic pistol.

The victim called police after the suspect threatened him in the parking lot at the lakes area bar. According to the victim, the two motorists had passed on Thirteen Mile Road earlier that day. They had a verbal encounter then. After the altercation the victim pulled into the parking lot, his alleged assailant and another vehicle pulled in next to him. The victim allegedly tried to find out why the suspect was pursuing him. The suspect then exited his vehicle, pointed the gun at the victim and his car and then left without incident. As the victim was telling police his account, the suspect pulled up across the street. Police stopped the vehicle and asked the suspect about the gun. The gun was in the trunk of the man's car. Inside the glove box, police also found ammunition for the .380 caliber weapon and a knife. He was arrested for felonious assault.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT: Police are still looking for a white male who assaulted another male with a metal pipe on Aug. 26 in the parking lot of the Springs Apartments. The assault took place after the victim and a friend left the Hop-In store at Pontiac Trail in Wixom with two 40 ounce beers. While in the store, the police report indicates the victim and his friend

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made dirty looks at the clerk and others there. The suspect followed the pair out of the store and down to the apartment complex lot. The trio exchanged words minutes before the suspect produced the pipe and began hitting the victim with it. The victim's passenger exited his vehicle but jumped back in when he thought he was going to get hit too. The victim left the scene and headed to the Wixom police department to report the incident. The victim was taken to Huron Valley Hospital and treated for severe injuries, police said.

Police are still looking for the driver of the pick-up.

CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT: On July 7, a woman said she was the victim of a criminal sexual conduct in the second degree at Vic Tanny's. The woman told police she was standing in the whirlpool when a man she knew entered and started making conversation with her. The victim told police the more the two talked the closer the man came to her. Eventually he began rubbing his leg and his genitalia against her leg. The man cornered the woman near the stairway before she could escape. The woman told police she knew the man but something about him

seemed different that night. The case remains under advisement.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE: An 18-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested Aug. 20 for driving under the influence of liquor and for possession of marijuana. The man was stopped after police saw his 1984 Ford Ranger drift onto the shoulder at Ten Mile and Taft roads. Police detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man when they stopped him. A search of the car netted officers an Ice House beer bottle, three marijuana cigarettes in a Marlboro box and a marijuana pipe.

He was arrested and ticketed for operating under the influence, unlawful blood alcohol level, a minor in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

PEEPING TOM: Two North Hills Drive residents said they saw a man, naked and masturbating, in front of their bedroom windows on Aug. 18. The suspect appeared intoxicated witnesses said. One of the two said she heard the suspect moaning outside her bedroom window while she was changing clothes that day. A third witness said the man was seen later running through the complex.

Police said the suspect is described as a white male, 25 to 35 years of age, 5 foot 8 to 6 feet tall with blond hair. He might have a mustache, police said, but has no beard or eyeglasses.

BREAK-INS: A video rental place was the victim of a Aug. 17 break-in where more than \$225 in cash and merchandise was stolen. The owner of the Novi Road business suspects the break-in was an inside job because the security alarm had been turned off. There was also no signs of forced entry and the suspects didn't do any damage to cash register drawers.

In addition to the cash stolen from the register and a candy box, the suspects left the store with an undetermined amount of video games and a tape player. They also stole a Karaoke machine.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Community Appreciation Day: In order to thank Novi residents for their support of the schools, the Novi Community Schools District will be hosting its annual Community Appreciation Day on Friday, Sept. 16.

Community Appreciation Day is held in conjunction with a high school varsity football home game. Admission to the football game on Sept. 16 is free courtesy of the Novi school district.

All Novi school district residents are invited to come and cheer on the Novi High School Wildcats as they take on the South Lyon Lions.

The award-winning Novi High School marching band will perform. The game will be held at the Novi High School football field, at the corner of Taft Road and Ten Mile Road. Kickoff for the game is at 7:30 p.m.

Very interesting: The Novi City Council recently approved the first reading of a proposed change to a city ordinance governing the rate of interest to be charged beneficiaries of a special assessment district.

Under the current regulations, special assessment districts funded by city bonds other than those categorized as special assessment bonds fall in the 8 percent interest category. Interest on special assessment bonds are set by state statute.

The proposed change, suggested by Novi's bonding attorney Dennis Neuman, would let the city set the interest rate as the council felt appropriate on these other bonding categories.

To change an ordinance, the council must first hold a second reading.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the last week. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and station number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

Medical, 27000 Sheraton Drive, 0:31 a.m. Squad 1.
Gas main break, Thirteen Mile and Decker Road, 10:04 a.m., Engine 2, Squad 1.
Hazardous material spill, 1-98 and Haggerty, 11:49 a.m., Engine 1 and 4.
Assist citizen, 41822 Sycamore, 1:15 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, 1-96 and 1-275, 3:36 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 46571 Galway, 3:53 p.m., Engine 1.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

Investigation, 114 Monticello, 8:15 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 24029 Pheasant Run, 8:32 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Novi and Grand River, 2:06 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43075 Crescent, 3:28 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25625 Jackson, 11:12 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Mutual aid, 12801 Newburgh and Livonia, 1:04 p.m., 506.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 1:07 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, Pontiac Trail and West Road, 1:15 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 24230 Karin, 1:41 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 29855 Charlemagne, 2:23 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, 1389 East Lake, 3:53 p.m., Engine 1.

4:17 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 6:19 p.m., Squad 1.
Building fire, Woods of Novi, 7:33 p.m., Engine 2 and 1.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Investigation, 41441 Andre, 2:36 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 45175 Ten Mile Road, 11:14 a.m., Squad 3.
Truck fire, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 11:21 a.m., Engine 1.
Truck fire, Grand River and Haggerty, 11:45 a.m., Engine 1.
Assist citizen, 39584 Blakeston, 1:23 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Twelve Oaks Mall, 1:57 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 27850 Novi Road, 2:30 p.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, 1385 East Lake, 4:15 p.m., Engine 2.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Haggerty, 7:32 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 42359 Fountain Park, 9:09 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39732 Squire Road, 9:11 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 43610 West Oaks, 10:34 a.m., Engine 1 and 2.
Smoke investigation, 41855 Lafluer, 11:28 a.m., Engine 2 and 1.
Assist citizen, 40111 Buckingham, 12:24 p.m., Squad 3.
Truck fire, 1-98 and Beck Road, 12:53 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 44709 North Hills, 1:21 p.m., Squad 3.
Transformer fire, 1-96 and Novi Road, 3:21, Engine 1.
Medical, 43600 West Oaks Drive, 4:31 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 1-96 west bound, 4:36 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 42359 Fountain Park, 4:55 p.m., Squad 1.
Smoke investigation, 41774 Independence, 8:35 p.m., Engine 2.
Trash fire, 1502 LaBenta, 8:55 p.m., Engine 2.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
Medical, 50642 Oregon, 10:18 a.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, 1-96 the rest area, 5:22 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39585 Blakeston, 6:19 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Power lines down, Grand River and Haggerty, 8:06 a.m., Engine 1.
Building fire, 31170 Beachwalk, 7:15 p.m., Engine 2 and 1.
Medical, 43355 River Oaks, 10:37 p.m., Squad 3.

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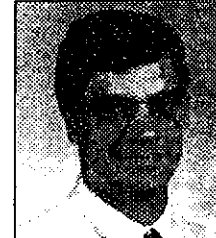
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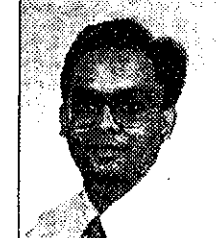
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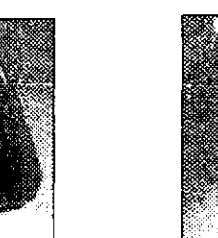
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Joyce Mitchell, M.D.
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Dr. Mitchell is a graduate of the U-M Medical School, and completed her pediatric residency and specialized training in pediatric rheumatology at U-M. She has been on staff at U-M Medical Center since 1992.



D. Kim Turgeon, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Dr. Turgeon has specialized in gastroenterology part-time at Northville for the past three years and is increasing her practice to include care for internal medicine patients.



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Andris to move ahead with his eatery plans

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Ted Andris and his partners are going ahead with their plans for a restaurant on East Lake Drive.

"They're just not sure which side of the street will be on."

"Whatever side we're on, we're planning a very attractive place with a terrific view of the lake, something that will be an asset to the community," said Andris, whose lawsuit against the city was tossed out in June.

What they are sure of is that the food will be authentically Greek.

Andris, his wife Elaine and partner Myrina Roman are already seeking city approval of their application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a Class C resort license, which will not come out of the previous heard of two liquor licenses the city has yet to distribute.

On Sept. 13, Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals is set to rule on an appeal made by Andris of a 1986 Novi City Council decision denying him the right to build the eatery on the shore of Walpole Lake.

He already has the go-ahead to build on the east, landlocked side of East Lake Drive.

"We're going to do everything at the same time. It's going to be a question if everything develops or becomes certain on the appeals side," Andris said recently.

"If we still don't have a trial date imminent, we'll go head ahead and put it on the opposite side. I don't think it will be as attractive."

Ideally, Andris says he'd like to be open for business by spring 1995, no matter where the business is.

"Hopefully, the whole community can enjoy this restaurant and the whole community can enjoy the view of the lake, not just the

people who live on it," he added.

Based on a precedent set by the Michigan Court of Appeals in the case of Paragon Properties versus the City of Novi, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick reversed his earlier ruling and dismissed the Andris lawsuit, which sought damages in excess of \$10,000 from the city.

Sosnick said Andris has not exhausted all possible appeals at the local level, hence Andris's application to the ZBA. The results there will determine whether or not the lawsuit is pursued.

Andris contends that the denial of commercial zoning on the beach front was an unconstitutional "taking" of his land. The city's stand has been that commercial usages do not belong on the waterfront.

The blueprints call for a 250-seat restaurant adjacent to a small shopping center.

One thing Andris has cooked up is the restaurant's name, Port Papadopolis.

Papadopolis was his nickname in college because it was easier to pronounce than his full surname, which has since been shortened to Andris.

"It's kind of history with me and it's also catchy. They will definitely know what kind of restaurant it is," he said.

While Andris and his wife are Greek, Roman isn't, but she's a "great cook" who plans to supervise the food end of the business with Elaine Andris, he said.

"They don't have a real, good authentic Greek restaurant out that way. No one's got the Greek-tout menu. I think it will be a real asset to Novi," Andris explained.

"It's something you can't get now unless you take a long drive out of Novi."



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Burnt out

Robert Peters was driving on I-96 on the way to college when his Chevrolet van caught on fire under the hood about 12:53 on August 26. Peters pulled off the freeway at Beck Road, where the Novi Fire Department extinguished the blaze. The cause is listed as

unknown. Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said the young man's van was loaded with his belongings, including electronic equipment. Most was destroyed. The loss was listed as \$6,000. "He was pretty well wiped out," Lenaghan said.

City seeks to make money from old police radio tower

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Now that Novi is moving its emergency communications from the city's own radio tower to one built by Oakland County, city officials are looking for ways to make money from the old structure.

The Novi City Council recently approved seeking requests for proposals from private companies interested in leasing "tower space."

Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer in a memo to the council explained that the city gets numerous inquiries from firms which provide paging and cellular telephone services and are seeking tower space in Novi.

It could be, Shaeffer said, "a way of generating significant funds for the city."

Potentially for rent is a 300-foot Rohm tower at Delaware, in the city's Department of Public Works yard.

As part of an upgrade of its dispatch system, Novi is moving communications equipment from the older tower to a taller and newer one put up by Oakland County for its own emergency communications.

The move is to provide Novi's dispatch department with backup power during storms and other emergencies.

More secure housing for Novi's transmitters and base station will be found in the Oakland facility as well.

Anyone who wants to use the old city tower will need to be in compliance with standards set by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Federal Communications Commission.

Bidders will also have to outline how their use of the tower will impact the city's equipment.

The timetable calls for the proposals to be in by Sept. 7. They will then be evaluated by Shaeffer, Joseph Burchett, Novi's communications manager, and Carol Kalnovik, the city's purchasing director.

The council is tentatively scheduled to review the recommended proposal Sept. 26.

Road work suspended for holiday

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Drivers will see fewer barrels and barricades on state highways during the Labor Day holiday despite the biggest road construction season in history, the Michigan Department of Transportation says.

M-DOT Director Patrick Nowak said he is suspending all road and bridge construction on state highways except emergency work, detours and construction areas where barriers cannot be conveniently removed.

"This year we are joining with the State Safety Commission's Drive Michigan Safely campaign to help make summer's finale weekend safe and pleasant," said Nowak.

Record numbers of travelers are expected to lag a record 990 million vehicle miles from noon Friday, Sept. 2, through noon Tuesday, Sept. 6, MDOT said. That's

about 1.5 percent higher than the previous record of 975 million miles set over the Labor Day weekend in 1993.

Here are a few areas where traffic still may be slowed over the holiday:

• Metro Detroit—in Oakland County, the right lane of eastbound and westbound I-96 is closed at the Milford interchange.

In addition, the eastbound I-96 exit ramp to Milford Road is closed with a detour at Kent Lake Road.

In Detroit, all lanes of northbound I-75 are closed and detoured to the northbound Lodge Freeway, to eastbound I-94, then back to northbound I-75.

Southbound lanes of I-75 are shifted to the northbound I-75 lanes. Seek alternate routes if possible. Watch for posted detours.

• Monroe County—Traffic on US-24 (Telegraph Road) is

detoured to I-275 during reconstruction of two bridges over Swan Creek and Little Swan Creek south of Flat River. The detour adds about 2.5 miles to the route.

• Saginaw area—Traffic on M-46 over the Tittabawassee River is restricted to one lane in each direction.

• Lansing area—Traffic on I-96 is restricted to one lane in each direction between the I-496 and US-127 interchange and Lansing Road. Take I-496 through downtown Lansing to avoid potential slow downs.

• Southwest Michigan—I-94 is restricted to one lane in each direction for 7.9 miles from Water-viet to Hartford. Near Battle Creek, eastbound I-94 is reduced to one lane at the bridge at F Drive.

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Library Notes

Story hour registration: Novi Public Library is pleased to announce its fall schedule for storytime. Ten story hours per week will be offered starting the week of Oct. 3. Two and 3-year-olds may register for the "The Two of Us" class, and the 4 and 5-year-olds may register for the "On My Own" class.

Registration will be done by a "lottery" format, where caregivers come into the library any time until Sept. 10, fill out the appropriate form, and place it in the lottery box. Forms will then be drawn out of the box until all the classes are filled, and registrants will be notified of their story-hour placement.

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MEAP, college testing are just around corner

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi High School students

Soon after you get settled into your lockers, state and district school administrators will be on your heels to test your aptitudes.

I said aptitudes—not attitudes. Those of you headed for college take note. Novi's Community Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test which comes your way Monday, Sept. 26. Testing will conclude district-wide on Oct. 14.

While there's helpful hints packed into the community education classes on how to tackle college entrance exams, there are few if any tips for conquering the MEAP.

Students will have to do well on the exam if they want to earn a state endorsed diploma to get into the college of your choice—regardless of how well they do on the SAT or ACT.

State law now requires high schoolers to pass at least half of the objectives on the science, math and reading tests. Failure to pass any portion means kids will have to be retested until they get it right.

In Novi teachers have been prepped to take note of individual exam scores when they are returned in the fall. If students failed any part of the test, teachers and administrators have been instructed to pinpoint the deficiencies and work with students on the problem areas in class.

First off, adjustments may be made in students' schedules to ensure they've been exposed to the material they were being tested on.

State has yet to write MEAP replacement

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

State educators promised a state proficiency exam this year that would have replaced the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test.

But the new test has yet been written and MEAP testing dates statewide have already been scheduled, said Novi High School Assistant Principal Chuck Nanas. School districts across the state are gearing up to administer last year's version of the MEAP test which will be given to students on Monday, Sept. 26. Testing will conclude on Oct. 14.

Nanas said he plans to administer the MEAP unless the new and improved state test arrives before the fall testing date.

There are few if no changes on the 1994-95 version of the MEAP, Nanas said. But a change in the test will have an impact on those students taking it.

For example, eleventh and twelfth graders will still be required to pass all three math, science and reading portions of the test to qualify for a state endorsed diploma. Tenth graders, however, will not be required to pass this test for state credit because they will eventually be held accountable

said Novi High School Assistant Principal Chuck Nanas. Remedial work will be done inside classrooms to make sure students are grasping the concepts they scored low on first time around.

"We try to get those kids appropriately placed in classes that deal with what they are having trouble with on the MEAP," Nanas said about students who fail any or all of the MEAP test.

"We check the sequence of classes and make sure the kids are scheduled into appropriate classes," he said.

That means if those who failed algebra or geometry questions on the math MEAP, chances are the district will find some way to juggle math classes around to ensure that students are revisiting algebraic equations and geometric theorems.

The good news is the district is no longer offering remedial courses or tutorial sessions outside the school day to improve scores on the MEAP, Nanas said. Heck, in the past few if any students attended those summer and after school courses, he added.

"Kids don't come to remedial classes. We've done some summer stuff in the past or offered it after school but nobody showed. Remedial work is OK, provided that you've been exposed to the material," he said.

Instead, teachers will keep a close eye on test scores and work with students individually in mainstream classes to help bring them up to speed before the test is re-administered in the spring.

"We tried pulling kids out of class for tutorial courses, but it doesn't work," Nanas said. "Now we just have the teachers work with the kids and we've been very successful. We've placed the emphasis on the classroom because that's where it has to happen."

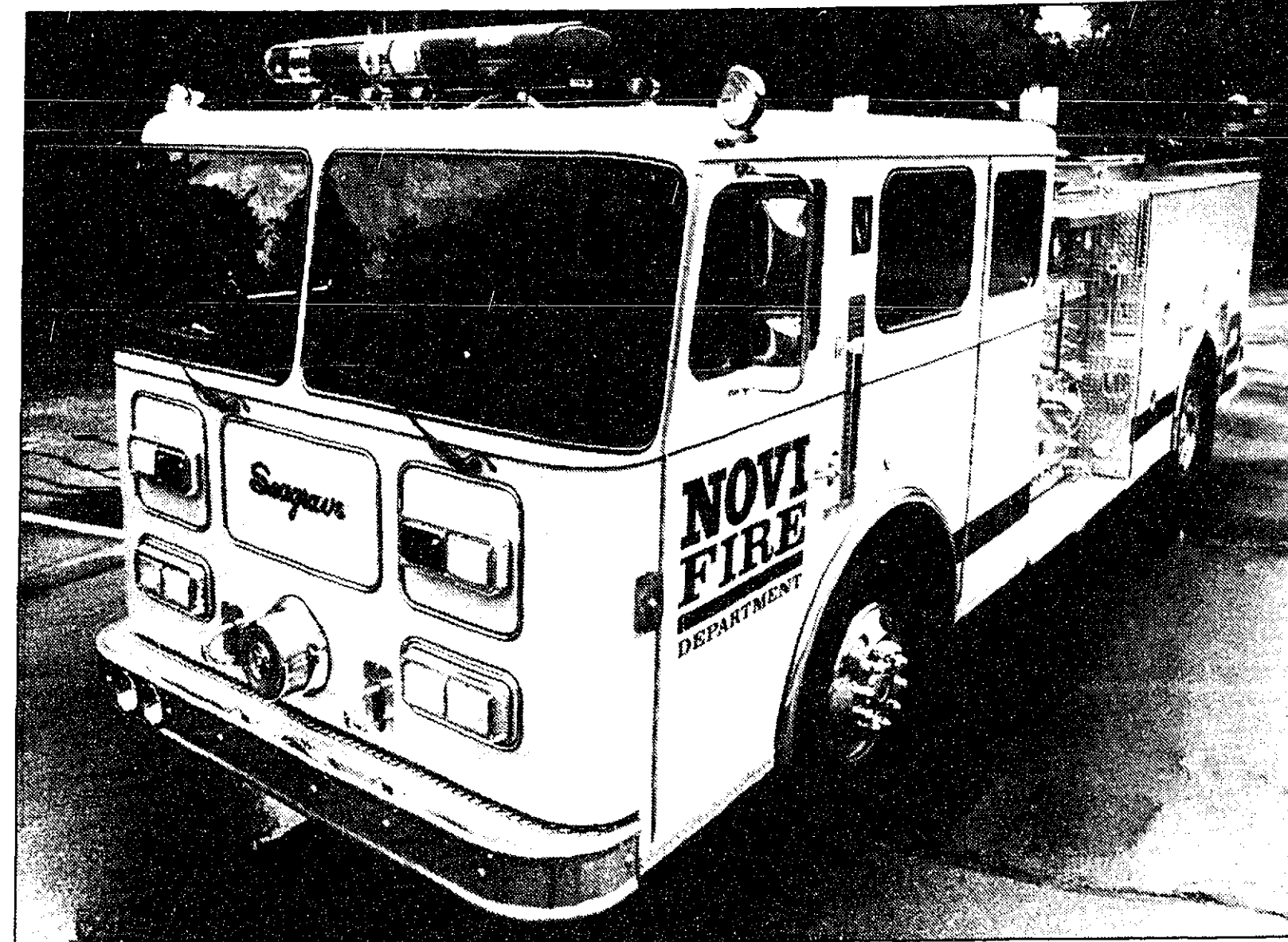


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Hey, good looking

Guess what showed up at Novi Fire Station Number Two several weeks ago? The new arrival is a custom-built, 1993 Seagrave pump-tanker which came with a price tag of a mere \$187,000. The Seagrave replaces a 1978 vehicle, which will now be held in reserve. This baby comes in shiny safety green and white, with a 1,000 gallon tank. Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said the tank should come in handy in parts of Novi which are not on public water lines. The truck is the first one the city owns that complies with 1990 standards

adopted by the National Fire Protection Association, which requires that all fire personnel be seated in an enclosed passenger area, as opposed to a jump seat. Equipment from the older engine was transferred to the replacement. Money from the voter-approved police and fire millage paid for the purchase. And the price was right. "We try to keep these purchases under \$200,000. The average price in the area for the same vehicle is over \$200,000," Lenaghan added.

District's MEAP numbers compare well

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi Community School District has historically had high returns on its Michigan Educational Assessment Program investment.

A survey of high schools in the HomeTown Newspapers' coverage area ranked the district's 1993-94 scores well above others in the same category.

The news was not surprising to district officials pleased with last year's test results.

Last year, 252 high school students were tested. Ninety-two percent tested performed well enough on the math, science and reading tests to earn credit for state endorsed diplomas.

Only two students in the class of 1994 failed to pass more than half of the test objectives to earn any of the three endorsements.

Those students were special education students, Assistant High School Principal Chuck Nanas recalled Monday.

"There are just some kids who will never pass the test regardless of how many times they take the test," Nanas said. "That's not bad it's just a fact."

"I wish I could get them all through. I don't think I'll ever get 100 percent but we always do the best we can."

Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent of instruction, said there was little to say about the HomeTown comparisons but did say she

was pleased with Novi's individual standings.

"We are not the lowest but we do rank right up there," Traynor said. "We passed 92 percent. I feel fine with that. We really worked hard with students to help them pass the test."

"But we have to keep striving and working towards it," she added.

The problem with the comparison, Traynor said, is that it omits the number or percentage of students who passed one or two of three tests for state endorsement. In Novi, that was about 7 percent of the class.

It also doesn't reflect how many times students with certified diplomas were tested before they passed all three exams.

"What is unfair so not to know what other school districts have done to bring them (the students) up to speed," she said. "We really don't know that."

Students take the MEAP twice a year.

State Certified Diplomas

high school	number of graduates	% certified in all 3 areas	% certified in no area
Brighton	354	95.2%	0.5%
Fowlerville	113	90.5	1.7
Harland	214	92.6	2.3
Howell	360	94.7	0.6
Lakeland	223	84.3	3.1
Midford	322	84.8	2.4
Northville	283	94.0	4.0*
Novi	263	92.0	0.7
Pinkney	211	92.42	1.42
South Lyon	216	73.0	10.0

*All are transfers or exchange students.

Northville PTAs ready to take on new year

By YVONNE BEEBE
Staff Writer

The Northville School District's new Parent-Teacher Association officers are ready to take on a whole new year of challenges as students and teachers hit the books this week.

Officers were elected back in May but the real work is just beginning, many of the school's new PTA presidents admit.

Caryn Doehler, who will serve as president of the Northville Coordinating Council of the PTA for her second year, hopes to maintain the same quality that won her organization the "Outstanding PTA Council in Michigan" honor for 1994.

"For us to achieve that award is really remarkable," Doehler said of Northville, a relatively small school district.

"It really says something about our membership and leadership," she said. "Especially since we are a new school, we really want everyone to get involved."

The council serves as a communicating body and works on common projects like this month's Victorian Festival box lunch auction.

Doehler said one of the council's main goals this year is to become more visible and involved with the health committee concerning alcohol and substance abuse by providing support and information for parents.

The Alcohol and Other Drugs Survey taken last year by Northville High School students, Doehler said, has shown that "substance abuse is a statistically, drastically and frighteningly larger



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Students arrive for the first day of school at Northville's new Thornton Creek Elementary.

more than 20 committees to take on upcoming school events and projects throughout the year.

Krause said the PTA plans to focus on making a smooth transition for students, staff and parents during the school's first year.

"We would like to see 100 percent participation," Krause said. "Especially since we are a new school, we really want everyone to get involved."

Northville schools' new PTA officers are: Northville High School—president Kathy Arenz, vice president Iris Nadeau; Cooke Middle School—president Rhonda Bremer, vice president Alice Polumbo; Meads Mill Middle School—president Linda Jo Hare, vice president Mary Ruple; American elementary—president Barb Slubowski, vice president Cindy Atkinson; Moraine—president Jane Gardner, vice president Karen Poulos; Silver Springs—president Kathy Hous-

Friends of the Rouge looking for more volunteers

Volunteers have always been the heart of Friends of the Rouge, and the key to the progress that's being made in revitalizing the Rouge River.

In order to ensure continued success, volunteers are needed.

Volunteer opportunities are increasing as Friends of the Rouge continues to grow, expanding existing programs like Rouge Rescue, the annual clean-up of the river, and establishing new ones like RiverWatch, the new Adopt-a-Stream program.

Below is a list of opportunities where volunteer efforts would be most helpful to Friends of the Rouge.

Some of the opportunities call for special skills while others simply require a willingness to roll up your sleeves and put in a few

hours of hard work. Wherever practical, we will tailor the task to meet the volunteer's schedule and special requirements:

- Newsletter photographer — photograph events, people and photo features.
- Office assistants — general secretarial duties, correspondence, telephone answering, responding to questions and requests for information, filing and mailing.
- Committee members are needed for the following committees —
- Volunteer coordinator — someone to seek out volunteers, providing training, organize volunteer activities, coordinate volunteer scheduling.
- Membership coordinator — solicit new members, renewals, acknowledge receipt of new members and renewals, conduct membership surveys for ideas on activities and projects.
- Newsletter advertising coordinator — solicit advertising, work with advertisers to create ads, prepare and collect billings, distribute tear sheets.
- Newsletter writers — prepare

news items, conduct interviews, write feature stories.

• Newsletter photographer — photograph events, people and photo features.

• Office assistants — general secretarial duties, correspondence, telephone answering, responding to questions and requests for information, filing and mailing.

• Committee members are needed for the following committees —

activities, education, publicity, "brick thing," fundraising, environment, membership, finance.

• Clean-up site coordinators — Rouge Rescue and beyond, organize and coordinate new Rouge Rescue sites and respond to special clean-up requests throughout the year.

• Clean-up volunteers — for Rouge Rescue, to assist River Watch groups and respond to special clean-up requests.

• Activities volunteers — assist as needed at activities such as PedalFest, best Friends of the

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Enrollment short of projections

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi school administrators found student enrollment projection fell 74 students short at the conclusion of preregistration last Friday.

James Koster, assistant superintendent of business and operations, said Wednesday the district has yet to tally opening day student head counts, but enrollment figures taken at the close of the day last Friday indicate enrollment is significantly higher than what school officials projected for the year.

Koster said the district projected 1994-95 enrollment at 4,623 students, 182 more than last year's actual 4,441 student count. As of Aug. 26, the district has enrolled 4,697 students and more were still coming, Koster said.

According to Koster enrollment at all of the district's schools was up for the year except at Parkview

and Orchard Hill elementaries which fell three and 20 students short of their respective projected enrollments.

Novi High School took in 29 more students than projected, but the biggest crunch came where the district needed it the least — the middle school level.

Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School enrollments were substantially higher than projected enrollments, Koster said. At least 54 new students have enrolled at the middle school level, 32 at Novi Middle School and 22 at Novi Meadows.

Koster said he doesn't put as much credence in the Aug. 26 counts as he would in the figures that come every Friday thereafter until the district takes its official Fourth Friday count.

"We really can't judge yet," he said. "We will have to wait a week and a half until the dust settles."

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As We See It

Police must review house party response

It is good to see that Novi police are taking a long hard look at the events surrounding a house party on Nine Mile Road Aug. 19.

Officers were called to the scene by neighbors who were complaining of noise late at night. What police found was a party of more than 100, mostly under age, drinking and smoking marijuana. Three were arrested at the scene, including the renter and two allegedly caught in possession of marijuana in a car outside.

But it took an hour and twenty minutes for officers to shut down the band and break up the party. Officers were repeatedly refused entry to the home by a reportedly uncooperative host, and they did not bust the door down even though they could see partygoers smoking pot inside. They interviewed a number of youngsters at the scene who appeared to be intoxicated, but they didn't arrest any.

And perhaps of most concern, many of the partygoers drove away from the scene in their cars. Although officers did try to screen who was driving, the department admitted it's entirely possible it let under age drinkers get behind the wheel to go home.

It is, as we have said before in this space, difficult to second guess the decisions made by officers on the scene. We appreciate that police were badly outnumbered when a pair of officers were called to a party of more than 100. You couldn't arrest them all. And nothing seems to have the potential to spur violence like alcohol.

Board acts on complaint

Given the position we took last year regarding a policy in Novi schools to protect students from being sexually harassed and our skepticism over whether it would be enforced, we are pleased to note that the school district has acted on a complaint and seems to have handled it well.

The district and the teacher have agreed to a 15-day suspension without pay, but the teacher won't be dismissed from his job.

The action is the result of an investigation launched last school year after the teacher allegedly made "inappropriate" comments about a student and her mother.

The school district's policy calls for the removal of the teacher from the classroom while the allegation is under review. And that was done last year.

Will state get marked down?

Will the state get marked off for being late with its assignment?

The Michigan legislature, you may recall, a few years back passed passage of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test the basis for students to receive state-endorsed diplomas.

The test was to be rewritten for the 1994-95 as a proficiency test.

Now the time is here for this year's round of MEAP tests and, guess what, the state doesn't have its homework done. School districts, including Novi, are getting ready to administer the



Michael Malott

Government

Noneholess, one simply has to be concerned. Allowing a party of under age drinkers to go while an uncooperative host slams the door in an officer's face does nothing for respect for the law among the youngsters who were there.

Of a higher concern, letting youthful drinkers leave the scene in their cars seems unwise in the extreme.

The department needs to examine its response to such house parties, which are rather common after all. That one of the reasons local communities adopted ordinances making hosts responsible for under age drinking at their parties. Although the host in this case will face such a charge in, it didn't seem to be enough.

If officers need more back up or additional support when they are responding to such calls, the department should give it to them.

At a minimum, under age drinkers should be kept from driving and be detained at the scene long enough for them to call their parents to come get them.

Anyone can 'bash the press'



Michael Malott

"Kicking the press is an art."
—Richard Nixon
1972

Yup, but you can break your toe doing it.

A better idea might be to drop by the Country Festival-going on Sept. 16, 17 and 18 at the Novi Expo Center—plunk down a couple of bucks and take a few swings at the press with a hammer.

Well, OK ... not at us personally, at the computers we use to write all those mean and nasty things that you get so mad reading about.

Well, OK ... not at the computers we really use, at the old ones we're getting rid of 'cause we've got our new system in.

Nonetheless, it's a good opportunity to work out some pent up aggressions, all for a good cause. Proceeds of the event will go to local charitable organizations.

Let me explain a bit. We were still picking the Styrofoam kernels out of the keyboards of our new Macs when we discovered we had a new computer-related problem—our office here was awash in old, useless Mycro-Tek terminals. General Manager Rich Perlberg asked around to see if anyone had a use for them, and one employee out in the printing plant mentioned that he did need a new boat anchor. But that only got rid of one.

Idle minds doing what they will, staff here began brainstorming other uses for the old equipment. A sort-of Mycro-Tek Olympics was suggested in which the main event would be a shot put, or "terminal-put" as the case may be, from the roof of our office building. Liability concerns for passers-by quickly nixed that idea.

The Mycro-Tek Masters was ruled out when staff

here could not agree on the object of the contest. Half the writers here wanted to make it essentially a screen-in-one contest. The other half wanted to see how far they could drive a terminal off the tee with a 3-iron.

The problem remained—how were we going to get all those terminals into small enough pieces to stuff them into Hefy bags so we could set them to the curb? And that's when we thought of you, dear reader. For a few bucks, going to a good charity of course, we thought you might like a chance to reduce to rubble the very equipment that was used to write all those articles and editorials that got you so raked off on a weekly basis right up until a month ago.

We figured we'd call the event "Bash the Press." And it is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the center of the midway in front of the Young Country Radio, 99.5 FM, broadcast booth on Saturday.

Not that I think there's really any pent up hostility toward the paper out there. No, I realize our readers really love us and that all those letters to the editor are really written that way for affect and to make for better reading on the Op-Ed page. And I really do appreciate it.

Maybe your aggression is directed toward other media. That's OK. You can still like it out on our terminals. Or maybe it's computers in general you have a problem with, and you'd like a chance to take a few cracks at anything high-tech-like. That's OK too. Proceeds still go to the same place.

Just in case it is personal, I'll lack a picture of your favorite Novi News journalists on the machine so you can give your swing a little extra oomph.

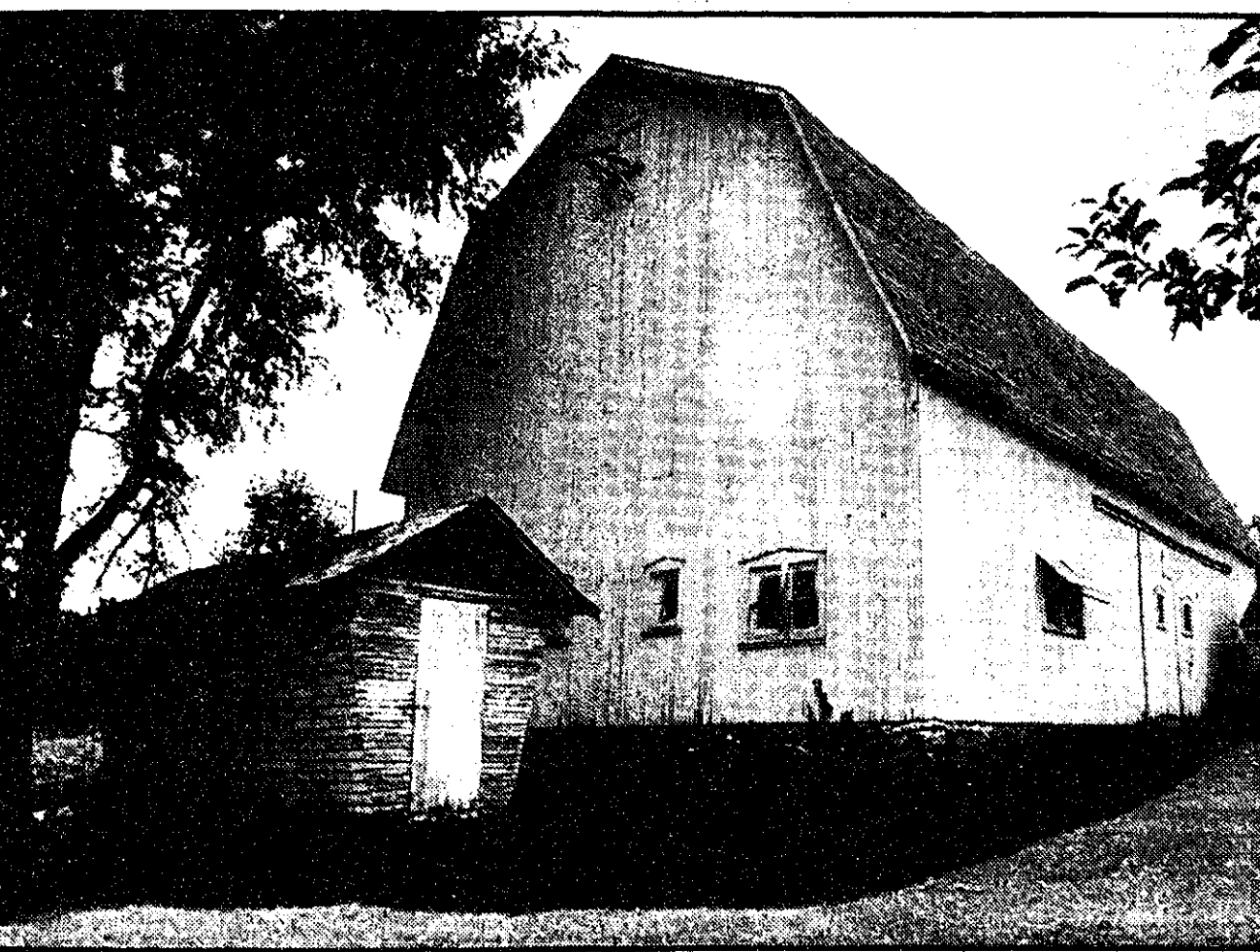
"Don't get the impression that you arouse my anger ... You see, one can only be angry with those he respects."

—Richard Nixon
1973

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



The barn at historic Lincoln Park in the City of Novi

Barnyard morning

Always love getting mail



Michelle Harrison

Most people hate to get mail. Not me.

Even if the majority of my postal box deliveries are bills, which they usually are, I can always count on receiving an entry to the latest sweepstakes. Or an offer for the lowest finance rate on yet another credit card application.

Personal letters and cards are the best pieces of mail to receive—as long as they're nice, that is.

But I was even happier to get a package from Novi resident Nina Cambra a few weeks ago. When I went to interview Cambra last winter for a Creative Living article (she had redecorated her home and we showcased her children's bathroom), the story took an interesting turn when I discovered the mother of two designed greeting cards for Recycled Paper Greetings.

She was also trying to license her creative art work on coffee cups, T-shirts and calendars.

Well, guess what my package was? A 1995 Landmark Calendar, featuring 12 months of Cambra's

hilarious humor. Entitled "Aging With An Attitude," I have to say my favorite entry is September's "calendar girl." She's a hair designer with orange hair (from "Luba's Designs in Hair." Brandishing a pair of scissors, the designer says "Life's a Bleach and then you dye."

Landmark, one of the largest calendar manufacturers in the world, produces over 300 high quality calendars per year and Cambra is only one of nine in the humorous category.

"Licensing is the key," Cambra said, "with greeting cards at the bottom of the pyramid, the calendar next, and then who knows what? The sky's the limit."

The calendar is as definitely as funny as her greeting cards. I get many comments about the one hanging on my bulletin board—a card she sent me after our interview. I would love to divulge the theme of the card—a topic which seems to attract a large market Cambra says, but I promised her I wouldn't as to keep the article tasteful.

However, I didn't promise anything about mentioning it in a column. To clear the air, I want to tout Cambra's horn by saying one of her best-selling cards is a gag.

Michelle Harrison is a Staff Writer for The Novi News.

A clear choice for supreme court



Tim Richard

Voters no longer have an excuse for voting for nice-sounding names when they reach the judicial ballot. There are sharp differences between Democrats and Republicans on the Michigan Supreme Court, which some call "the most political court in the country."

Court candidates give you blather about being firm and fair; they avoid issues. Voters can't tell Tweedledee from Tweedledum.

A good litmus test is the high court's recent 4-3 decision against the South Lyon School District. Adrian and Jeanne Dedes sued because one of their daughters was killed and another injured at a Ten Mile Road school bus stop.

Oakland Circuit Judge Hilda Gage dismissed the parents' suit. The Supreme Court reversed Gage on a party-line vote—Democrats for, Republicans against. The school district must either go to trial or try to settle out of court.

Important fact: The girls weren't hit by a school bus. A Wisconsin man in a car hit them. The high court opinion contains no word on how much, if anything, the Dedes

family got from the car driver's insurer. The family said South Lyon school officials were grossly negligent in arranging the bus stop. An ancient rule of law says, "The king can do no wrong." It means government can't be sued for providing normal governmental functions. Michigan legislators and courts have modified the doctrine of governmental immunity a lot in recent decades. The 1985 statute says a governmental employee is immune from tort liability when:

"The ... employee's ... conduct does not amount to gross negligence that is the proximate cause of the injury or damage. As used in this subdivision, 'gross negligence' means conduct so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury results."

The issue is what's meant by "the" proximate cause. Does it mean "only" cause?

Justice Patricia Boyle (a Democratic nominee) said "it is incorrect to conclude that therefore 'the' means sole." She said the word "may mean" the employee's conduct was "the last proximate cause." After reading much legal history, Boyle found that Sena's bill analyses prepared by staff put so little emphasis on the word "the" that it had no importance when senators voted on it. The high court, Boyle said, couldn't depend on the "plain meaning" of the words in interpreting the law.

That was heresy to Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley, who wrote the dissent for the

Republicans. She said the Democratic majority "ignores the plain meaning of (the statute) by eradicating governmental immunity for state employees who were not the sole cause of an injury ... The court may not ignore, substitute or redefine language." The Democratic interpretation "is in clear derogation of the phrase's plain and obvious meaning."

Political scientists would call the Democratic justices "activists" and the Republicans "strict constructionists." Some would add that the Democrats have a propensity to hunt for "deep pockets"—big bucks—just so the plaintiff gets something.

Clearly the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association (the plaintiffs' bar) is delighted with the Democratic interpretation. The defense bar, school districts and universities favor the Republican interpretation and are dismayed at the decision.

Under Michigan's strange election law, Supreme Court candidates run on a non-partisan ballot. For your information, Republicans have nominated Court of Appeals judges Richard Griffin and Elizabeth Weaver. Democrats will nominate incumbent Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. and (probably) circuit Judge Donald Shelton.

You're ready to cast an informed vote.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local traditions of science and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 Ext. 1881.

Kudos for dealing with speed limits

To the editor:

Kudos to Councilman (Rob) Mitzel and City Manager (Ed) Kriewall for their efforts to do something about the inconsistent and irrational speed limit situation in Novi.

There seems to be no recognizable logic in the establishment of posted speed limits. A typical example is Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

There are no cross streets, only four side streets, and just a couple of homes that face the road, yet the speed limit is set at 30 miles per hour.

Artificially low speed limits and the plethora of poorly timed traffic signals only serve to worsen an already bad traffic management system in this rapidly growing city.

"Rush" hour driving in Novi is beginning to remind me of Houston in the early 80s—terminal gridlock.

David T. Krom

City planning, what planning?

To the editor:

City planning. What planning? I am appalled at the decision rendered by the Novi Planning Commission to allow the Interlock Corporation to build a plastic injection molding factory behind the Meadowbrook Lake subdivision.

What could have motivated such irresponsibility on the part of those who approved such a development in a residential setting? No doubt the approved plan calls for all the built-in safety features imaginable. But, doesn't the Master Plan allow for

Letters

Let me set record straight

To the editor:

I want to thank Mr. Robert Pohlman for his letter in the Aug. 18 issue of the Novi News. Mr. Pohlman's letter creates a viable forum for discussion of alleged demands by members of the Lakes Area Residents Association. I do know however, that the kind gentleman has apparently received some poor information upon which to arrive at the stated conclusions.

The Lakes Area Residents Association was created nearly six years ago. I am proud of its growth, both in numbers and its commitment to work rationally through the existing political structure of our city. The association from its inception has been committed toward improving the quality of life in the lakes area. This commitment has not, and nor will it ever while I am in office, seek to privatize the area's natural resources or to force existing roads that one might use to visit us.

Anyone who has taken the time to visit the lakes area knows that there are serious problems with regard to limited access to the region because of inadequate roads, gravel roads which flood in the summer and often become impassable in the winter, lack of city drinking water which also compromises in some areas the availability of fire hydrants to effectively protect our homes, poor or non-existent drainage and a historical attitude by some city officials that

Leon Doolin

Editor's note: The land on which Interlock will be located is zoned and master planned for a light industrial use.

Harry L. Avagian
LARA President

GOP goes to right on education

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Gov. John Engler's Republicans have veered to the political right over a key public school issue—OBE, or outcomes-based education.

So far, the eight-member State Board of Education has dealt with OBE without disagreement, even though the board contains four Democrats and four Republicans. They're for it.

The Republican leader, however, is saying something different. "Be assured that this government will continue to lead the fight against outcome-based education," Engler told the cheering Republican State Convention in Grand Rapids last weekend.

"Our schools won't be testing attitudes, values and beliefs; they'll be meeting tough, world-class standards. When I'm done, OBE will stand for Only the Best Education," the governor said.

Republican delegates agreed, voting 1,605 to 68 in favor of a resolution favoring "the basics—conventional reading, writing, mathematics and sciences—as opposed to new values-based OBE curriculum and Michigan Model and shall advocate local school board control over curriculum."

Two years ago, a Republican convention nominated state board candidates with experience managing public schools: Dorothy Beardmore (Rochester school board, Oakland intermediate board and Harry Greenleaf (Schoolcraft College board).

This year the GOP turned to outsiders: Sharon Wise of Owosso and W. Clark Durant of Grosse Pointe. Engler endorsed both prior to the voting.

Wise, a party activist and co-owner of a water well-drilling company, attended public schools (including Farmington High) but never has served on a

public school or college board. She advocates "voluntary school prayer" and opposes "multi-culturalism and OBE that concentrates on attitudes, beliefs, feelings and behaviors rather than on academics."

Durant is a Grosse Pointe lawyer who has run for the U.S. Senate and Supreme Court; his spokesman emphasized Durant's work with the archbishop of Detroit on a private school project but cited no public school credentials. Durant didn't attend the convention and had no literature.

OBE is a nationwide line of thinking that emphasizes outcomes (what students should be able to do after graduation) rather than inputs (so many hours of literature, math, etc.). Averaging this year's figure with last year's student population penalizes quickly growing districts such as Northville. Street said.

State Board of Education standards, as drafted, call for prepar-

ing students for a global economy, teamwork and work readiness. It leaves to local school boards the precise curriculum for reaching those outcomes.

Challenging Wise and Durant were several opponents even further to the right who advocated reading, writing, "rhythmic, religion and rote learning. They see teaching as "politicized and psychologized." They see the global view as "foreign to the U.S."

"Everything is group, group, group," said one of their nominating speakers. "This is a deliberate dumb-down. Where are the classics?"

The unsuccessful insurgents denounced several key school improvement laws passed with bipartisan support by the legislature and signed by Engler. One law instructs the state board of education to recommend new curriculum standards.

The school district filed an appeal with the state over the \$9 per-pupil difference. Street said he has not yet received an answer from the state.

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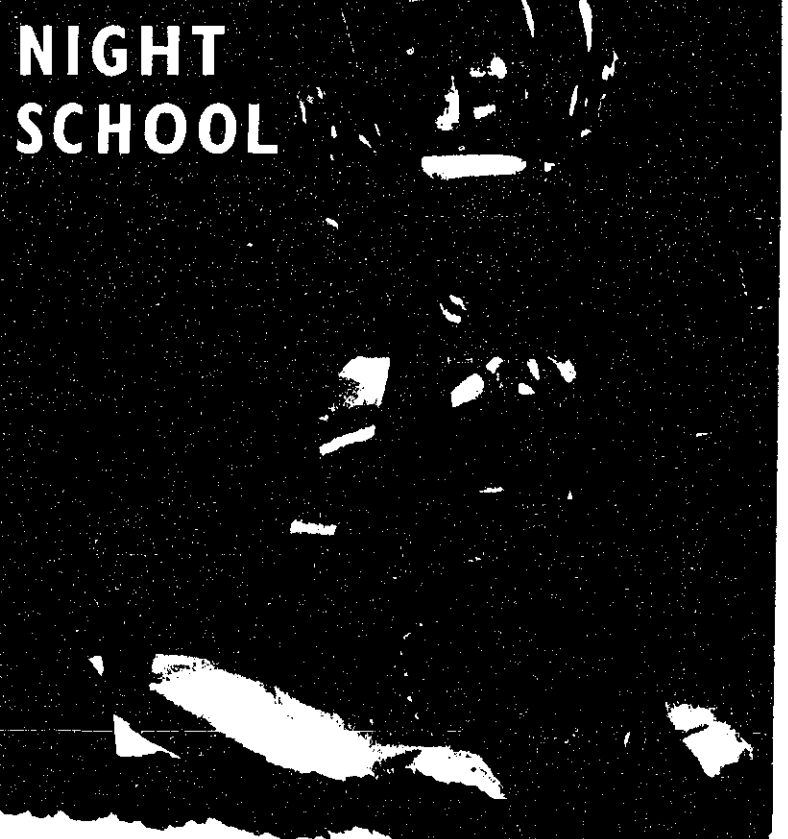
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The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167

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10:00 a.m.—Drawing Men to Christ
10:30 a.m.—(con't)
11:00 a.m.—Happiest People Alive
11:30 a.m.—Money Talks
12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m.—Spontaneous Seniors
1:00 p.m.—(con't)
1:30 p.m.—Home for Life: Electrical
2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Fall Trends
2:30 p.m.—(con't)
3:00 p.m.—Animal Awareness
3:30 p.m.—Community Kids
4:00 p.m.—Exotic Evening: Middle Eastern Dance
4:30 p.m.—(con't)
5:00 p.m.—Lansing Connection
5:30 p.m.—Living with Your Addictions
6:00 p.m.—Jr. Japanese: Lesson 37
6:30 p.m.—Business and Residential News
7:00 p.m.—Cash Talks
7:30 p.m.—Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Fall Trends
8:30 p.m.—(con't)
9:00 p.m.—Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m.—(con't)

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10:30 a.m.—The Job Show
11:00 a.m.—Study in Scripture
11:30 a.m.—Oakland Press Perspective

12:00 p.m.—The Way, The Truth and The Life
12:30 p.m.—Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
1:00 p.m.—Rising Tide
1:30 p.m.—(con't)
2:00 p.m.—Clarenceville 1994 Commencement
2:30 p.m.—(con't)
3:00 p.m.—(con't)
3:30 p.m.—(con't)
4:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family: Retirement
4:30 p.m.—(con't)
5:00 p.m.—Legally Speaking

5:30 p.m.—Groove Session
6:00 p.m.—Spontaneous Seniors
6:30 p.m.—(con't)
7:00 p.m.—The Impossible Dream: Fr. Jim Wright
7:30 p.m.—(con't)
8:00 p.m.—North American Indian Journal
8:30 p.m.—(con't)
9:00 p.m.—Michigan Motorsports: Bob Sanzi
9:30 p.m.—(con't)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00 a.m.—Senior Messenger
10:30 a.m.—(con't)
11:00 a.m.—Neighborhood Meeting
11:30 a.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil
12:00 p.m.—Cash Talks
12:30 p.m.—Good Health
1:00 p.m.—Senior Spotlight: New Legislatures in Health Care
1:30 p.m.—Paws with a Cause
2:00 p.m.—My Vote Courts
2:30 p.m.—Chi-aerobics: Lesson 23

3:00 p.m.—Business and Residential News
3:30 p.m.—Viewpoint
4:00 p.m.—Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
4:30 p.m.—(con't)
5:00 p.m.—Night Life
5:30 p.m.—(con't)
6:00 p.m.—Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m.—(con't)
7:00 p.m.—Travels with Kay: Costa Rica
7:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J.R.: Auto/Home Insurance

8:00 p.m.—Novi News Week
8:30 p.m.—Farmington Focus: Farmington City Services
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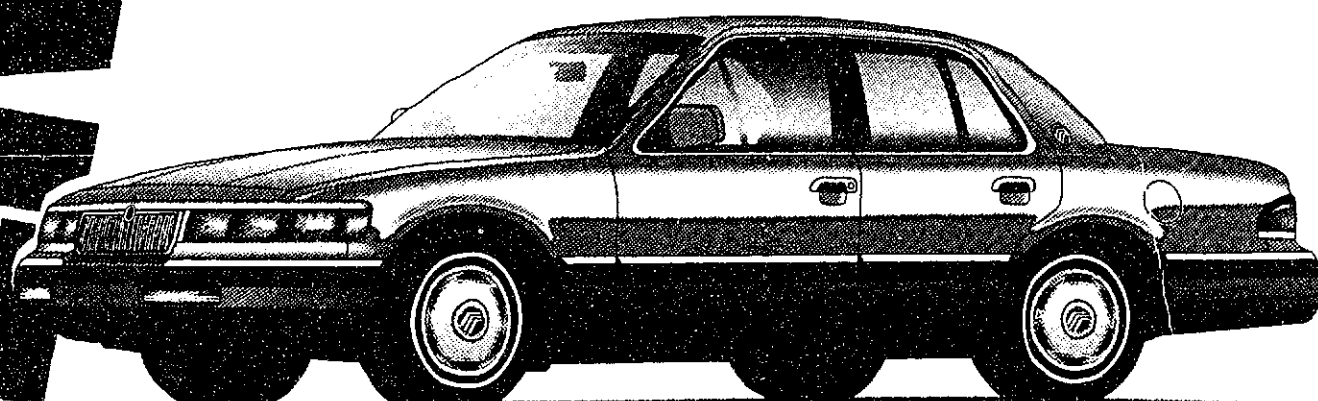
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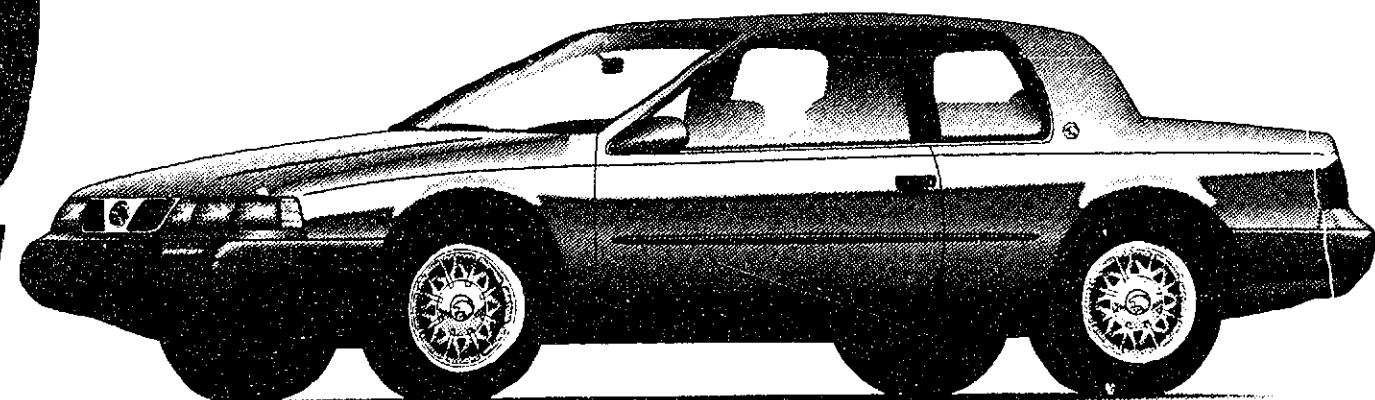
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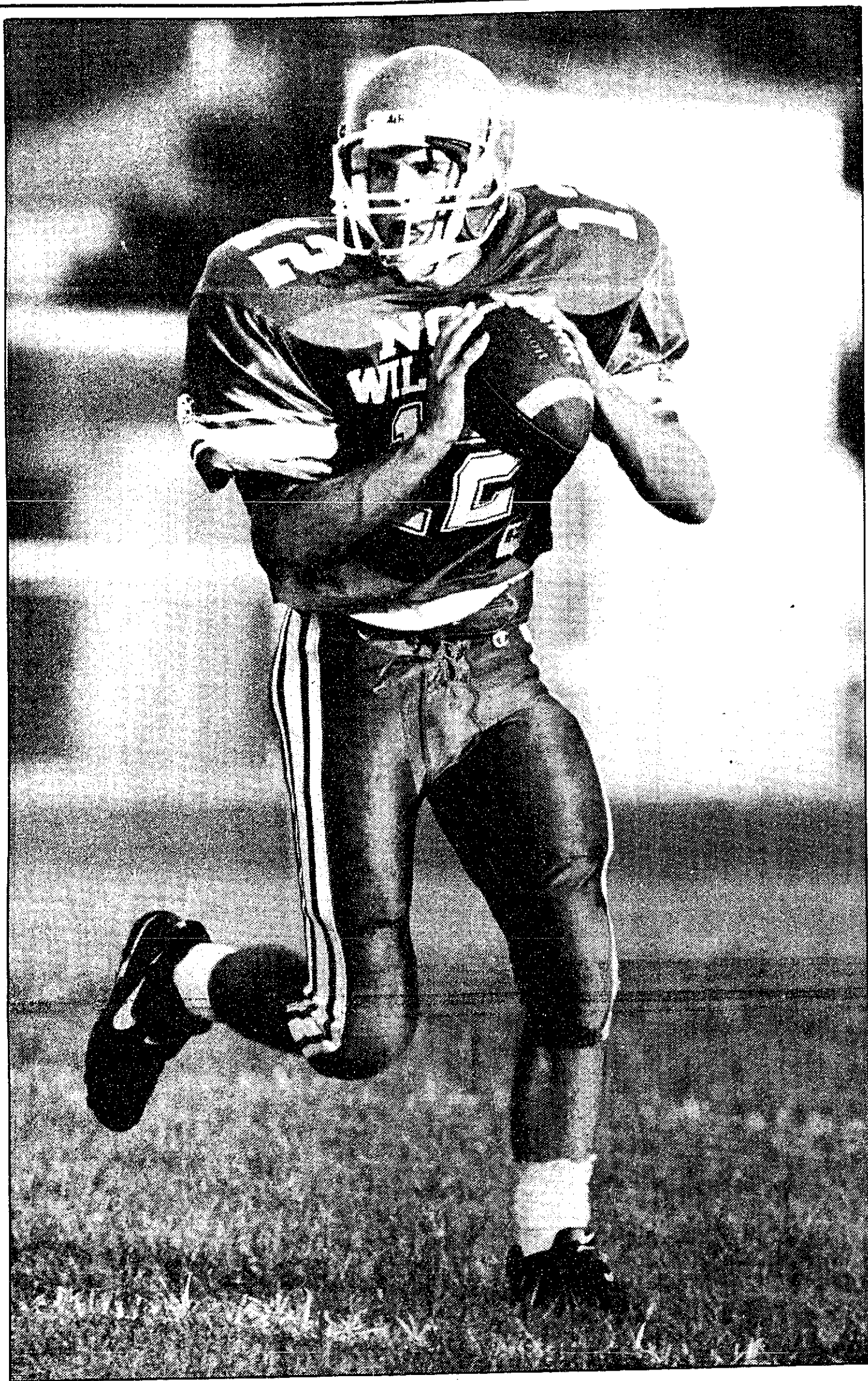
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Quarterback John Wroe hopes to get Novi back on track after several disappointing seasons.

OUTAGE

Novi High School's football team hopes to end the drought of the '90s

Time was, Novi High was the most feared football power in the Kensington Valley Conference. The Wildcats ruled the league with an iron paw from 1986-89 taking four straight titles. So dominate was Novi that it didn't lose a game during the stretch - 24 consecutive wins.

But much has changed since the glory days of the late '80s.

Opponents the Wildcats use to roll over or find a way to beat have bitten them in the past four years. Novi, in fact, has managed just a .500 mark in that time and only an upset of Northville in the final game of 1992 has given them a winning record in the last three seasons.

According to coach John Osborne, it comes down to players.

The Wildcats have had talented gridgers such as Kevin Serra, John Lahti, Joe Young and Matt Kobe in that last four years. But not enough gifted athletes, Osborne said, have come through at the same time to produce the spectacular results of the 1980s.

"We've been close," said the coach, who enters his 27th campaign at Novi tomorrow. "But we can't seem to get over the hump."

Jeff Tanderys quarterbacked the 1986 club that began Novi's string of success. A two sport star, he later went on to pitch for the University of Michigan. He came up with a few ideas on his alma mater's recent problems.

"There's a larger emphasis on athletes (specializing)," Tanderys said. "Back when I played almost all of us played other sports. One sport feeds off another, I think."

"High school kids are pushed to pick one sport now," Lakeland head coach Bill Mohr, who has guided the Eagles for nearly a decade, said Novi's problem may not lie at the varsity level. He noted that the Wildcats JV squad has had low numbers recently.

"It seems over the past few years they've come in with 20 kids in the program," Mohr said. "Obviously that's going to have an impact."

Indeed. In the last four seasons, Novi has compiled an 18-18 record going 5-4, 4-5, 5-4 and 4-5 last fall. It is far cry from the 34-6 record of 1986-89.

At the height of their powers in 1988, the Wildcats were awesome.

Novi won its third straight league title that year and went 8-1 during the regular season. *Brighton Argus* Editor Buddy Morehouse, who had observed the KVC for most of its existence to that point, called the Wildcats the greatest team in league history.

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Gridders look for turnaround in '94 season

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Novi High is going to have something it hasn't had in a long time on the football field this fall: versatility.

Coach John Osborne will be able to throw different looks at Kensington Valley Conference rivals on both sides of the ball. He can go with size, speed or a combination of both.

Whatever he chooses, Osborne will be trying to pull his club over the 500 mark. Novi finished at 4-5 last year and in the middle of the KVC pack.

And the longtime mentor is taking a new approach at changing the Wildcats' fortunes.

"We're aiming at improving our running game," said Osborne, who has been at Novi's helm for more than two decades. "We're going to hang our hats on that."

Like many of their league rivals, the 'Cats will run the "Wing T." The offense utilizes two running backs and a wing back who acts as a runner, decoy or receiver.

Lakeland, South Lyon and Brighton have all run the offense with success. Osborne said his team has had problems defending the Wing T, so, in other words, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

"We were looking for a change because of the makeup of our kids coming back," said Osborne.

Novi has a number of excellent running backs returning to make the offense viable.

It won't be long before KVC coaches know about Jason Witherspoon. A transfer student from Georgia, the sophomore has loads of ability.

"He has great speed in terms of acceleration," said Osborne. "He's got a low center of gravity."

A pair of bruising fullbacks will work along side of Witherspoon. Senior Mark McBride is a hard inside runner while Jim Harrington "plays with great energy," said Osborne. The duo will likely playatoon.

At wing back, speedy Brandon Spence returns. Mike Hicks and Mark Lesperance will also see plenty of action.

Excellent size on the offensive line, all the way up to 285 pounds, will help the running game, too.

Novi will have experience at the guards.

Senior James Cini, who ways in at 165 pounds, runs well and will lead block often. Jason Wigley, also a senior, is a 6-foot-1, 195-pounder.

"He's a nice athlete and runs well," said Osborne.

A pair of massive tackles will also look to open holes. Jason Clemens goes 5-11 and 280 pounds while Steve Martin is 6-7 and 295 pounds.

"He's good one-on-one," said Osborne. The coach explained that his two tackles will be doing a lot of seal-blocking or trying to trap defenders inside while the play develops outside.

Senior Scott Morrison, 5-11 and 225 pounds, is tabbed for center. Kyle Bailey, 6-foot-4 and 275 pounds, will work in a reserve role.

Overall, Osborne said his line has done a good job of learning the new blocking schemes.

"I'm pleased with what they're doing," he said. "But we need to expand what we do."

Senior John Wroe will be entrusted with running the offense. A receiver last year, Wroe has been working hard to make the transition to quarterback.

"Option is his strong suit," said Osborne. "That's why he's in there."

When Novi does elect to throw, Wroe will have experienced receivers to go to.

Seniors Chad Darling and Derek Wiadischkin will headline the group. Jason Callander will see action as well while Pat Dunn and Erich Kelly take the tight end duties.

Novi has made some changes defensively, too.

The Wildcats have gone from six down linemen to five with two inside linebackers. Novi will be trying to take advantage of its speed.

It will be a smaller, quicker line on defense. Lesperance will take nose tackle while Craig Waalega will play along side him.

McBride, Mike Sill, Eric Hoffman, Cini, Matt Buck and Harrington anchor a deep linebacker corps. Wroe, Chad Dicken, Spence, Hicks and Dunn are in the second.



File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Mike Hicks (diving) and Pat Dunn will both play on defense and offense this fall.

Wildcats had great late 1980s streak

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An unprecedented playoff run followed the regular season. Novi whipped Okemos and then beat Monroe. A heartbreaking 13-12 loss to Traverse City may have been the only thing to keep Novi from winning a state title that fall.

"I didn't see it coming," Osborne said of his team's great accomplishments during the period.

Three solid classes of athletes, 1986, 87 and 88 led to the surge, he added.

"It was back-to-back-to-back," Osborne said. "That doesn't happen very often."

In his long career at Novi, he's had one other extended winning stretch. The Wildcats won Southeastern Conference crowns 1972-74 and went undefeated in two of those years.

Players seem to come in cycles, Osborne said.

"About every four years," he commented. For schools with larger enrollments, those cycles come in shorter intervals.

Based on last school year's figures, Brighton tops the Kensington Valley Conference in number of students at 1,725. Howell follows with 1,708 and Milford is third at 1,339. Novi had 1,175 last year.

Not surprisingly, Brighton and Howell have won or split the league title in three of the last four years. Only South Lyon, which has enrollment in the 1,300s, has wrestled a championship away.

"Therein lies the problem," Osborne said. Against Howell, Brighton and South Lyon the

last four years, Novi is just 2-10. Against Lakeland, Milford and Hartland, the Wildcats are 11-1.

"They still give us a lot of problems," said Lakeland's Mohr. "We've struggled against them."

Mohr said Brighton and Howell's dominance may also come down to dollars.

"I think they're spending more money on athletes than the others," he said.

With additions to its athletic facilities, Mohr said Novi may be on its way back.

"They're starting to work in that direction," he said.

One thing's for sure, Novi is taking a different course this fall. Whether its for the better or worse, only time will tell.

Runners look for KVC title

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The Kensington Valley Conference girls' cross country race may come down to the big two and little five.

While Novi is very likely in the league's elite bracket, coach Norm Norgren would like to stand all alone. Only Brighton remains in the Wildcats' way for claiming the crown.

"Brighton is still and always the challenge," said Norgren.

The Bulldogs won the conference, again, last year.

"They've been second in the state three years in a row," Norgren added. "They're the team to beat."

The Wildcats were runners up last fall. An infusion of freshman talent bolted the squad from also-rans into instant contenders.

"The good news for Novi supporters is that all of those youngsters are back. The even better news is that some talented newcomers will join the Wildcats' ranks."

That's not to say that Novi will be without senior leadership. Amy Yang and Audrey Messer will fill that void.

Erin Leib, a junior, is back for her third year of cross country.

Norgren described her as real joy to coach.

"Erin is absolutely consistent," he said, "in practice, meets and everything."

Sara Blummer and Angela Pelletier are Novi's other juniors. Pelletier finished in the 'Cats top seven regularly last fall.

The bulk of Novi's lineup is in the sophomore class.

Jenny Hampton, who earned all-state honors last year, heads the

list. Norgren said she came into camp in great shape and should be excellent again.

"She's a dedicated runner," he added.

Lorna Camp is pushing Hampton for top spot on the team. She was all-KVC and competed in the state meet.

Katie Zimmerman ran in the state finals as well last fall. Zimmerman, Angel Root and Michelle Harrison add great talent and

depth to Novi's lineup.

Lauren Rice and Jenny Bovair are two runners capable of cracking the top seven. Wendy Wrightman and Meghan Kranyak will also look to make a contributions as sophomores.

Three freshmen could be interesting.

Beth Newton has been running "extremely well," Norgren said. Kendra Matheny and Julie Blackmore may surprise, too.

Rec Briefs

NOVI YOUTH BASEBALL: Novi Youth Baseball would like to announce the formation of a travel team division in age brackets from 12 and under to 18 and under. Further details will be announced. For more information, please call John Willis at 349-3084.

NOVI EXPOS: The Novi Expos will be holding tryouts for 1995 travel baseball Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. The tryout will be at Powers Park on Ten Mile Road. Contact Mike Hart at 348-3246 for more information.

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS: The board of directors of Western Wayne County Conservation Association have announced a DNR-sanctioned Hunter Safety class for Sept. 12, 14, 16, 19, 21. The Monday and Wednesday classes are scheduled from 6:30-9 p.m. and the Saturday outdoor session from 8 a.m. to noon. You must attend all sessions and pass a written exam to be certified. The course is open to anyone 12 years of age or older and is mandatory for any first time hunter born on or after Jan. 1, 1960. A hunter safety certificate is also required in many states and Canada to purchase a non-resident hunting license regardless of age.

The class will include instruction in hunter-landowner relations, hunter ethics, safe firearm handling, archery hunting, black powder hunting, survival, first aid for sportsmen, and much more. All classes will be held on the grounds of Western Wayne Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road in Plymouth Township between North Territorial and Five Mile roads. For more information call 453-9843.

FENCING: A beginning fencing course will be held at Oakland County Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus starting Sept. 9. Novi resident Nick Valenti will provide instruction on the art of fencing including history, terms, proper warm-up and basic foil techniques. For more information call (810) 471-7520.

COACHES NEEDED: Manager and coaches for travel baseball teams are being sought by the Novi Baseball Alliance. The NBA currently coordinates three teams of Novi youth playing in metropolitan Detroit travel baseball leagues, and is looking to expand for 1995. Several age brackets are offered by the NBA. For further information or to apply for a position, contact Brad Krause, NBA Administrative Manager at (810) 347-4782.

FITNESS FACTORY: New Fitness Factory water aerobics class are being offered at the Village Oaks Clubhouse Pool (north of Nine Mile Road, between Meadowbrook and Haggerty). Classes will run for six weeks every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. with babysitting available. This is a great low impact workout. Come give it a try. Bring a towel and water shoes to class. For more information call 349-0510 or 349-7928.

Barton, Edwards lead hoopsters in title defense

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It'll be a different look on the court for Novi High this fall.

From players on the floor to a new head coach on the bench, the Green and White will defend its Kensington Valley Conference title with a different cast.

According to skipper Dennis Cichonski, the Wildcats' ship is moving straight ahead.

"Our hard work is going to pay off," he said. "We've got 10 hard working girls that want to win badly. We'll see a good effort every night."

Novi won the KVC title a year ago and compiled a 15-5 record. Kristin Kenny capped a great Wildcat career by leading the team to its first league title.

Cichonski said if his team is to repeat, it'll be a total team effort.

"They realize we don't have a superstar to carry us all season," he said. "But there is a spot for all of

them and they all can make a contribution."

Cichonski was picked as John Hoffman's successor last spring.

He inherits a diverse group. Experienced players like Christine Edwards, Megan Barton and Kelly Kearney return. Others such as Mandy McGlinnen, Lisa Mott and Melissa Strikulis are varsity newcomers.

"I'll use all 10 girls," said Cichonski. "I've got confidence in all of them."

Besides the new faces, Novi will change its style a bit. The squad will go to more of a passing game offensively and try to shut down others at the other end.

"Defense will keep us in games," the coach said. "The Wildcats are going to concentrate on pressuring the ball on the perimeter. Cichonski said his team will need to force turnovers and avoid letting teams dump the ball inside."

"We won't be one of the biggest teams in the conference," he added.

On offense, taking the best shot will be the words to live by.

"The ball will constantly move around until we can make somebody relax," Cichonski said. "We want them to take what the defense gives them."

He's not sure what all of his team's efforts will add up to. But he is sure he'll get the maximum effort from his 'Cats.

"We don't have any quitters," Cichonski said. Barton, Edwards and Kearney will form the nucleus of the club.

Barton will open at point guard while Kearney will take shooting guard and Edwards the small forward slot.

"We want those three to be interchangeable in the offense," said Cichonski. "That trio will keep the offense moving and distribute the ball."

Senior Laura Snider will likely open at power forward. She played varsity last season.

"She's the glue that holds this team together," Cichonski said.

McGlinnen, a senior, is one of the Wildcats new players. At 5-foot-10, she'll play in the middle at center.

"We're depending on her for her hustle and rebounding," said Cichonski.

Michelle Gray will also work at center. The coach said she has a good shot and is more offensive minded.

Lisa Mott will play both forward and guard off the bench. A senior, she'll be joined by junior sister Michelle, who'll back up at guard.

Strikulis will also see plenty of action. Junior Nisha Shaw completes the roster and has "tremendous foot speed," said Cichonski.

Good Luck to The Novi Wildcats We wish you success



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Kickers whip Walled Lake 4-1 as Schimizzi stars

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It's been a perfect season for the Wildcat soccer team.

OK, OK, so the season's only one game old. But Novi High is off on the right track having beat Walled Lake Central 4-1 at home Friday.

Forward Joe Schimizzi scored a pair of first half goals to lead the 'Cats to victory. Novi dominated the game despite being carded 11 times.

Coach Larry Christoff was a little ticked off about the cards.

"We had a whistle every two minutes," he said. "It just stifled the game."

The only serious ramification of the whistles was the loss of Adam Hagfors. He was red-carded, meaning an automatic one game suspension.

Referees ejected Hagfors for pulling down a Walled Lake Central player from behind. The player was on a breakaway and Hagfors tried to knock the ball away from him.

"There's tremendous inconsistency among referees," said Christoff.

At any rate, Novi played well in its opener.

Schimizzi opened the scoring at the 9:30 mark on a pass from Bob Hart. Kevin Ansara made it 2-0 minutes later as Schimizzi assisted.

The game became a rout late in the half. Dave York fed Schimizzi and the forward dribbled in about 30 yards before kicking it home.

The half ended with Novi up 3-0. All-state candidate Chris Young closed scoring for Novi early in the second half. Mark Schaefer assisted.

Walled Lake got a goal with about 10 minutes remaining to ruin Novi's shutout bid.

"It was a good start for us," said Christoff.

The Wildcats' success shouldn't come as a great surprise. The squad put together an excellent '93 campaign going 12-5-1 and making it to the district finals.

"I think we're very capable of that again," said Christoff.

Novi lost eight players to graduation. But the coach thinks he has got enough talent to replace the likes of Dave Zycorski and Kevin Sitts, among others.

"Barring any injuries," said Christoff, "it should be a very competitive year."

The Wildcats will be talented at midfield.

Ansara and York lead a gifted group that also includes John McShane, Brian Habich, John Trimescu and Schaefer. Novi will look to get some offense from the halfback slot as they'll be playing with just two forwards.

"We've got youth," said Christoff. "But we are talented and will improve."

Schimizzi and young will anchor the forward line. Kelly Barber is likely to see time up front.

Dave Stevens and Bob Hart will be mainstays at fullback. Joe Meyer and Dave Hart will handle the goalkeeping duties.

WILDCAT STARS

Varsity players Brian Mitchell and Schimizzi were selected as all-stars over the summer. Playing in a week-long camp sponsored by Midwest Soccer Academy, the duo will be eligible to tour Europe next summer.



Joe Schimizzi scored a pair of goals against Walled Lake Central.

File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Harriers to challenge KVC powers

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Boys cross country coach Bob Smith is as happy as a bug in a rug.

Why you ask? That's easy. A whopping total of 33 students have come out for his squad this fall.

"It's by far the biggest squad we've ever had," he said. "We're gigantic."

While Novi might not be ready to butt heads with Brighton and other league powers just yet, the increased numbers should provide for a brighter '94. With greater numbers, Smith said, it's easier to develop a quality team.

The bigger your pool, the better your chances," he added. "Novi went 2-4 in the Kensington Valley Conference last year and wound up in fifth place."

"We're going to be better," said Smith. "We have some kids that have run a lot in the summer."

These kids have prepared themselves.

Novi doesn't have a superstar. But Smith said his runners are all consistent and will pack very well.

"There are no gaps," he added. "Seniors will lead the way."

Adrian Snow is back for his second year of varsity. He was the Wildcat top runner a year ago.

"He's gained a lot of confidence," said Smith.

Rob Mutch is a team captain. The senior showed great dedication this summer by logging more than 500 miles of roadwork.

"He's in the epitome of shape," Smith said.

Anthony Kozadinos and Jeremy Maynard are the other tri-captains. Both have improved and seem to be over injury problems that slowed them last year.

"We're going to be better," said Smith. "We have some kids that have run a lot in the summer."

Seven runners compete in varsity races with the top five times counting towards the team score.

John Scherger is back for another campaign, too. Eric Brandon, a senior, is a first-year runner.

"He's one of our more natural runners," said Smith. "He could be a real surprise."

Novi's lineup is rounded out with both experience and youth. Mike Girard and Ryan Henderson are juniors while Cameron Chipponeri, Dikran Ornekian and Chris Duprey are sophomores.

Brian Fischer and Jason LeRoy are among 10 freshmen on the squad.

Millard, Lakeland and Brighton are the teams to beat. Smith said the Wildcats will be ready to pounce if any of those school falter.

"We have the biggest and deepest team we've ever had," he added.

Scott Shepley and Dave Walle are two other sophomores to look for.

Shepley is trying to overcome a stress fracture in his leg but "looked awesome in practice Friday," Smith said. Walle, like Mutch, ran 500 miles over the summer.

"He's oozing with potential," the coach commented.

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Netters compete in Holt Invitational

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Mission accomplished.

The Wildcat tennis squad traveled to Holt Invitational Saturday with the idea of just getting their feet wet. According to coach Jim Hanson, they did just that.

"I'm not displeased with the fact that we took fifth," he said. "We went up there with the idea of seeing good competition. We did."

Novi placed fifth in the six-team tournament. Class B Ovid-Elise won the championship with 19 points. Kalamazoo Central was second with 14. Battle Creek Central third with 13. Holt was next with 12 and Novi had 11 points. Pinckney was fifth.

For the 'Cats, it was a long day-literally.

Holt is adjacent to Lansing making for an hour-half bus ride. Topping it off was nearly 12 hours of tennis for the netters on a hot summer day.

"The kids were really drained," said Hanson. "The weather was very hot and humid. Our conditioning factor had to be good."

It certainly was for Emily Pines. The senior finished second in the tournament by taking two straight matches easily and then falling in a tough finals match to a player from Kalamazoo Central.

"Emily gave her a great battle," Hanson said. "If she

plays that way throughout the year, I'll be very happy."

At second singles, Susan Lemay was third. She split her first two matches then won in the battle for third in two sets and a tie-breaker over an Ovid-Elise competitor.

Cassie Lewis placed fifth at third singles. She dropped her first two matches then won a 6-0, 6-1 decision in her last match.

Jill Kelllogg and Kristin Martell beat a Pinckney squad in the second round for their lone win. Jackie Gabriel and Jenny Cowley also won in the second round at No. 2 doubles.

Jenny Dierdzic and Beth Crowley played three tough matches, but came out on top only once.

"Of all the doubles teams they played the best," said Hanson.

Sarah Rittner and Alice Lin were third at No. 4 doubles. They won two out of three matches.

Hanson came away from the tournament pleased with his singles players. But, he added, doubles need some work.

"We have a ways to go," Hanson said.

Golfers place sixth in league meet, beat Thurston

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It wasn't exactly the way John Peace wanted to start his season.

But then the Wildcat golf coach is used to slow starts. Just like a year ago when Novi High won the Kensington Valley Conference championship, the linksters didn't fare well at the pre-league meet.

Novi, in fact, finished last Thursday at Brighton's Huron Meadows Golf Course. The Wildcats totaled 336 over 18 holes while Brighton walked away with the crown at 312.

Hartland was second at 316. Howell was next at 317. Lakeland

319 and Milford fifth with 332. Novi and South Lyon tied at 336.

Peace said the tournament results points to the strength of the league.

"There's years where that score (336) would've been third or fourth," he said.

If Novi is to repeat as KVC champ, it'll have to get hot and stay that way. The dual meet season and post-league meet are the other two-thirds that go into determining the champion.

"We need to see if we can win three or four dual meets," Peace said. "We need to be 4-2 going into the second league meet."

Rich Vandermass played great golf Thursday. He finished second in the league with a round of 74.

"He's really coming on," Peace said.

Mu Naruse was Novi's next finisher at 86 while Derek Ho shot an 87. Jeff Fannon's 89 closed the Wildcats' day.

"We didn't shoot well on the front nine," Peace said.

Novi scored a 174 for the front nine and 160 on the back. Peace attributed the difference to the inexperience of some of his players.

"I can't be too upset with it," he said.

Northville footballers to rebuild after great '93 season

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A vastly different Mustang football team will take to the field tomorrow night at home against South Lyon. More than two dozen players graduated from last year's squad that went 9-2, including a playoff victory over Detroit Chadey. And while familiar faces like Bryan Kelly, John Gatti, Marc Golden and Fred

Swartout are gone, coach Darrel Schumacher believes the 1994 squad will deliver another fine season.

"I think we'll be okay," he said. "We've just got to mature and believe in ourselves. I believe in this group."

Northville will get a stern test tomorrow. South Lyon fields a strong running game and is a hard hit-

ting team.

"It's a tremendous opener," Schumacher said. "They have excellent speed in the backfield."

The key to beating the Lions will be stopping their Wing T offense. It utilizes three running backs and is similar to the option.

There's so much deception to it," Schumacher said. "It's assignment football. Everyone has to be

tackled (out of the backfield). It'll take some hard work by our defense to stop it."

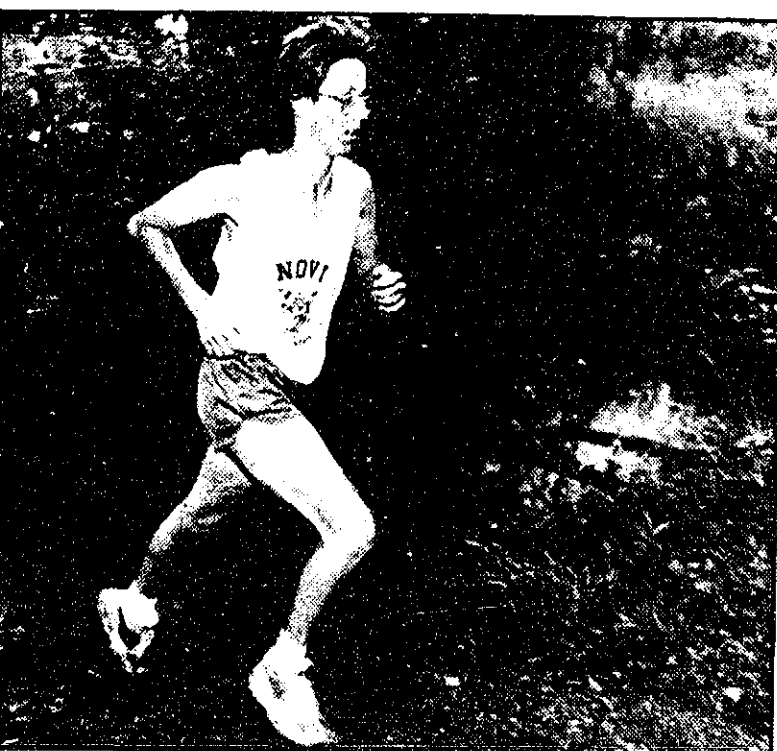
Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

A total team effort will be needed to produce a winning season for Northville. Offensively, the Mustangs are hoping to get it done with some talented newcomers.

Even though their scores didn't count towards the team's finish, Bill McKinney, Paul Joyner, John Kobylarek and John Burrows played well. They each shot 86.

Vandermass was again the top

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9/20	Brighton	A	7 p.m.	9/22	W.L.	H	7 p.m.	9/20	Howell	A	4 p.m.
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9/26	W.L. Western	A	7 p.m.	10/4	Livonia Churchill	H	7 p.m.	9/24	Saline Invite	A	4 p.m.
9/27	Hartland	H	6 p.m.	10/6	Brighton	A	6 p.m.	9/27	Brighton	A	4 p.m.
9/29	South Lyon	A	6:30 p.m.	10/8	Oakland County	A	TBA	9/29	Millard	H	4 p.m.
10/6	Millard	H	6 p.m.	10/11	Chelsea	A	6:30 p.m.	10/4	Howell	H	4 p.m.
10/8	Northville	A	12:30	10/20	West Bloomfield	A	6:30 p.m.	10/6	Howell	H	4 p.m.
10/11	Lakeland	A	7 p.m.	10/25	Northville	A	7 p.m.	10/11	KVC	A	TBA
10/13	Brighton	H	6 p.m.	11/1	Livonia Franklin	H	7 p.m.	10/14	Regionals	A	TBA
10/17	W.L.A.	A	TBA	11/4	Brighton Invite	A	4 p.m.	10/21	Regionals	A	TBA
10/18	Howell	A	7 p.m.	11/5	Brighton Invite	A	2 p.m.				
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9/6	Millard	H	3:30 p.m.	9/6	W.L. Western	H	7 p.m.	9/8	Millard	H	4:30 p.m.
9/8	South Lyon	A	3:30 p.m.	9/8	W.L. Central	A	7 p.m.	9/10	Schoolcraft	A	10 a.m.
9/13	Lakeland	A	3:30 p.m.	9/8	Livonia Churchill	H	7 p.m.	9/13	South Lyon	A	4:30 p.m.
9/15	Hartland	H	3:30 p.m.	9/15	F.H. Harrison	A	7 p.m.	9/20	Lakeland	A	4:30 p.m.
9/15	Howell	A	3:30 p.m.	9/15	Farmington	A	7 p.m.	9/24	W.L. Invite	A	8 a.m.
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9/22	Ann Arbor Huron	H	7 p.m.	9/22	Ann Arbor Huron	H	7 p.m.	10/4	Oakland County	A	10 a.m.
9/26	Oakland County	A	8 a.m.	9/27	Millard	A	7 p.m.	10/11	Brighton	H	4:30 p.m.
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Rob Mutch ran more than 500 miles over the summer.

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City plans park expansion

By CINDY STEWART
Special Writer

Novi Parks and Recreation always offers year-round activities and events for kids of all ages. As Novi's population grows, so does the need for space. In the next few years a lot of park expansion will be happening at Novi to handle the growing activities.

First on the list is the Ella Mae Power Park expansion. The City of Novi is now accepting bids for the construction of the 10-acre expansion which is scheduled to begin next month. Included in the expansion will be two ball fields, a restroom facility, new playground equipment, walking trails and expanded parking in the rear of the complex. This expansion is made possible by the Iva Furst

will bequeath. A ceremonial ground breaking will take place on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 1 p.m. The "Friends of the Park" program will also kick in at this time. Parks and recreation will have more information upcoming.

The second Park Expansion Project will be the 72-acre Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier Roads. The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission has been finalizing the design and master plan for this facility which will include nine ball fields, six soccer fields, restroom and concession facilities, playground equipment, walking trails and parking. The facility could possibly include sand volleyball, basketball, and tennis courts if space permits.

The community Sports Park project is made possible from the \$9.9

million park bond program and is scheduled for completion by the end of 1995.

The Aquatic Complex project is still in the concept phase, but a group of very active citizens are working hard to make this dream come true. The anticipated facility would include a zero depth entry pool, an interactive children's play area, two or three water slides, sand play area, concession, restroom and locker room facilities as well as a picnic area.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Council Chambers to review, design and make a decision to send a recommendation to the City Council for further action on the project. We welcome and encourage all residents to

come out Sept. 8 and voice their opinions on the proposed Novi Aquatic Center.

If Novi continues to grow and grow, the residents will need more Parks and Rec activities, events, classes and leagues for the children, adults and seniors alike. The dedicated Parks and Recreation staff continue to come up with activities for the families of Novi and encourage you to take advantage of all they offer. If you haven't already, check out your new Parks and Recreation brochure. If you didn't receive one, stop by the Civic Center and pick one up.

Cindy Stewart is the Director of Public Information for the City of Novi.

Prepare childrens' eyes for school

The fall clothes are picked out and the new book bag is bought, but are your children's eyes ready for the new school year?

Vision screenings at school give a rough estimate of eye-muscle balance and degree of nearsightedness or farsightedness, but for the most accurate results, the child must be thoroughly examined by an optometrist.

A comprehensive eye exam takes about an hour in the office and includes a case history to identify risk factors. These include whether your child was carried full term, past eye injuries, general medical history, and a family history of amblyopia (lazy eye), high eyeglass prescriptions, crossed or

wandering eyes and any other eye or medical disorders.

Next, the external eye and lids are examined for disorders or congenital disorders. The six muscles that rotate each eye are tested for function and alignment. This is critical if young eyes are going to develop normally, without amblyopia. A test is then done to determine the accuracy of any existing eye wear prescription.

Reading vision is tested, depending on symptoms, to assure the eyes can focus at all distances accurately and comfortably. This can make the difference between an intelligent student struggling with school work and one who excels.

Finally, the internal health of the eye is carefully assessed through a dilated pupil. Dilation relaxes the focusing muscles so the prescription can be verified independent of the child's subjective eye test response.

Visual development includes a stage of farsightedness usually outgrown in elementary school. This situation often can be monitored without the use of corrective lenses if it does

not hurt school performance.

The American Optometric Association recommends thorough eye exams at ages 3 and 5, and then annually during the school years. Your eye doctor may advise a different schedule based on history and risk factors.

But in between office visits, parents should be aware of the following behavioral symptoms of poor vision:

1. Sitting close to the TV, avoiding sports, squinting and headaches can all be signs of nearsightedness.

2. The avoidance of reading, eyestrain, tearing or headaches can signal farsightedness.

3. Astigmatism can produce any of the above symptoms. It results from the front of the eye being football-shaped instead of normal and round. As a result it blurs vision both near and far.

Dr. Tim Kirk is in private practice at Town & Country Eyecare in Novi. This column is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the U-M Health Centers.

Altitude can alter physical fitness

In the Great Lakes area, we are at 700 to 1,000 feet above sea level.

If you travel to Mexico City (7,340 feet) or the Rocky Mountains (10,000 feet), your brain may not detect the difference immediately, but your body will, especially when you exercise. Listen to your body.

Altitude reduces your physical fitness. To understand why, you need to know the basic biochemistry of energy production. Any activity—even sitting or sleeping—requires energy. The body produces this energy by burning stored food in the presence of oxygen.

As you exercise, your body needs to deliver enough oxygen to all areas where food is stored so the two can combine to produce energy. At high altitudes, however, there is decreased availability of oxygen at the tissue level. The air has the same percentage of oxygen as at sea

level.

But because of a lower barometric pressure, the force driving oxygen into the blood and tissues is reduced. Your tissues must operate with a decreased oxygen supply.

Elevations below 5,000 feet have little effect on performance. But above 5,000 feet, your physical fitness will decrease 3 to 4 percent for each 1,000 feet. At Mexico City's 7,340 feet, you can expect a 7 to 10 percent decrease in fitness.

At extremely high altitudes, fitness may drop considerably. A decline in fitness will be noticeable only in activities of extended duration such as distance running. The 100-yard sprinter will not be affected.

Q: It seems that symphony conductors have long lives. Is there anything in their jobs that contributes to longevity?

A: Apparently so. Arturo Toscanini, Leopold Stokowski and Paul Paray all reached their 90s. Some researchers suggest their enviable longevity may be related to their sense of control and job satisfaction. Others, however, believe that their regular, sustained upper body exercise may be responsible.

Q: Conventional wisdom says you shouldn't swim right after eating because you could get stomach cramps. Anything to that?

A: No. Stomach cramps during swimming are probably unrelated to eating. Going into the water right after eating a light meal should not cause any problems. Collegiate swimmers have been known to consume heavy meals before competing and still perform well, without symptoms.

Q: Americans are getting taller and heavier. But how about the posterior portion of the anatomy?

A: The American derriere is getting bigger. Baltimore's new Camden Yards ballpark has 22-inch wide seats. The old Memorial Stadium seats were 19 inches across.

Barry Franklin, Ph.D., is director of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Exercise Laboratories at William Beaumont Hospital. His new book, "Making Healthy Tomorrows," is available by calling 1-800-289-4843.

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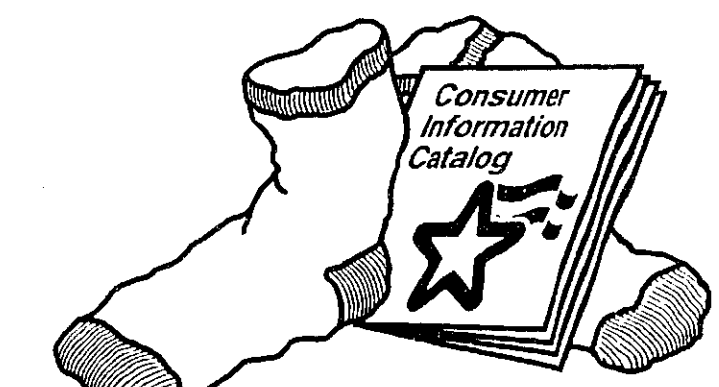
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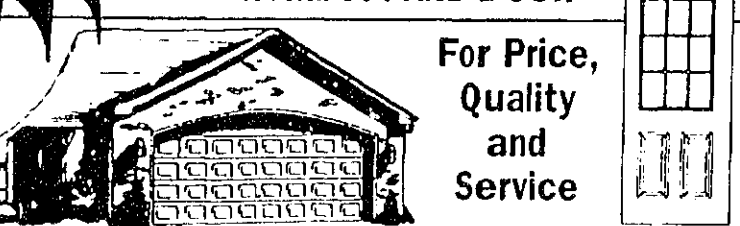
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Tabloid TV star Wayne Gale (Robert Downey, Jr.) and his assistant Julie (Terrylene) interview Mickey Knox (Woody Harrelson).

A CULTURE OF VIOLENCE

America has become a society steeped in violence. And most decent, ordinary people are sick of it.

Or are they?

Cesar Award-winning filmmaker Oliver Stone challenges our conventional outrage with violence in his newest film, "Natural Born Killers," a hallucinatory journey that shocks and disorients as it reveals and informs.

Holding up a warped mirror of contemporary excess, Stone confronts us with a satire on our culture of violence and the media's ratings-driven exploitation of that culture.

"Natural Born Killers" brings two of the most terrifying, relentless and cold-blooded mass murderers imaginable to the motion-picture screen — in a love story, about Mickey and Mallory Knox who have vowed to adore each other to the end... about the American media's fatal attraction to the unspeakable... and about the American public, who drew ever-closer to the carnage even as they found that the next bullet was aimed right at their own heads.

Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis star in a riveting look at two savage lost souls and the avaricious tabloid media that made them into cult heroes. Robert Downey Jr. stars as tabloid TV-show host Wayne Gale, whose calculated strategy to boost his ratings has unexpected consequences: Tommy Lee Jones stars as an outlandish prison warden who thinks he knows his population — until it's too late; and Tommy Sizemore stars as an obsessed, media-hungry law enforcement officer whose success on the job comes from thinking almost exactly

like his quarry.

"Natural Born Killers" brings a surreal panorama of unforgettable characters and situations to the screen, and focuses sharply on the possible causes and effects of the media's fascination with evil. The viewer must constantly wrestle with his own emotions as he questions his response to the murderous spree of Mickey and Mallory. Both the perpetrators and the victims of their own acts, the Knoxes are simultaneously the ringmasters and sideshow of a bizarre media circus.

From Diane Sawyer's interview of Charles Manson to Stone Phillips' interview of Jeffrey Dahmer — between February 17 and May 27 of this year alone, "reality-based" tabloid and network news shows such as "Inside Edition," "Hard Copy," "A Current Affair" and "PrimeTime Live" broadcast 45 stories that graphically focused on murders, spree killers and their victims. The events and people covered by tabloid journalists and "feature news" programs in early 1994 included the following:

- a man who shot six people in a fast-food restaurant;
- a postal worker shot to death by her boyfriend;
- a convicted murderer who was paroled after 22 years and then killed 11 more people;
- a confrontation between a man who'd shot a three-year-old in the head and the dead child's father;
- a man who murdered a woman in front of her children and was freed on parole 24 years later; and

• the man who gunned down commuters on the Long Island Railroad.

And the list does not include actual "news" stories such as the heavily covered trial of the Menendez brothers, who confessed to shooting their parents, or the myriad of made-for-TV movies "inspired by true stories" about sensational killings of the recent past.

Killers are the hottest media draws around. As politicians speak out against crime and violence and as American voters demand more protection from society's predators, some 95 million Americans watched the televised manhunt for O.J. Simpson in fascination, cheering the former football hero as he eluded police, and scores more tune in daily to tales of domestic mayhem. Violence is our most seductive form of contemporary entertainment.

"Tomorrow — tonight — Mickey and Mallory Knox can happen," said Stone in his production notes. "And they, too, would have their hour in the sun, and then give way by the next two issues of 'TV Guide' to the next predator in the ratings war."

"When we set out to make 'Natural Born Killers' in late 1992, it was surreal," he said. "By the time it was finished in 1994, it had become real. In that warped season, we saw Bobbitt, Menendez, Harding, King, Buttafuoco and several other pseudo-celebrities grasp our national attention span with stories of violence, revenge and self-obsession. Each week America was deluged by the media with a new soap opera, insurance ratings, money and, above all, continuity of the hysteria."

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BACK TO SCHOOL In Style

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

If you're mad about plaid, then you're sure to be one of the fashionable ones this school year, according to store managers of clothing shops located inside Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall.

"Plaid is very in," confirmed Kris Westfall, manager of Children's Place, a clothing store catering to infants and children up to size 12.

Flannels and stripes are also safe bets, according to Michelle Robert, manager of Merry Go Round.

And if you really want to be among the fashion elite, add a pair of suspenders to your shorts or pants, Robert said.

"Suspenders are really making a comeback" especially for the ladies, she said.

For the older set, guys can complete the in "retro" look with baggy pants, often referred to as the "skater" look, according to Robert. Body suits, long skirts and dresses topped with a denim vest will get girls the thumbs-up from fashion experts.

Swing tops, a longer top that falls past the bottom and flares out, framed with a pair of matching leggings are the rage among the preschool to 7-year-old age group, said Jessica Fougner, assistant manager for Cymboree. "For boys, pants with mock shirts and sweaters" are in, she added.

The trendy mock shirts are like

SCHOOL FASHIONS WHAT'S HOT

1. Plaid, plaid and more plaid.
2. Earth tones.
3. Denim is always cool.
4. Leggings for girls, mock shirts for boys.
5. Suspenders.
6. Comfort.

WHAT'S NOT

1. Bell bottoms.
2. Bright colors.
3. Tight jeans.
4. Labels.
5. Anything hooded.
6. The real dressy look.



a combined T-shirt and turtle-neck. Fougner explained. They also look great paired up with sweat pants.

Cotton coveralls, "Cargo" pants-cotton twill pants-and, as always, sweats, are in for older boys.

"They're big on sweats and fleece tops," Westfall said. "... they're really comfortable. Comfort is in this year."

Corduroy is making a comeback, whether it's in the form of pants or walking shorts, for older girls as well as are ribbed riding pants and fleece flared skirts.

And if frill makes you ill then you're definitely in luck. The really dressy look is O-U-T, according to clothing store managers.

Also failing to make a fashion

"We went through that (bright color) phase ...

Bright colors are not

trendy anymore."

Michelle Robert
Manager, Merry Go Round

grade this year are bell bottoms, old style hook-ups (clothes that used to come in matching sets), labels on clothing, tight jeans and bright colors.

"We went through that (bright color) phase," Robert said. "Now, it's earth tones-beiges and browns. Even our jeans are now in black, ink blue, blues, creams and beiges. It's very, very basic colors. Bright colors are not trendy anymore."

But most important this year is comfort.

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Right, Kelly Kah, Bryan DeVries and Ryan Krol are dressed for success with clothes from Merry Go Round. Bottom, Danielle Wyatt, left, and Kristy Kah look smart in their duds from Cymboree. Both stores are located inside Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.



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Senior ministry offers trips for area residents

The JOY Ministry of the Northville Christian Assembly invites other area senior citizens to participate in a trip to Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia Oct. 7-13.

The Pennsylvania trip will include a stop for the stage show, *Behold the Lamb*. It is the most dramatic portrayal of the life of Jesus Christ, staged in the state-of-the-art Sight and Sound Theatre in Strasburg, Penn. Also included is a water, light and screen show which is a triumph of artistry and engineering.

The seniors will take a ride through the Pennsylvania countryside with a knowledgeable Amish guide where they will be escorted to an Amish home to have dinner with the family.

In Virginia, the itinerary includes a stay at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. There, seniors will be treated to a production of *Shenandoah*, an epic performance with a large cast and live orchestra as well as an authentic Civil War setting.

Visits to the 700 Club and the university are other activities planned for seniors while traveling through Virginia.

The final evening of the trip will be in West Virginia where the group will lodge at a state park located on the banks of the Blue-stone Gorge and the edge of a mountain.

The tour is being administered by Christian Holidays of Allen Park. The cost is \$555 per person with two sharing a room. Reservations may be made by calling Jean Watson at (313) 451-0525.

Church

Tickets are now available for the 160-year anniversary celebration of **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 777 W. Eight Mile Road. The banquet and program will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children.

A new member seminar will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, in Fellowship Hall. Anyone who would like to know more about the theology, history and structure of the United Methodist denomination are invited to attend the classes, which run through Sunday, Oct. 9. Reception into membership will be held at the 11 a.m. Oct. 16 service.

Adults are requested to join one of the church's many choirs. Brass players, woodwinds, handbell ringers and singers, experienced and non-experienced, are needed. There are openings in the Sanctuary, Brass, Morning Handbells, Evening Handbells and Woodwind Ensemble choirs. Contact Stacey Becker for more information.

A youth rally choir, for youth in grades seven through 12, has been scheduled for 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the choir room. A snack will be provided at rehearsal.

The following people volunteered in a variety of positions for the month of July:

Greeters—Ed and Marilyn Meyer; Dave, Brandon, Amanda and Adrienne Laycock; Bill and Jean Rankin; Tom and Ruth Beagan; and Rick and Sher Watkins.

Ushers—Jean Angell; Dave and Pat Black; Linda Walker; Karen DeBenedict; Bob and Cindy Granzow; Jerd and Karen Olson; Charles and Carol Groves; Dave, Brandon, Amanda and Adrienne Laycock; Jim and Mary Louise Cutler; Doug and Jean Holmes; James and Jean Holmes; Connie

MacKinnon; Kandi MacDonald; and Dennis and Doris Williams. Readers—Jim Casey, Greg Michael, Ana Wolke, Monica Prasad, Rex Tapp, Karen McLaughlin, Bob Guard and Mike McDonald.

Counters—Charles Skene and Earl Creston. Prayerful Concerns—Burd-McDougal, Joan Henson, Carol Radford and Rae Campbell.

The Women's Service Club Christmas Bazaar has been scheduled for Nov. 5 at **MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, but work needs to begin now. Now is the time for sewing, knitting, jamming and canning. The bazaar is known for its handmade items.

The seventh annual chickenfest has been scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11. Dinners of chicken, au gratin potatoes, cole slaw, dessert, etc. will be served from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Carry-outs will be available also.

Tickets will be on sale at the church office. Help is also needed selling tickets. Contact Ray Dailey if you can help.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46235 Ten Mile Road, Novi, will add a Mass to the Sunday schedule beginning the first weekend in October. Parishioners are asked to give their input on whether they favor an 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Mass schedule or an 8:30, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. schedule.

Adult men and women are needed to sing in the new St. James Adult Choir. Previous choral experience is preferred. Weekly rehearsals start Thursday, Sept. 22, and will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The debut performance is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2.

Community education begins

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enrolled, however materials must be paid for. Some of the newer classes include brass music lessons for grades 5 through adults, including clarinet. Classes in piano are being offered by Evola Music Center for children and adults. A senior organ class is being offered and keyboards are available for rental for those who do not have an organ.

Another new program is being offered by the Inner Light Center. It will present ways to learn to meditate, stop smoking, stress management and weight loss.

Other new programs include Math Basics Plus for grades 1 through 6 and for grades 7 to 12. Several new classes in arts and crafts include a beaded handbag and beginning balloons which will teach students how to make animals through balloon artistry.

In the foreign language portion, there is Chinese language and culture, as well as Italian, Japanese and Spanish. Another new class is Past Life at Life Regression. Call the above number for information.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, please call 624-0173.

A fan anyway, Novi boy wins shopping spree on ball club

By MICHELLE HARRISON
Staff Writer

Even though the Detroit Tigers, along with all other major league baseball players, are on strike right now, Matthew Duprey remains a loyal fan.

The 11-year-old Novi boy was the 100-millionth fan to attend a game at the stadium at Michigan and Trumbull. A flood of photographers were waiting for Duprey as he passed through the gate before the July 6 home game began.

"He was very, very surprised," said Matthew's mother, Michele.

In fact, Matthew had mentioned that wouldn't it be neat if he was the 100th million fan as he read in a newspaper article earlier in the day that the club was anticipating that person would enter the stadium that night.

"He read the article three times," Michele said. "He said, 'Wouldn't it be great if I was that one.' I said, 'Not in a 100 million years.'"

Because of his new status, Matthew sat in the dugout and chatted with Tiger manager Sparky Anderson for 10 minutes during that night's game.

Meanwhile, the rest of the fami-

ly-father, Jim; mother, Michele; brother, Chris; and grandmother, Betty O'Donnell—all had their seats upgraded.

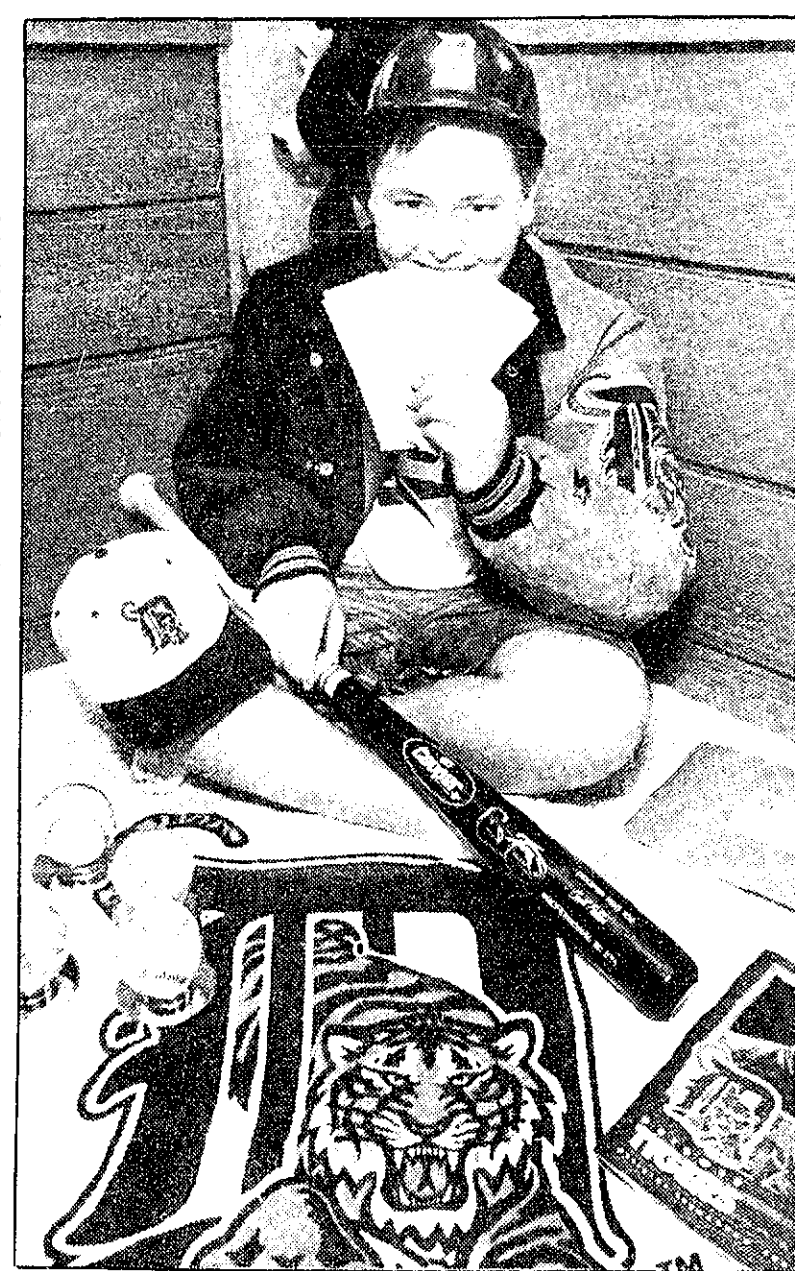
Michele said the family had had second doubts about attending that night's game. Although they usually try to make two or three games a year, it had started to rain that night.

Besides chatting with Sparky, Matthew also got to meet the players and spent half an inning in the WHA press box with his brother. He was also pictured on the stadium's big-screen TV.

Another highlight was throwing out the ceremonial pitch. Sparky signed the ball for the Novi Meadows student.

A shopping spree was also part of the package. Matthew said his most prized possession was a baseball bat autographed by Cecil Fielder. His mother also said he received a beautiful baseball jacket, too.

"They (the Tigers) are really a first-class organization," Michele said. "We all benefited that night. We had so much fun and it was fun to watch Matt. And he's always been the perfect fan. He had his glove and hat when he walked into the stadium."



Matthew Duprey with his Tiger memorabilia and prized Cecil Fielder bat.

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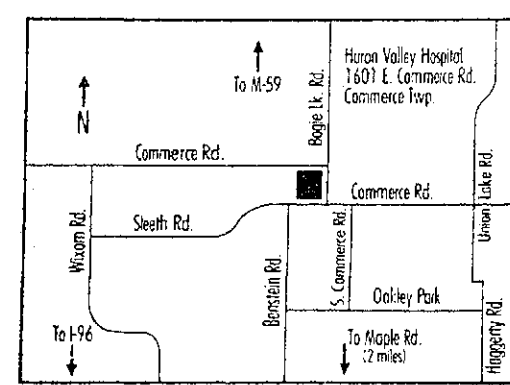
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WILLIAM HOUGHTON

An exercise in volunteerism

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

After a heart attack after he'd retired, William Houghton said he was told he "needed some sort of exercise." And since he'd seen what surgeon-escort volunteers do at St. Mary Hospital, he thought, "That's not too hard," and so he signed up.

That was last January. He has now put in 300 volunteer hours, working four hours four days a week from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Houghton's main job is to wheel-chair escort a new patient, scheduled for surgery, to the appropriate places for pre-surgery tests. He's called in and given the patient and the papers regarding the case.

"Each test is listed separately," he said, "and I take the patient to the appropriate department."

Beyond that, Houghton wheel-chairs patients to their rooms, and when they're discharged, he's apt to take them to their cars in the parking lot. And beyond that, he may be

asked to take X-rays to the emergency room or paper-work from one place to another in the building.

He doesn't sit around much, he said. "In the main, you're constantly on the go" in this job.

But you do get a 10-minute break in the four-hour period, and he said, "You may have a complimentary meal if you wish."

Regarding hours, he said, "Some volunteers come at 8 p.m., but most come at 9 a.m. and leave at 2 p.m."

Also, he said, about 40 percent of the volunteers are men, and one is a young student.

Besides the fact that volunteering is physically good for William Houghton, he said, "I like it. I like meeting people, and there are interesting characters coming in all the time."

If you are interested in volunteering at St. Mary Hospital—escorting or something else—call Sherri Fletcher, a volunteer coordinator at 464-4800.

It's A Fact

MDOT QUIZ

It's expensive to build and maintain highways. In 1984, construction costs were about \$_____ to build one mile of rural freeway. Today, the average construction cost is \$_____ million to construct one mile of freeway including highway and bridges in a rural area.

- a. 84 = \$4-5 million; 94 = \$8-9 million
b. 84 = \$2-3 million; 94 = \$4-7 million
c. 84 = \$500,000-1 million; 94 = \$2-3 million

Safety, keeping motorists moving, and protecting the environment, are primary transportation concerns. Reducing congestion is a key factor in meeting these concerns. Today Michigan leads the nation in the number of public car pool lots. There are more than:

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Step back into time

Mill Race Historical Village is open on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. with trained docents offering tours. The Northville Historical Society's "In the Good Old Summertime" series will hold a home-grown showoff from 1 to 4 p.m. this Sunday at

the Cady Inn. Bring your best flowers and vegetables and show them off. The Historical Society is also holding a half-price membership drive. For further information, call 348-1845. Mill Race Village is located on Griswold Street, north of Main.

Intown

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVI THEATRE: The theater's Children's Annex is holding auditions for *The Golden Goose* at 4 p.m. Sept. 13 and 15 at the Novi Civic Center. For additional information, call 347-0400.

SINGERS SOUGHT: As it approaches its 21st season, the 125-mixed voice Plymouth Community Chorus is calling for singers, especially tenors, baritone and basses. In addition to its scheduled concerts and invitational performances, the chorus will be performing in Washington, D.C., next June and producing its second compact disc.

Auditions will be held in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road, in Plymouth Township on successive Tuesdays Sept. 6, 13 and 20 at 7 p.m.

Call (313) 455-4080 for more information.

AUDITIONS: The historic Marquis Theatre of Northville will be auditioning for *Beauty and the Beast* and *Annabelle, The Unhappy Witch*.

Children's auditions for *Beauty and the Beast* will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. Boys and girls ages 8-14 who can sing and dance or move well on stage are encouraged to audition.

Auditioners should be prepared to sing a song in their vocal range and be prepared to dance. An accompanist will be provided.

Four different sets of children will be cast for the run of the show. Bring a resume and headshot if one is available. Show dates are Nov. 6 through Dec. 31.

Adult auditions for *Beauty and the Beast* will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Professional adult actors and actresses will be cast in the roles of Beauty, the Beast and Beauty's father. Bring a resume and headshot, and be prepared to sing in your vocal range. An accompanist will be provided.

There will be cold readings from the script. Show dates are Nov. 6 through Dec. 31.

Auditions for the Halloween musical, *Annabelle, The Unhappy Witch*, will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Young actors and actresses, ages 8 to 18, will be asked to do a cold reading from the script.

Show dates are Oct. 22-30 for a

total of six performances.

For further information on any of the above auditions, call the Marquis Theatre at (810) 349-8110.

ART EXHIBITION: Entry forms will be accepted through Sept. 23 for First Presbyterian Church of Northville's second annual juried art exhibition. The Oct. 8-15 multi-media event will feature Michigan artists and Juror James Nawara from Wayne State University.

Awards will range from \$50 to \$250. For information, write to Visual Arts Committee, 200 E. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Call (810) 349-0911.

RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED: Reservations are now being accepted for Schoolcraft College's 18th annual Christmas Madrigal Dinners to be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, 9 and 10 in the college's Waterman Center.

The Madrigal Singers, under the direction of conductor Steve SeGraves, will enter the hall in full costume to present the Wassail and toast the Christmas season. Each course of this year's prime rib feast will be presented to the court with trumpet fanfare and ceremony, including the presentation of the Boar's Head. The nationally-recognized Culinary Arts Department will have holiday treats available for sale those evenings.

Tickets are \$35 per person, tables seat eight. To make reservations, call (313) 462-4417.

MUSICIANS WANTED: Wind and percussion players are invited to join the Oakland Community College Symphony Band. Current and former musicians are welcome.

The first band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12 in the band room of Mason Middle School, 3835 W. Walton Blvd. in Waterford. For more information, call (810) 360-6218.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The Novi Arts Council wishes to showcase the talents of area performers. Performances will be held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to selected city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by MetroVision and cablecast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc., are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For further information, contact

the arts council, 347-0400.

THEATER

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue with scheduled Saturday performances at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which now houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are \$25.95 per person.

Diners are given clues—and sometimes speaking roles in the action—to help them figure out who dunnit. Prizes are given out to the best guessers.

Home Sweet Home is located at 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

Also, comedy night returns on Thursdays with 8 p.m. shows.

For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

GENITTI'S: Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall Restaurant presents *The Not-So O.K. Corral*, a murder mystery comedy with music, through Nov. 13.

Featured is Genitti's famous seven course family-style Italian dinner which includes homemade soup, garlic bread, pasta, antipasto salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage and steak and dessert.

Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only. Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street.

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CAFFE BRAVO: Features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The cafe is located at 110 Main Centre in downtown Northville.

Sept. 2: Michael Fracassi, blues and jazz, 8:30-11 p.m.

Sept. 3: Carol Smallwood, classical guitar, 3 to 5 p.m.; Hugh Duncan, folk guitarist, 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Call 344-0220 for additional information.

FRIGATES INN: Dance with The Globe from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays at Frigates Inn, 1103 East Lake Drive, Novi.

JAZZ IN THE PARK: Laurel Park Place ignites with the hot sounds of jazz and the latest in fashions featured during the 'Jazz

in the Park" concert series.

The free monthly series will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 2:30 in the Parisian court. Fashions from mall stores will be modeled informally during the concerts.

For further information, call 462-1100.

MORE JAZZ: Outback Cappuccino Bar, 370 S. Main St., Plymouth, presents live jazz from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays featuring the work of jazz artists Gary Cooper of Northville and Terrence Lester of Southfield.

Cooper is a versatile musician, playing flute, trumpet, sax and flugelhorn while Lester plays keyboards with midl bass and rhythms.

Call 455-0445 for more information.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents live music all week with no cover charge.

Sunday is a "Strings 'N' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.

Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

RIFLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m. Rifles of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues cafe.

Rifles is at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

SHERATON OAKS: It's live entertainment on Friday and Saturday at Eli & Denny's from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Thursday night acts, performing from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., include: Steve King and the Ditties, sounds of the '50s, Sept. 1.

Taylor Made will perform from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

For information, call 348-5000.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The Sports Edition is home to intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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