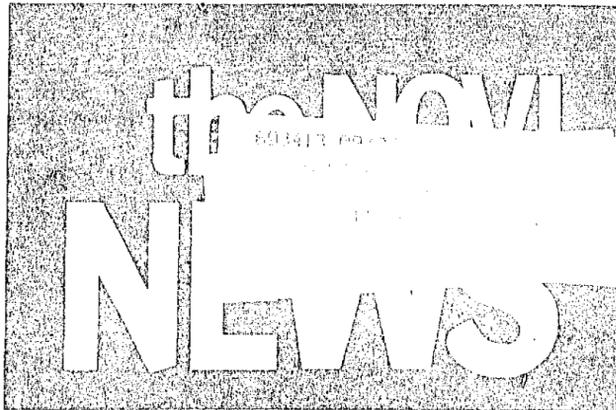


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Marching bands take to the field in Fanfare

Fans stand and clap after the performance of the Livonia Franklin High School Marching Band at Saturday's Fanfare at Novi High School. The high school hosts the band tourna-

ment every year, but performs in the event only in exhibition. This year's event featured 19 bands and 1,850 students. The story appears on page 13 in today's edition.

Novi High kicks off Homecoming

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi High School extended a special invitation to Homecoming this year.

Residents at the Novi Convalescence Home and Whitehall Retirement Home were cordially asked to come out with the rest of Novi to line the streets and enjoy the 1997 Homecoming Parade, Saturday, Sept. 27.

"When we had the parade last year it dawned on us that we go by both community homes and this might be an activity the residents

might like to get involved with," explained Don Crockett, activities coordinator for Novi High. "It's another way to get the community involved."

The parade, which passes by both places, is just one of the many activities as part of the weekend that invites alumni back to town to celebrate Novi High.

The theme of this year's event is "Movies," although most of the students would have been about age 5 or 6 when the movies they chose to build floats for came out. "They're ancient," laughed

Crockett. "But they're listening to the same music we did 20 years ago."

The seniors chose *Top Gun*, the juniors chose *Ghostbusters*, the movie of choice for sophomores was *Jaws* and the freshman chose *The Lion King*.

The only big change to Homecoming events this year is there won't be a Pancake Breakfast, as in the previous few years.

Crockett said the turnout wasn't large enough to support the event. Students are usually up

late the night before working on floats and needed the time in the morning to prepare for the parade.

The Saturday Homecoming events kick off officially at 10:30 a.m. with the parade, after a week of spirit activities at the high school including the Puffy Bunny Marshmallow Game and a Shurpee Drinking Contest.

It will begin at Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook Road and head south to Ten Mile Road where floats, cheerleaders, Pom-Pom team members and many

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Skydivers set state record

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

There's a new skydiving record in Michigan, and thanks to the handy camera work of Novi resident Gavin Balloch, it's all on film.

On their fourth attempt, 50 skydivers met and held onto each other in free fall Saturday after jumping from two airplanes at Napoleon Airport outside of Jackson.

Balloch, 34, jumped with them from about 14,000 feet and flew above to film the action.

"They eventually held the formation for about seven seconds before breaking off. The record only requires them to hold for

three," Balloch said.

In seven seconds, the divers fell over 1,000 feet before separating, deploying their chutes and landing safely.

An electrical engineer by trade, Balloch designed a custom helmet which holds about \$4,000 worth of camera equipment.

With a still camera, a slide camera, a video camera and a digital camera, Balloch captures skydivers from two different angles in four different formats.

The helmet not only adds 17 pounds to his jump, but an extra element of danger to the already extreme sport of skydiving.

"You do add more risk as you

add more equipment, but one just has to be aware," Balloch said.

Camera equipment can snag parachutes causing serious malfunctions, or obstruct vision, or lead to neck strain under the jolt of chute deployment at speeds of up to 120 miles an hour.

In the past seven years, Balloch has completed almost a thousand skydives and has filmed about 670 of them. His video footage of Saturday's record-breaking jump was picked up by the local TV news, but more importantly, it served as a way for skydivers to analyze their first few attempts in

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Gavin Balloch with the skydiving helmet he designed.

Ramps cut crash rate at Beck/I-96

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Savings from a decrease in accidents at the Beck Road and Twelve Mile Road interchange at the I-96 freeway are making the \$1.2 billion in improvements in 1995 worthwhile.

According to the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County, personal injury accidents from car crashes at the notoriously dangerous intersection dropped 87 percent from 39 incidents in 1995 to only 5 incidents in 1996 after the improvements were made.

The number of persons involved in property damage crashes also decreased 53 percent from 152 to 72 during the same time period.

That's a savings of \$788,000 in traffic crash costs, not to mention saving many drivers pain and suffering, according to the TIA.

"We are pleased that the impact has been so great and so quick," said Brent Bair, managing director of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

In November of 1995, the road commission installed new traffic signal lights, eliminated a curve and created a T-section at the intersection which brings together all three roads. The project, while still considered a temporary fix, was funded by the City of Novi and Wixom, the road commission, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

In the early 1990s, the TIA ranking reports consistently showed the intersection as number one in volume-related crashes for the county, in the top eight for the highest frequency of crashes and in the top 300 intersections for crash severity.

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Injured				
Property	54	63	64	32
Damage Accidents				
Cars	139	169	152	72
Damaged				
Total	80	88	84	37
Accidents				

MEAP scores head in right direction

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Like the Dow Jones, Novi Community Schools Michigan Educational Assessment Program test scores are generally on the rise again.

That's much due to the development of programs by the district's teachers designed to tackle the MEAP.

"I feel they've become very good at looking at all the angles," said Dr. Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for instruction.

Fifth grade writing proficient scores increased 26.1 points to 90.9 percent, a mere 9.1 points

shy of a perfect score, while eighth grade writing increased by 8.1 points.

The fifth grade science MEAP proficient scores climbed 17.5 points over last year.

The only drop was in the eighth grade test scores by 4.7 points.

The MEAP tests more skills than ever, including essay questions, analytical thinking and practical application rather than the old standard of multiple choice questions.

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Classic contest

Karen Demars, of Fenton, zooms away the classic 1966 Corvette that she won in the Novi Rotary raffle. The raffle, an annual event run in conjunction with the Michigan 50s Festival, raises funds for the Rotary and used on local charities. Demars picked up the car last Thursday at the Novi United Methodist Church during the Rotary's weekly luncheon meeting.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Community Calendar

To have 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 18

Novi schools
The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

Optimist Club
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Saturday, September 20
Autumn Perennial Exchange
The Novi Beautification Commission presents the city's First Autumn Perennial Exchange from 9 a.m. to noon at the Old Township Hall on Ten Mile Road, just west of the Novi Library. Trade surplus plants for others' spare flowers. For more information, call the Public Information Office at (248) 347-0494.

Monday, September 22
City Council
The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

TOPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

Tuesday, September 23
ZONTA
The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

Civil Air Patrol
The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25269 Tall Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Youth Assistance
Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Community School Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd.

F.E.M.A.L.E.
The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information call Janet at (810) 476-5934.

Band rehearsal
The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School.

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, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

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Business Network International
The regular meeting of the Novi Chapter of the Business Network International will be from 7-8:30 a.m. at Herby's Honey Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty. For more information, call the regional office at (313) 844-3432.

Wednesday, September 24
Lions Club
The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Seniors business
The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Monday, September 29
Town Hall meeting
State Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, and Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, will hold a fall Town Hall meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center. Those people who wish to discuss any legislative issue with Sen. Bullard or Rep. Cassis, or who need assistance with any governmental problem, are welcome to stop by.

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Exercise, fitness to be emphasis of Focus Health

The Novi Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with area hospitals, businesses, schools, churches, citizens and Novi Parks and Recreation is again hosting Focus Health - A Family Expo. The event has been slated for Sunday, Oct. 12 from 12:30-5 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Focus Health features the health resources in the area, for families and individuals, through displays and activities. Those in attendance can learn about healthy living choices, recreational activities and medical resource providers in the community.

When most think about healthy living choices, they think about planning 30 minutes a day for exercise. Among some of the benefits are increased energy, controlling your weight, prevention of osteoporosis, defense against cancer and slowing the aging process. Dr. Scott Eathorne, Sports Medicine at Providence Medical Center - Providence Park encourages having a journal and rewarding yourself to stick with it.

As part of any exercise plan, warming up is crucial to prevent injuries. Join us on Focus Health Day when Specialists in Sports Medicine from Providence Hospital will lead a warm-up session prior to the family walk at 1 p.m.

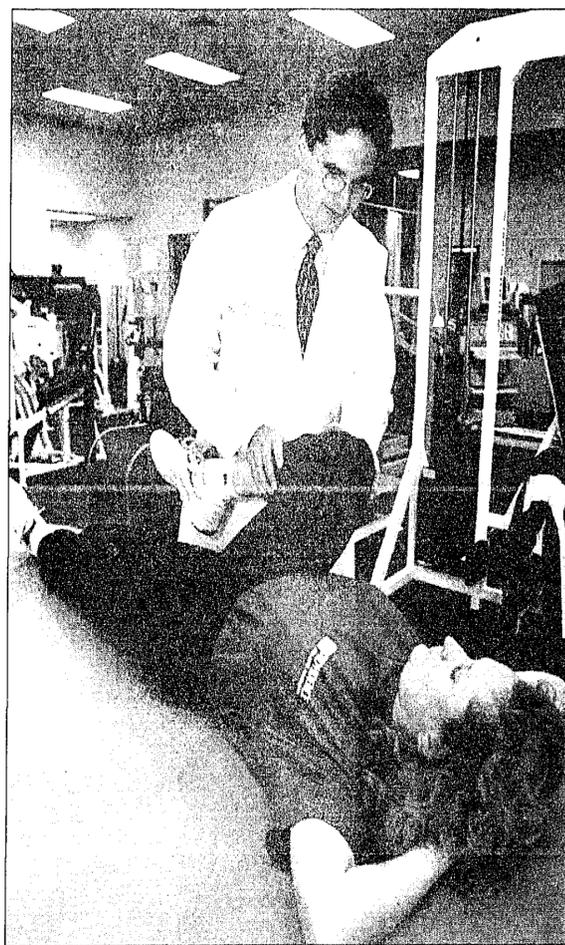
Other activities will include:

- A soccer kicking contest, sponsored by Novi's brand new SoccerZone.

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- Tour an EMS rescue vehicle.
- See demonstrations in dance, gymnastics, Tai Chi, etc.
- Get an instant health risk appraisal, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson and Providence Hospital.
- Get nutrition counseling from Botsford Center for Health Improvement.
- St. Mary Hospital will be providing blood pressure checks and cholesterol screening.

FOCUS HEALTH

The Novi Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Providence Hospital, Botsford Hospital, The Detroit Medical Center, St. Mary Hospital, Novi Parks and Recreation Department, the Novi Police Department and The Novi News, presents an afternoon of fun and healthy activities at the fifth annual Focus Health. Focus Health will take place on Sunday, Oct. 12 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Included will be a family health walk, in-line skating demonstrations, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks, nutrition counseling, a tour of an EMS rescue vehicle, demonstrations in Tai Chi, gymnastics and dancing and the Novi Fire Department's portable house full of smoke. For more information, call the Novi Chamber of Commerce at 349-3743.



Sharlene Priebe, director of Business and Financial Advisory for Providence, gets some stretching tips from Dr. Scott Eathorne, a sports medicine specialist, participating in Focus Health.

Novi police officers run for charity

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The cops are on the run tomorrow, but not from sirens and flashing lights.

Detective Kevin Hebert and Officer Mark Boody will run 4.5 miles each in a relay from the Novi police station to Farmington Hills to raise money for the Michigan Special Olympics.

The starting gun cracks at 11:15 a.m. One of the men will begin the relay carrying a torch east on Ten Mile and north on Meadowbrook where he will pass off the torch to the other who will run east on Twelve Mile to Haggerty Road and pass it off to the Farmington Hills Police runner. The torch will pass through several other departments before ending in Berkley.

Officer Boody is a new racer, but Hebert, also the city's DARE officer, is a long-time participant and is looking forward to the event. "It was raining last year," he said. "I just started to pour. But it's still fun and it's a good cause."

The Michigan Law Enforcement Torch Run is a 700 mile, non-stop marathon relay run starting in Copper Harbor and ending in Metro Detroit. The race began on Sept. 13 and will conclude Saturday, Sept. 20.

The run is part of a larger fund raising effort by 2,000 men and women across the state who will cover an additional 2,300 miles.

The Torch Run raises money for the Michigan Special Olympics, which sponsors year-round sports training and athletic competitions for mentally retarded and disabled children in the state. Last year, \$400,000 was generated by the run. This year's planners hope for more than \$500,000.

The men and women relay team members carry Olympic-style torches and pass it off every 4.5 miles. Some of the teams include Special Olympics athletes.

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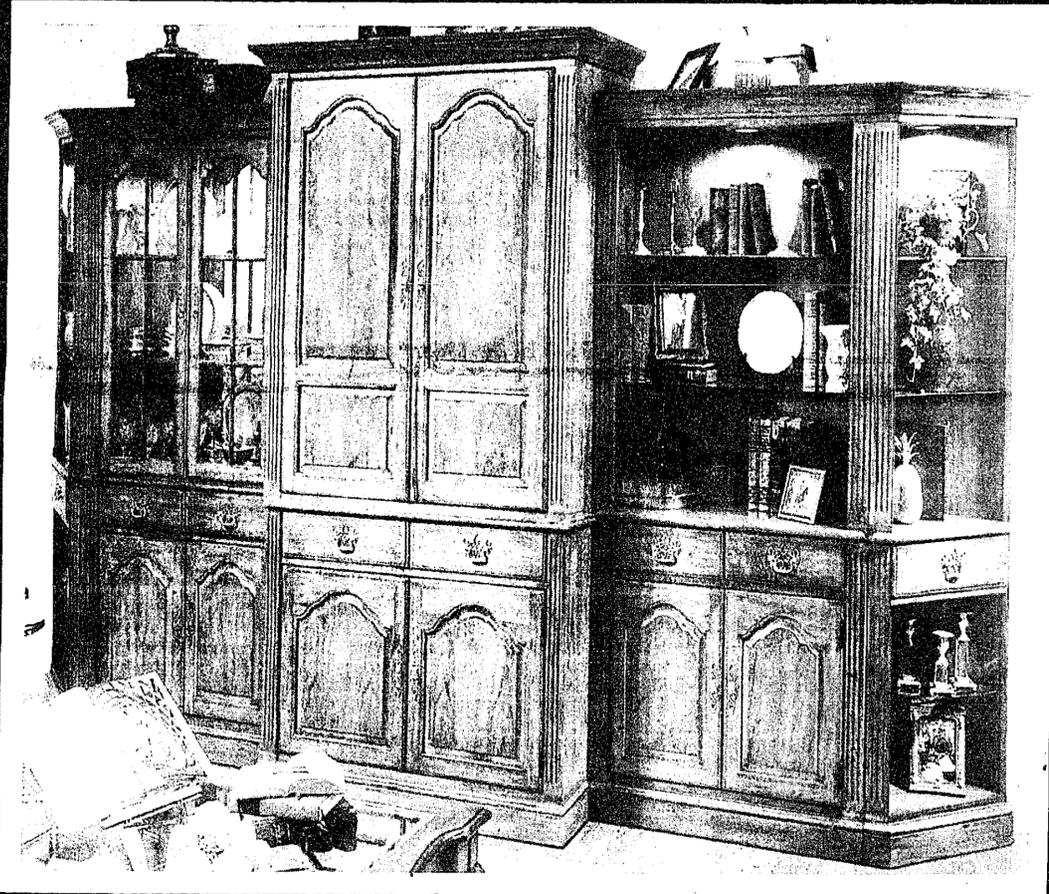
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'Absolutely sure the site is safe'

City releases engineering data on study of senior housing land location

By JAN JEFFRES

Little blue bottles that once held pills, tin cans, soles of shoes, broken glass, these are the kind of things found when a portion of the 1950s-vintage Munn landfill on Meadowbrook Road was recently opened.

For years, the property has been notorious because it is included on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Art 307 list of contaminated sites.

This is the place destined to be the site of city subsidized housing for Novi senior citizens, but local officials say there's no cause for concern. In July, the Novi City Council agreed to accept a donation of the 20 acres at the southwest corner of Meadowbrook and Cherry Hill roads.

After extensive environmental review, the DEQ has already given final approval to build on the land, which was a gift from long-time owners, the Holtzman & Silverman Realty Company.

"The last thing in the world I want is for some senior citizens to think we're going to put them on land that is unsafe," said Novi Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver.

"We're not going to be anywhere near the landfill. We'll be building

on 30 feet of clay. We're going to build on a slab, we're not going to take a chance."

Only a five-acre corner portion of the now city-owned land was actually ever used as a landfill, according to a detailed environmental assessment on the site submitted by the city to the DEQ in October 1996. The lower rent senior housing (in the \$700 range) will be constructed on clay soil well away from the landfill. Residents of the complex will use city water, not well water. Water and sewer lines will also bypass the former dump.

Ball fields and a park are also planned for the land, which is located to the north of Holy Family Church.

Elinor Holland, a retired high school and college teacher who holds a law degree and is a member of the city's implementation committee for senior housing, said she is confident the land is usable for the project.

"I had a gentleman who approached me and said, 'They're going to put us on a landfill to kill us all off.' I said, 'Don't be ridiculous, they're not going to build anything unless they're absolutely sure the site is safe,'" Holland said.

"They're (the city) not going to leave themselves open to a giant big lawsuit. That would be foolish to go ahead with housing on this site, spend all that money and find out they have a huge class-action suit,"

Years ago, the property was apparently a farmer's lean field. From about 1954 to 1959, an unlicensed landfill operated in the area. Curbside trash from Detroit was dumped into the ground, according to the research.

The landfill is located on the east portion of the property, reaching into the Meadowbrook Road right-of-way and onto Holy Family Church property.

Klaver said the city's plan is to leave the old landfill portion of the property undisturbed.

In 1981, there was a water release from the landfill believed to be contaminated leachate. Ten years later, the state included the

property on its list of Act 307 sites, noting that the federal Environmental Protection Agency had concluded it was contaminated with PCBs, methanide and four-thenes.

But Ben Farnum, a hydrogeologist with JCK & Associates, the city's consulting engineers, said it's never been determined where the chemicals were actually coming from. Extensive borings of the old landfill found no paint cans or other potentially toxic contents, Farnum said. Several test pits were also opened to look at the contents.

"The EPA can't confirm where that sample was actually taken. It could have been read runoff from cars," he added.

"We ran the same parameters, metals, volatile chemicals, non-volatiles. Everything came back

between acceptable levels set by the DEQ."

"Much of the recent environmental work was done by consultants hired by Holtzman & Silverman, including water and soil samples.

In 1994, Dan Weiss, the owner of land across Meadowbrook Road from this property, sued the city and the realty company, charging that runoff from the old landfill was polluting his property. Under court order, the city and realty company did some work to block a pipe leading from the landfill to a culvert.

But the environmental reports undermined the case when they were presented.

"I was in the judge's chambers. We settled in the chambers in just 15 minutes," Farnum said.

People passing by the area have said they've seen an orange-red ooze coming from the ground. Studies have shown that's a natural phenomenon, Farnum said. It comes from natural iron seeping upwards with the groundwater and oxidizing.

"You'll see a slime just like gasoline on it. That's the iron bacteria coming out on the surface," he added.

Farnum said the Meadowbrook Road location is now a "low priority site" on the Act 307 list.

"It just sat idle because of being

such a low priority, nobody did anything," he added.

Holtzman & Silverman, the developers of Meadowbrook Glen subdivision, purchased the land in 1968, but never built on the 20 acres fronting Meadowbrook Road.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said that when a search was on for sites for the senior housing, the Meadowbrook Road location was considered because it is convenient to shopping and other services needed by future residents of the complex. Kriewall approached the firm, asking them to donate the land.

One of the partners, Gilbert Silverman, is a governor-appointed member of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, which focuses on the supply of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for senior citizens, low-income or moderate-income families, and handicapped individuals.

Farnum said he's had numerous calls from residents concerned about the landfill.

"I'd have no problem going over there, either for the park or the senior housing," he added.

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Bollinger takes over U-M reins

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

President Lee C. Bollinger has fled when U.S. News & World Report ranked the University of Michigan 23rd and Dartmouth College in the upper 10.

Pres wasn't scared off by open inter-

Views State President David Adamany looked at an amendment in the Open Meetings Act exempting university boards from interviewing presidential candidates in public.

Adamany, Sen. John Schwarz and many university officials were sure "good" candidates wouldn't apply if their faced open interviews.

Bollinger, the 12th president of the University of Michigan, was the first to be hired after open interviews. Was it so hard?

But teaching looms high on Bollinger's horizon. "I'm teaching an undergraduate course," Bollinger said, delighted at the turnout for a political science course on the First Amendment (freedom of religion, speech and press). Until 1992, when he was U-M law school dean, Bollinger also taught.

While holding the line on student tuition isn't the most important goal in the world to him, Bollinger is pleased U-M could hold this year's increase to 2.9 percent, about the rate of consumer price inflation, but wouldn't commit to holding the line there.

This year the state boosted U-M-Ann Arbor's appropriation 4.2 percent to \$314 million, U-M-Dearborn's 4 percent to \$23 million, and U-M-Flint's 4.8 percent to nearly \$20 million.

"For an in-state student, U-M is already an incredible bargain — \$6,000 (tuition) — for quality equal to any in the country. You'd pay \$20,000 to \$22,000 at private colleges."

Bollinger hedged on a major

any sense to cut back at the major law schools.

More attorneys would mean more competition and lower prices." So far, he hasn't seen evidence one way or the other.

Q. University hospitals are almost half of U-M's budget. Is the business side going to supersede the medical side?

A. "The HMO health maintenance organization revolution is having a tremendously adverse impact on academic medical centers. We have not had as much penetration by HMOs as on the East and West coasts."

Q. When it does, centers like U-M will have to change. That will mean a severe strain on the academic side. The intellectual side of the institution. We do great public services that is not taken into account by the HMO form.

Q. Will you allow the new athletic director, Tom Goss, autonomy in running the department the way Don Canham did (until 1992)?

A. "I don't know how autonomously it was run. Joe Robinson (just retired) did a very fine job. Jim Duerst (just stepped in from 1996-96) was an excellent president."

Q. "I'll give Tom Goss tremendous latitude. I promised him that. I will not involve myself in the hiring and

affirmative action. You might be facing a lawsuit.

A. "I believe a diverse student body to be essential to a high quality institution."

He told Arthur Miller, the playwright from New York who attended U-M in the 1930s, meeting a farmer in a writing class. "The (Miller) thought he (the farmer) would be dumb. It turns out he could memorize Keats and Shelley. His (Miller's) views about life were transformed."

Q. The Renaissance program, developed last year by Evans and a core group of students, provides incentives and rewards to students based on academic achievement.

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University of Michigan's new President Lee C. Bollinger

Q. What is your philosophy on hiring of coaches. I believe in very collaborative work.

Q. Joe Robinson conducted an investigation of the basketball program totally orally so that no documents could be requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Will that continue under Goss?

A. "Well, I don't know enough about prior investigations. We must have records. We must have documentation for reference by the university itself."

Q. What is your philosophy on

Renaissance kids take ideas to Dallas

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Eight Novi High School students traveled a crowd of 700 students, teachers and corporate executives in Texas this summer when they presented the only student led Renaissance incentive program.

While all the other Renaissance programs in the country are created and run by staff of administrators, Novi High School students created and run the program with some guidance from Assistant Principal Tom Evans, who ran the program at his previous school.

"It's harder to get kids as excited (about the program) as administrators," said Novi High senior Derek Ho, one of the program leaders. "You gamble when you have the students run it."

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Library Briefs

Library hours
The Novi Library spring hours are as follows: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Book discussion group
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Volunteer Notes
The leaders are also mulling over how to incorporate events they saw at the conference into their program, such as an "Academy Awards" black tie affair for academic achievement and a pep rally country headband.

Looking for caregivers
The Oakland County Probate Court is looking for a few good volunteers to periodically check on the care of the elderly and the very young who are in the care of guardians appointed by the court. The next Guardianship Volunteer Training is Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. For more information, call (248) 858-0288.

Renaissance founder takes program to college

Scott Shepley, a 1997 Novi High School graduate, took his experience of creating the Novi Renaissance program to college.

Shepley is founding the first Renaissance program at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

With the backing of the Renaissance Foundation of Justice's and many other groups, Shepley will create the first-ever college level academic incentive program.

Farmington Hills sponsored the trip. Nearly 6,000 schools around the country were represented. Only 150 of the 700 attendees were students.

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SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT, a Political Subdivision of the State of Arizona, et al. SALT RIVER PROJECT, Plaintiff, v. KRISTY LEE SWANSON and JOHN DOE SWANSON, husband and wife, JORGE GOMEZ SOTO, and JANE DOE SOTO, husband and wife; HUNTER CONTRACTING CO., an Arizona corporation; JOHN DOES IV, JANE DOES IV, ABC COMPANIES I.V., and XYZ CORPORATIONS I.V., Defendants.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: KRISTY LEE SWANSON and JOHN DOE SWANSON, husband and wife 19011 Innsbrook Drive, #104, Northville, Michigan 48167

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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Aggregate Materials according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid Packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

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Victorian Fest is biggest yet

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

It just doesn't get any better. A weekend of great weather, a host of new things to see and do and an aggressive advertising campaign all combined to make Northville's 1997 Victorian Festival the biggest and best ever.

The crowds were wall-to-wall all over downtown from Friday through Sunday — so thick, in fact, that organizers believe the turnout doubled last year's total.

"Fabulous, fabulous and more fabulous. Two thumbs up. If I had more I'd put them up as well," was how Laurie Marrs, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, put it.

Last year's Festival pulled in almost 10,000 visitors to Northville. Last weekend saw the crowds approach the 20,000 mark,

according to Marrs. The proof lies in the food — or lack thereof, to be more specific.

Many of the food vending booths operated by Northville's non-profit community service organizations ran dry by the time things wrapped up on Sunday. From the Early Bird Kiwanis' walking tacos to the homemade pies of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, groups were selling out their stock, bringing in record amounts of money to support worthy local causes.

"Everyone was just elated," Marrs said. "So many people work for months and months on the Victorian Festival. It's a great feeling to see it come out so successfully."

Contributing to the Festival's successes were the weather (sunny and not too hot all weekend), a stepped-up advertising drive aimed

at pulling in more people, and a wider variety of entertainment options.

Performing legends The Great Wallendas turn-of-the-century circus and an expanded Kids' Korner — a section of the Festival filled with things to see and do for the younger crowd — were among the improvements.

"We want to make the Festival a true family event," Marrs explained.

John Sassaman sponsored the Kids' Korner, while The Phoenix Group foot the bill for the circus. Many more volunteers and businesses lent a hand to the Victorian Festival.

"I'd encourage people to visit these businesses and thank them. We wouldn't have this Festival if we didn't have them," she said.

District court finds new home after fire

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The song's gone on a bit longer than anyone planned but the game of musical chairs the 35th District Court's been forced to play for the last two months will end soon.

If all goes well by November members of the court will set up shop in modular trailers across the street from the site of their old home, burned to ground by an accidental electrical fire on the night of July 2.

The move will end months of building-hopping. Since the blaze the court's administrative workers have operated out of the nearby Unisys building while judges and magistrates have held proceedings all over the metro area, from

Canton to Redford to Romulus.

The 35th District Court covers five communities including the cities and townships of Northville and Plymouth and Canton Township. Citizens in the court's jurisdiction elect its two judges and representatives of the five communities sit on an advisory board which supervises court operations.

Last month tentative plans were announced for the court to move into the former Highland Appliance headquarters building on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township. The owners of the facility scuttled the proposal at the last minute over concerns about criminals coming into the building, according to Kerry Erdman, 35th District Court administrator.

"When that happened we went back to the modular idea," he explained.

The modular structures, about 30 in all, will be leased by the court from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. Together they'll make for about 16,800 square feet of working space. That's significantly less than the roughly 25,000 square feet in the old court but enough to get by, according to Erdman.

The modulators will be located in the parking lot owned by Unisys that sits across Plymouth Road from the court's old site. Taking that work into account as well as the time needed to clean up and parking-stripe the parking lot will mean a few more weeks of the nomad life for 35th District Court.

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High school sets activities for Homecoming next week

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 The big football game against Milford begins at 1 p.m. at the Novi High Athletic Stadium.
 The King and Queen of Homecoming will be announced during half-time. On the Homecoming Court this year are:
 • Freshman representatives Ryan Churella and Nicole Schilling
 • Sophomore representatives David Tardella and Lindsay Wells
 • Junior representatives Jack Fischer and Stacey Smith
 • Senior court members Ryan Beach, Jason Leroy, Wes Vanlandschoot, Andrew Kelly, Sara Elfring, Kendra Matheny, Leann Abbott and Brooke Albright.
 To round up the day, the grand finale of the Homecoming Dance begins at 8 p.m. and runs to 11:30 p.m. at the High School. Cost for tickets is \$7.

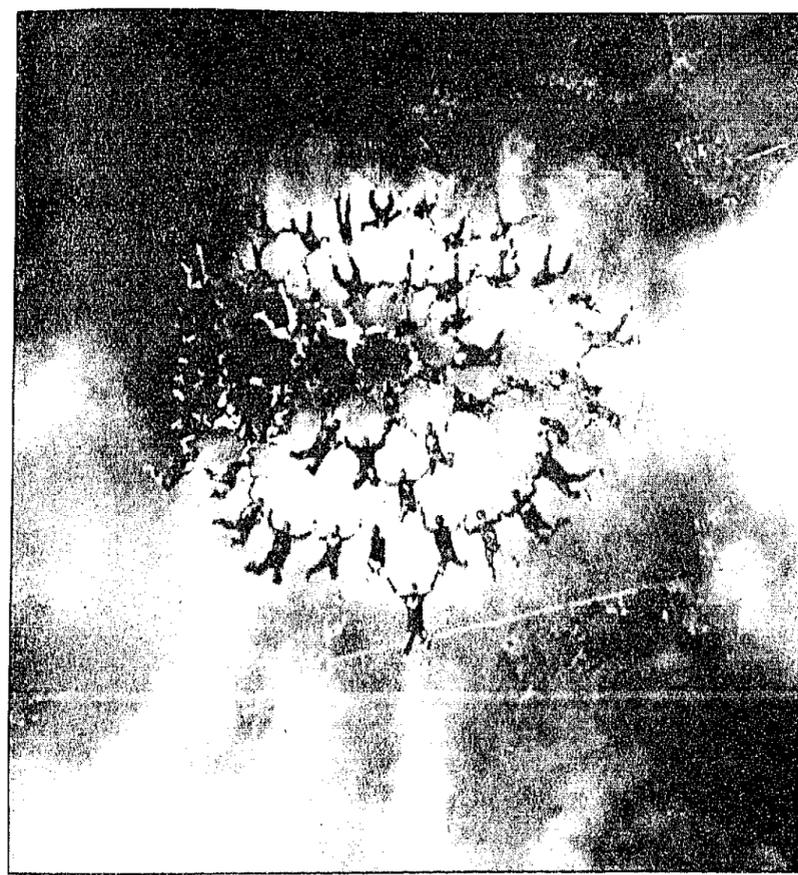


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On the fourth attempt, 50 skydivers set the Michigan record Saturday at Napoleon Airport and it is caught on film by Novi resident Gavin Balloch.

Skydivers set state record

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 order to recognize problems and make the necessary changes.
 After practicing their formation and grips on the ground, and making attempts from the turbo-prop airplanes, the divers returned to the hangar to analyze their positions in the video Balloch shot and edited.
 Balloch's footage will also serve as proof to the United States Parachuting Association that Michigan's old record of 42 people in formation was broken.
 Balloch produces promotional, souvenir and training videos at the airport as well.
 "I like filming because it's another world up there. You get cloud formations and sunsets," Balloch said. "It's quite exciting."
 Originally from Cape Town, South Africa, Balloch moved to Novi just over a year ago.
 Another local resident, Michelle Yee of Walled Lake, took part in the first two attempts Saturday. Although she rotated out to give others a chance to go for the record, she still felt like part of the team, she said.
 "They were really excited and I was too," she said. "You're learning every time, and the better you get the more fun it is."
 Yee, 33, has been skydiving for three years. Two weeks ago she helped to set the ladies' record in Michigan with an airborne formation of 22 people.
 "It was very empowering," she said. "Whenever there's a nice sunny day, no matter where I am, I'll go to Napoleon airport. The sport has become very important to me."

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Novi on CD-ROM? A new marketing tool

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Novi on CD ROM? With money in the City of Novi budget and the ability to produce the high tech marketing tool, the homes, businesses and people of Novi could traverse the world on a thin disc of plastic.

The ultimate goal of providing facts and figures is to bring new firms and businesses into Novi to diversify the tax base and create a well rounded city.

It's just one part of Greg Capote's job as Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Novi as part of a larger Michigan effort called the Business Retention and Expansion Program.

The CD could be sent out on request, sent to target companies and handed out at trade shows, which Capote began attending this year to promote the city. For example, Capote coordinated with the Michigan Jobs Commission and Oakland County Planners to attend the Society of Automotive Engineers conference in Detroit this summer.

He said he is working with Director of Public Information Lou Martin on the project.

Capote said that although it's been a slow start, he is picking up speed in his quest to bring major economic development to the city, a necessity to diversify business in the city and the tax base to keep taxes low.

"It's going to take some time, it's not going to happen overnight," he said.

Edda Weddington, Novi Planning Commission chair, said Capote's work fits into the objectives established by the commission and Novi City Council this summer to broaden Novi's tax base.

"The work you're doing is vitally important to the city's objective," she said. "It's taking a little while but we're seeing results."

Much of Capote's time is spent as a liaison between companies, developers and the city to interpret the various building and zoning requirements.

"Novi's requirements are quite extensive," he explained. "They are a lot to digest."

Which is why Capote is looking to make the process easier to understand. He is currently reviewing the ordinances and other requirements for development.

"Oakland County is positioned very well for growth in the medical and biotechnology fields," said Capote. "And I'm doing everything I can to ensure Novi is part of that growth."

Capote said interest in the city picked up after the council passed the "office-service-technology" ordinance which promotes high tech development.

"It's been a very attractive ordinance," he said. "People are very curious."

Capote said earlier this month he met with a yet unnamed developer who will come forward within the next few months to rezone a parcel of land to OST.

Capote said one of his initiatives is to develop Twelve Mile road as a successful high tech area.

"I think in the very near future we're changing in the Twelve Mile corridor," he explained.

"The OST will help keep Novi on the competitive edge," he said, noting that many real estate brokers call him on behalf of interested companies but he rarely learns who those companies are. They like to remain anonymous.

It's going to take time, he said, but Novi should start to see some action very soon.

One business which relocated from Farmington Hills to a building off Nine Mile Road in Novi was Federal APD, which builds equipment for the parking industry such as the ticket dispensers and gates. Project Manager Bill Oliver credited not only all city workers but particularly Capote in helping with advice and guidance.

"His availability was one of the factors that led to our decision to move to Novi," Oliver wrote in a June 5 letter to Planning Director Jim Wahl.

The CD ROM, brochures and other public relations tactics are a necessity to making that happen. So is attending planning seminars and conferences and making connections with Oakland County planners, developers and Michigan Jobs Commission representatives.

Capote said it's easier to keep the business that are within the city than to find new ones, so he really wanted a survey of the existing businesses completed. However, that project was handed off to the Economic Development Corporation which is still reforming itself under new membership.

Capote said having recently attended a seminar on such a topic, he wants to take over the project himself and have it completed in the third quarter of the year. There are seven existing industrial parks in Novi to be surveyed.

EDC gears up for the coming decade

The Economic Development Corporation exists to promote development, retention and expansion of industries which would enhance the economic vitality and quality of life for Novi residents and businesses.

— EDC of Novi Mission Statement

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The Economic Development Corporation of Novi is reinventing itself with a new mission statement, new members and a new direction.

The EDC was created in 1979 to provide business financing and lower interest rates through the issuing of tax-exempt bonds. However, in the past decade or so private institutions have filled that purpose leaving the EDC with somewhat of a void.

But now with new members and a change to switch gears, the EDC could be going places.

"We're at a turning point," said Greg Capote, economic development coordinator for the City of Novi. "It takes a while to get everything marching to the same beat."

Kazanis, John Dostal, Jim Rose, Phil Superfisky and Eleanor Kozepki.

The group began meeting with the members to create an economic development brochure, conference trade booth and an informative CD ROM to boost interest in Novi.

"I'm trying to empower them with things to do and they're nibbling at the book," said Capote.

The members are: Julie Johnson, Katherine Cosentino, Craig DeFolche, Anna Maria Kazanis, John Dostal, Jim Rose, Phil Superfisky and Eleanor Kozepki.

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Gas tax suit rejected

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

State government is free to continue collecting the new 4-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax after an Ingham County judge refused an anti-tax group's request to block it.

Judge Lawrence M. Glazer late Monday turned down a portion of the suit by Michigan Taxpayers United to block the law, which raised the tax from 15 to 19 cents a gallon effective last Aug. 1.

"It is my view the bill did receive immediate effect," said Glazer after a two-hour hearing.

"It looks as if the tax will stay in place," said Chris DeWitt, spokesman for attorney general Frank Kelly who defended the state.

"We are weighing the possibility of an appeal," said Bill McMaster, president of MTU and one of the plaintiffs.

The case is still alive, however, MTU still is challenging the gasoline tax hike on a second ground: That a vote of the people is required to raise the total state revenue above 9.3 percent of total personal income of all persons, as defined by the U.S. Commerce Department.

That cap is contained in the 1978 Headlee amendment to the state constitution. McMaster

OCC campus swap plan rejected

Amid undercurrents of politics, trustees of Oakland Community College rejected, 4-3, Chancellor Richard Thompson's plan to have two campus presidents swap posts.

George Keith was scheduled Sept. 22 to move to the helm of the Royal Oak-Southfield campus and be replaced at Orchard Ridge by RO-S's Martha Smydra.

But 117 faculty and staff members from RO-S petitioned the board Sept. 15 to keep Smydra.

"Who has provided the unique vision, leadership and enthusiasm under which we have prospered and moved into a cohesive team to move our two-site campus into the 21st Century."

The petition, presented by faculty member Deborah Randolph, said:

"To move Dr. Smydra at this crucial time would be detrimental to the entire education development of our campus, including the physical renovations of our site and the planned visit (next year) of the North Central Association (accreditation) team."

It found no fault, however, with Keith.

A second petition asked the board to reject a post swap between two directors of campus services - David Hugay of Auburn Hills and George Mergner of Orchard Ridge. The board will receive that formal recommendation next month from Thompson.

The board vote came in a sweltering room with an overflow crowd of 110, many wearing union buttons as negotiations with two non-faculty locals dragged on.

"I'm gosh-darned tired of seeing Smydra swap wear board chair Judith Wiser of West Bloomfield, vice chair Janice Simmons of Rochester Hills, and trustees Jeanne Toward and Anne Scott, both of Royal Oak."

Supporting it were secretary Carol Crew and trustee Sandra Ritter, both of Waterford, and Pamela Davis of Sterling Heights.

"We've had a lot of disruptions," said Simmons, warning against generating "ill feeling" if the move took place. She referred to the 1995 firing of a previous chancellor, the hiring of new campus presidents at Auburn Hills and Highland Lakes, and a general shakiness in the central office staff.

"We're too close to our North Central accreditation," Simmons added.

Wiser agreed, adding: "I've backed the chancellor before, in public and private. This is not a personal put-down."

"We have two campuses now with substantially new presidents," said Toward. "This would give us all four new presidents."

"I'm gosh-darned tired of seeing Royal Oak-Southfield treated like a second class citizen," said Scott.

Crew argued for supporting Thompson because: "If we run the day-to-day operations, what do we need a chancellor for?"

"I've seen other chancellors move people around like chess players," said Ritter, in her 20th year on the board. "Moving around - that's how you keep the vitality. We're not five campuses; we're one college."

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Novi assesses the assessment

Novi teachers find success in reading program to improve MEAP scores

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Not satisfied with standardized test scores and students' performance on informational reading assignments, two Novi Middle School teachers devised a plan to teach students the difference between reading a novel and reading a newspaper.

The program, as a result, inspired pages of thoughtful writing and opinions backed with knowledge.

Plotted last year at the eighth grade level, the two reading specialists who developed it, Jane Hesse and Michaelen Jarowicz, found it a success beyond anything they expected.

"When we saw the results for the first time through, we were just smitten," said Hesse. "We were in tears. The kids just got it. It was like we unleashed this magic."

"That the magic was in them all the time. We just found the key," added Jarowicz.

SELECT COMPARISON OF DISTRICT MEAP SCORES				
SCHOOL DISTRICT	5TH WRITING	5TH SCIENCE	8TH WRITING	8TH SCIENCE
Grosse Pointe	92.1	61.3	96.7	32.6
Troy	90.2	60.9	93.7	38.1
Bloomfield Hills	92.0	54.0	97.3	30.7
Birmingham	91.4	54.7	92.3	31.3
West Bloomfield	91.5	62.7	91.0	21.3
Northville	88.2	58.4	95.9	28.9
Novi	90.9	57.5	88.8	26.9
Grosse Ile	90.0	57.1	88.8	29.4
Farmington	89.7	54.8	84.8	21.1
South Lyon	82.7	51.0	91.5	19.2
Plymouth-Canton	88.9	49.6	87.0	22.4
Livonia	76.3	43.9	86.3	24.6
State average	73.4	36.8	77.0	17.5

Numbers across top row refer to grade level.
Numbers in body of table indicate percentages of students scoring in the "proficient" category on the test.
School districts used in this table were selected by The Novi News.
Source: Michigan Department of Education

Scores see-saw; district asks why

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

How does one set of scores soar to high heights while another takes a slight dip?

Eighth grade teachers, students and administrators are mystified by the dip in eighth grade science scores across the state and the low scores overall.

While last year's Novi fifth graders scored 57.5 percent proficient (17.5 points higher than last year), the eighth graders dropped 4.7 points to a low score of 26.9 percent proficient.

"The whole state went down, which is unbelievable," said Milan Obrenovich, principal at Novi Middle School.

The science questions are designed to evaluate students' knowledge of life, earth, and physical science, as well as their ability to evaluate scientific methods in writing.

There is also an "area specific" portion with extra questions related to a certain field of a district's choice, earth or physical science.

The state raised the benchmark on the science test seven points over it was decided the test was easier than the year before. The tests are different each year because "all of the objectives of the test can't be tested in one year," Obrenovich explained.

The change in the cut-off for the proficient score may account for why the statewide scores are so low and most dropped, Obrenovich added.

But with only a third of Novi students scoring proficient and the scores around the state not much better, he wonders if, instead, there was a flaw in the test or the scoring.

"I have some questions about the test," he said. "When that large percentage of students across the state are failing I have questions about the test itself."

"Where's the cutoff and how many students missed it by one point?" he asked.

Test scores affect more than schools

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
and WENDY WHITE
Staff Writers

While the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test was designed to be used as a tool in evaluating and adjusting curriculum to meet a statewide curriculum, the scores are often used as a means of comparing school districts.

"You don't want the MEAP scores to be gospel, but a lot of people don't have anything else to go on," she said.

The MEAP scores can help verify the high value placed on Novi Schools. The packets handed out by the real estate agents are being considered for inclusion in information packets given out by the city to local developers.

The school system really helps sell this community a lot," Greg Capote, economic development coordinator for the City of Novi said.

A lot of companies ask about the quality of the school system on behalf of their employees, he added.

"The MEAPs are critical," she explained. "When people are transferred and they don't know anything about the area, they ask for those scores when they're trying to decide where to live."

Halley created a packet for her clients that contains information from surrounding school districts. The district's MEAP scores are included.

"There's need to value their children's thinking and opinions if not they'll stop expressing them," added Jarowicz.

The teachers received \$5,000 in grant money from the Novi Educational Foundation last year to buy portfolios and storage bins as well as create staff guide books on the model.

"The grant was the frosting on the cake," said Hesse.

Jarowicz and Hesse will present the project at a Lausling conference of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English this month. They've taught in-service courses on the model to the middle school teachers and will give the same information to Novi High School teachers.

"We need to help them integrate the information and synthesize it," Hesse said.

"There was a time in school when

MEAP scores head in right direction

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Throughout the district keep an eye on each other's MEAP scores simply because the elementary grade staff needs to know what's coming up for their students and the high school wants to know how much students learned at the lower levels.

"We're working very hard to do well but we hate to say 'Look how wonderful when the next group of students may not do as well,'" Traynor said.

The Quality Teams at the schools meet to discuss the scores and decide on the plan of attack each time they are released. But all the teachers and administrators are involved to some degree, said Traynor.

"Tests give valuable information and feedback but how you interpret it and what it means to you is critical," said Novi Middle School teacher Michaelen Jarowicz, who used to use the results to help develop a reading program at the school.

"To me I don't look at the test as all bad or all wrong," Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich said.

"We take a look at the objectives kids missed and find out where in the curriculum that is," he explained.

"Maybe 60 percent of the kids chose answer B and that was wrong. We go back to the objective and to the curriculum to say, 'Did we do something so that these kids assumed it's answer B or is the question poorly worded?'" Obrenovich said.

Traynor agreed.

"Sometimes it was the way the question was worded," she added.

"I just heard this yesterday from teachers that for the fifth grade the words used on the test they don't necessarily always use in class. So they're putting a list of vocabulary words out to the teachers."

That kind of analysis is good, she said.

"To look at not only how kids learn but how teachers teach," Traynor explained.

Traynor said the district does focus on the MEAP but addresses many other academic issues. Mainly, teachers work to state standards, which are meant to align with the MEAP.

"It's so hard because we're working so much on so many different things," said Traynor.

"It's a balance," Jarowicz explained. "While the curriculum is in place there is reflection about what the scores mean."

The lesson is still important even the MEAP is thrown out the door, she said. "It's not that anybody is teaching to the test," said Jarowicz. "It still needs to be taught."

This is the second year after the MEAP was redesigned to a more challenging test.

Fifth and eighth grade students across the state take science and writing MEAP tests. 4th and 7th graders take math and reading MEAPs and high school juniors take the new High School Proficiency Test, which replaced the 10th grade MEAP. All the tests will be given in February of 1998, as opposed to different times throughout the year as done in the past.

"It will be very nice to get them all in at once," Traynor said.



Michaelen Jarowicz and Jane Hesse hope to increase learning with a new reading program.

Mediator steps in to OCC union talks

A state mediator has stepped into the contract bargaining deadlock between Teamsters Local 214 and Oakland Community College.

Mediator Charles Jamerson, who brokered the contract between Detroit public schools and the American Federation of Teachers, will meet with the parties Sept. 26, a college spokesman said.

The Teamsters represent about 120 administrative and managerial employees, including deans, professors, enrollment and recruiting personnel. The union won a representation election early in 1996.

The Teamsters' request for a factfinder was denied by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

For months, the union has criticized the OCC administration for slowness in reaching a new contract and granting pay raises.

"There has been no pay raise since July of 1995," said Becky Woodruff, a book store supervisor. Meanwhile, negotiations continued between the college and a local of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees representing 100 custodial workers. The AFSCME contract expired July 1. Custodians are working under an extension of the old contract.

The college enrolls about 25,000 students on five campuses. Classes resumed Aug. 28.

response you get," Hesse said they found.

The students then read another one or two additional informative articles and answer more questions. In the next step students must determine how the different articles connect to each other and then how that connects to their own lives or experiences.

Often, the students are given connections to prove but they can always uncover their own, and find some that teachers haven't.

Using this the students are given a situation problem and are asked to come up with a solution or response backed with documentation from the articles.

A big part of the model is it allows students to express opinions, as long as they can substantiate them.

The students will learn how to score the test themselves, so they know what's expected of them. Instead of a grade, the school-wide assessment will tell students where their strengths and weaknesses lie. Then the students will set goals for themselves and keep a portfolio of their work.

They'll be asked to analyze connections between their own work, which could lead to identifying a career choice or hobby.

Jarowicz and Hesse tackled the topic after how Michigan Educational Assessment Program

test reading scores verified what the teachers said they already knew - students needed more exposure to informational reading and critical thinking.

"We always expose students to stories," said Jarowicz. "No one sits a child on their knee and reads Newsweek."

The reading MEAP tests both narrative and expository or informational reading skills.

"What the MEAP told us is... (the students) are immersed in narrative reading... but we did not put enough emphasis on or stress on the informational reading. It's trial and error kinds of things," Jarowicz said.

Hesse said the MEAP was not the only indicator. Teachers felt the missing link in the classroom, but needed the statistics to back up the feelings.

"We grew up with stories," she explained. "We all think narratively and the goal was not to change that but to show how to think in the informational sense."

Hesse said it's especially important in the technology age where students are exposed to information from the Internet, television, radio, books, newspapers and magazines.

"We need to help them integrate the information and synthesize it," Hesse said.

"There was a time in school when

people expected students to learn all the information at hand at the time. That was feasible then," said Jarowicz. "It's not feasible anymore because the information is so vast and humans can only handle small bits of information at a time."

Parents can help their children develop critical thinking skills and the ability to synthesize information.

"Watch the television news," said Hesse. "And ask questions that start with the word 'explain.' They elaborate. Asking questions is fundamental."

"There's need to value their children's thinking and opinions if not they'll stop expressing them," added Jarowicz.

The teachers received \$5,000 in grant money from the Novi Educational Foundation last year to buy portfolios and storage bins as well as create staff guide books on the model.

"The grant was the frosting on the cake," said Hesse.

Jarowicz and Hesse will present the project at a Lausling conference of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English this month. They've taught in-service courses on the model to the middle school teachers and will give the same information to Novi High School teachers.

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As We See It

Sometimes high tech is not necessarily better

How to put this as delicately as possible ... the Oakland County Road Commission can't even keep all the snow scraped off its roads, and it has trouble scraping something as low-tech as pavement from cracking, buckling and crumbling into massive potholes. So what makes it think it can keep up with the maintenance needed for high tech computerized traffic control systems like FAST-TRAC?



Government

FAST-TRAC is an automated traffic light control system first put in use in Oakland County in 1992 in Troy. Already the system has been installed at Novi and Grand River and additional systems are being installed in the area of Eight Mile and Haggerty. The system will soon be installed at Nine Mile and Novi Road.

TRAC system should be able to have its greatest impact.

Simply put, it's a high maintenance item.

But if the road commission has trouble patching potholes, how can it expect to keep up a sophisticated computer system. Of course, the county raises the issue that its maintenance lags because of low funding. But the effect is the same. And how then can it expect to maintain a series of sophisticated computer systems.

As exciting as it might sound to apply high technology to issues like traffic control, some things are best addressed by less sophisticated, and consequently more dependable, technology.

It is the 'in' thing to do to add new high tech systems. Everyone is doing it.

But is it the best course for traffic control? Are fancy computerized remote sensors and switching devices that break down better than old-fashioned timers, which don't quite so often?

The county and cities may find that if they do not have the funds or manpower to keep up with the demands of high maintenance systems, that it might just be best to do without them.

If they are going to commit such high tech programs, they need to also commit to a rigorous maintenance regimen.

Enjoyable way to serve

How can you take a walk in the woods ... and volunteer to work for a good cause all at the same time?

The Novi city forester is looking for volunteer "tree walkers" willing to do just that.

Forester Chris Pargoff is looking for volunteers willing to stroll around on city rights-of-way looking for trouble signs on city-owned trees. The effort is spurred by the recent arrival of gypsy moths to Novi, but volunteers will be looking for signs of other tree stressors, like diseases and environmental damage, such as mower marks. Of course, they'll be trying to spot those gypsy moth egg sacks too.

Sounds like a pretty enjoyable way to serve the community.

And a highly useful one. The city's tree stock is one of its greatest assets. Residents and officials here often talk of the community's rural feel. That is, by and large due to the large number of trees that cover its landscape.

Protecting that resource, by tracking the disease and damage that endangers city trees, could indeed be a worthwhile contribution toward preserving the beauty of the city.

To sign up, call Pargoff at 347-0585.

Keeping school buses safe

Frankly, we are not surprised that Novi's school bus fleet has passed inspections with flying colors.

Congratulations are in order of course, but as we said, we're not surprised.

Nor are we surprised that when it appeared the state bus inspection program was about to fall by the wayside, Novi's transportation director still sought to have those buses inspected. Actually, she fought to have the buses inspected.

Student safety is clearly a top priority for the district, so it is critical to have give those buses a good going over at the start of each school year.

Again, compliments to the school district for seeking inspections, but again, no surprise.

What is a surprise is that the annual bus inspections were ever in doubt in the first place. Apparently, the bus inspections program was to be set aside as a money saving measure. Cut from the budget, the inspections, usually conducted by the state police, would have had to wait another year.

Eventually, the clamoring of transportation directors, like Virginia Burnham, from across the state spurred the legislature to restore funding.

The districts we would be most concerned about would be those who were not clamoring to have inspections, those that felt skipping the inspections one year would be a good place to cut corners.

The legislature did too at first. Now as much as we are in favor of budget cutting and keeping the taxpayers' burden low, we think this pretty clearly serves as an example of the need to keep priorities in order as the belt is being tightened.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Feldman has a first in town



Michael Malott

The Marty Feldman Chevrolet dealership on Grand River is the first ... and still the only ... Novi organization to take over the care and feeding (well, at least pick up) of a roadway in the community under the Oakland County Road Commission's "Adopt a Road" program.

Next Saturday, Sept. 27, some 20 employees of the dealership will donate a couple of hours each to the clean up of Grand River Avenue between Novi and Haggerty roads.

The reason, according to Feldman Parts Manager Mike O'Neill, is simply community service. The dealership owners, particularly General Manager Martha Feldman, feel it is important for the business to support the community, and so it does whenever it can. According to O'Neill, the employees there are also supportive, and have enthusiastically signed on once the dealership committed to this project.

Other groups have signed up to care for Novi roads, including the Walled Lake based Volunteers of Michigan, which has adopted Grand River from Wixom to Fall Road. And the 47th District Court's community work program has signed up to adopt all of Haggerty Road from Eight Mile to Fourteen Mile.

But there are a number of orphan roads in Novi still looking for parental care, according to Sue Malone, environmentalist in the permits division of the road commission. Twelve Mile, Ten Mile and even Novi Road are presently without adoptive groups. In fact, about three-fourths of the county roads in Novi are still available for adoption, she said.

The county program is modeled on the state's Adopt a Highway program and works just like it, Malone explained. Groups, recommended to be at least six to eight people in size, must first apply to the road commission. Once accepted, a group leader is put through training, to instruct him or her on how to keep members of the organization out of the way of vehicles, and things like, that while they work along the roadside.

Then, the organization is asked to conduct pick ups of trash and litter along the designated roadway during at least two of three set pick-up periods, in April, July and September. The county hands out the bags when the volunteers are finished.

In return, the county road commission will recognize the groups' efforts by posting a sign at either end of the adopted road bearing the organization's name.

Overall for the county, adoptions are going pretty well, Malone said. So far, 115 groups have signed up to care for 250 miles of roadway.

But Malone is hoping more will sign up in Novi, and elsewhere of course. To join the effort, residents may call 858-4891.

Novi Public Information Director Lou Martin is also encouraging adoption of roads. He has obtained copies of the application form and has them available in this office. His number is 347-0460.

O'Neill hopes that once his crews are seen out there working along the road, others will be spurred to sign up as well.

We hope so too. It's a great program. A good cause. And it is a good way to keep the city looking spiffy throughout the summertime.

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In Focus



By John Heider



Being neighborly
Kathleen Barlett and son Alex offer coffee and donuts to construction workers Jeff Alexander, Dave Grawoski, Chris Hoggins and Jerry Alexander.

The new girl on the block



Wensdy White

Being the new girl on the block is nothing new to me. My family moved around a lot, and though they stayed in the metro Detroit area, I attended three different middle schools and two different high schools. Then, after I moved out on my own, I attended two community colleges and two universities.

A month ago, I started a new job. It's been quite a while since I've felt so welcomed in a new place.

I'm amazed at what a tight-knit community Northville is. It's like a peaceful enclave, hidden from the chaos of the rest of the Metro area.

Here, people are always out and about, leisurely cruising the streets. They even say hello as they pass by.

I was hired here just weeks before the Victorian Festival. As I pieced together preview articles about the event, I became more intrigued by the way the whole town - residents, merchants, and teachers alike - were pulling together to make sure the festival was a success.

I didn't remain an objective observer for long. When Gina, my new co-worker, asked me to be in

the Uptown Ladies Parasol Promenade during the Friday night parade, I was swept up in the action.

I soon set to work creating my own costume for the parade, some of it borrowed, and some of it pieced together from local antique shops.

I bought a lacy parasol, and met with the 15 other uptown ladies to rehearse the routine. As we chanted, marched and twirled through residential streets we blocked traffic and disturbed families at dinner, but I don't think anyone really minded.

And on the evening of the parade, when the 16 of us assembled in full costume, again I was struck by the sense of community that the festival brought into sharp focus.

It didn't matter if I forgot some of the words to our song, or if I tripped on my lace petticoat. After just a few rehearsals, I was an uptown lady, singing and twirling with the best of them.

And as the Northville High School band led us through the streets in all our finery, I even heard my name called from the crowd.

I already have friends here. I consider it my job to become part of this community and to bring its residents the information they need to keep it thriving. A newspaper can serve to unify an already tight community even more. I hope, as a reporter, I serve you well.

Wensdy White is a staff writer for The Northville Record and The Novi News.

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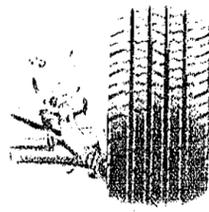
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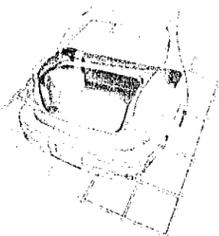


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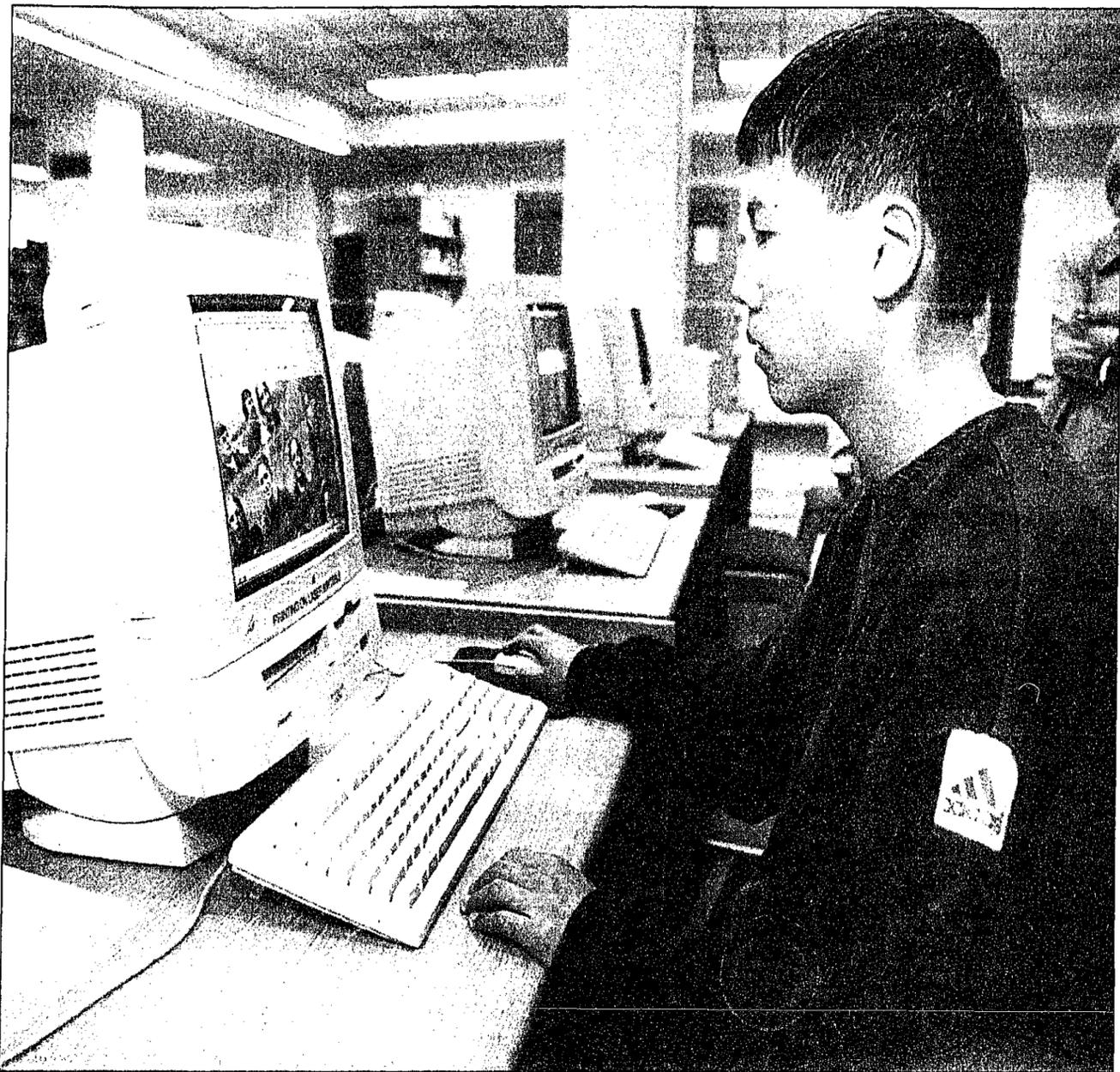
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Novi High School junior Geoff Wang spends some time at the library looking up the school's Web page, and checking out some information and photos put on the page by Novi's student-run radio station. Wang has used the Internet at school for history and math projects.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

NETiquette

Many parents agree that online access can be a valuable learning tool, but some have concerns about what kind of material their children will encounter

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

"Do you know what your children are watching" was once the big question concerning television shows. Now parents also have to be aware of the information their children are viewing on the Internet.

Besides gaining access to the Internet at home, children can go online at school and at the library.

Both the Northville and the Novi school districts have codes of conduct regarding Internet use which students and parents are required to sign before students can use the computer.

The codes contain conditions such as the appropriate use of the hardware and software, the use of the student's software, and responsibility for material written or received while online.

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Setting online guidelines

Parents need to be proactive and set guidelines for their children's online computer use. They should know when and how long their children are online as well as what information they're searching for and with whom they're communicating.

It's as important to know their online friends as it is their other friends. Make computer use a family activity and keep the computer in a family area of the home rather than in a secluded area such as a bedroom.

Children need to follow parental rules about online use, which could include:

- ◆ Never give out identifying information such as home addresses, school names and telephone numbers or personal and financial

information. Never send a photograph of yourself to someone you met online.

- ◆ Never make arrangements to meet face-to-face with a person you have met online unless accompanied by a parent in a public place.

◆ Don't believe everything you read online - some of the information may not be true. Some online users may misrepresent themselves and lead others to think they're someone they're not.

- ◆ Never respond to or write offensive, obscene, suggestive, belligerent or threatening messages. If parents or children find child pornography on the Internet, call the service provider and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678.

Volunteer



Dee Hodges leads Jared Hyman on Harmony Tarifa.

Couple guide riders and horses in show

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Dee and Dennis Hodges of Northville were among the volunteers who participated in a 4-H Therapeutic Riding Horse Show in Davidsburg, Mich., recently.

Dee and Dennis were sidewalkers and led horses and riders in the Walk Trot, Stop and Go, and Trail events. Other volunteers prepared the horses for the show.

"My little guy was very good," she said of rider Jared Hyman of West Bloomfield who rode on Harmony Tarifa.

Three Arabian horses owned by Nancy Harm of Harmony Acres in Northville were invited to participate in the show, including Harmony Tarifa.

Participating in their first 4-H show, Dee and Dennis have been members of the Harmony Acres parade team for about a year. The Hodges have two grown children and have been residents of

Northville for three-and-a-half years.

"I get a warm feeling when I see how these special kids enjoy being with the horses and how excited and proud they are when they win their ribbon," Dee said.

As a sidewalker, Dee and Dennis talked to the children and instructed them on what the judges were asking them to do. They also kept the horse under control.

"When the horse needs to trot, (the sidewalker) picks up the pace," Dee said. "You are mostly there to make sure the child doesn't fall off."

Riders in the 4-H Therapeutic Riding Horse Show participate in the Horseback Riding for Handicappers program, which is sponsored by Variety Club of Detroit and Oakland County 4-H. The program offers children ages five

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THE COST OF EDUCATION

You think your monthly bills are high — the Novi Community School District paid out \$3,219,867.75 in July.



Church members settling into the fall schedule

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Sept. 28 is an important day for the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church family. It will be celebrating its annual fall kick-off after summer vacations. A program change called "Saints Alive" will take place that day starting at 9 a.m. with everyone meeting together for a praise service, songs, scripture and a message for the children. At 9:20 a.m., the adults will conduct a learning time for study and discussion while the children go to their classes. Sharing time will take place at 10 a.m. at which time choir rehearsals will be held and refreshments will be available. The worship service and Holy Communion will follow at 10:30 a.m. An annual corn roast and potluck dinner will follow as part of the Rally Day program.

Other activities include the weekly Monday 10 a.m. visit to Charter House, providing a message, singing and games for those attending.

Pastor Schreger attended the Novi Ministers meeting and received information on the upcoming CROP walk which will be held on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. The 5:30 p.m. Saturday services will continue with Holy Communion and music presented by

"Faith, Notes and Harmony," an instrumental group. Those involved include Caryn Daehler, pianist; Stephanie Graham, violin; Glen Braeh, guitar; and Sherry Kemp, oboe.

The church is again participating in the Lutheran World Relief 1997 program and is looking for sewing kits, school kits and health kits, as well as lightweight clothes for men, sweaters for women, children's clothing and kayites.

The women of the church will hold a general meeting on Sept. 23 before forming various circles: Esther Circle, Ruth Circle, Sarah Circle, and Anna Circle.

Animated stories from the New Testament are available at the church library. A set contains 12 tapes and is accompanied by a coloring book. See Sherry Kemp for more information.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The fall brochure is available and if you didn't get one through the mail, call the office at (248) 449-1206 between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or (248) 449-1531 from 4:30-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Registration has started not only for the Novi school district, but also open registration is available

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for non-residents. A new policy has been established for residents within the City of Novi but not in the Novi school district - though they are considered non-residents. They will not be charged the non-resident fee. However, for non-residents of Novi, a \$5 fee per person per program will be charged. Retired Novi residents, age 60 and older, qualify for discounted class fees.

This year a special program has been designed for all retired residents of Novi, age 60 or older. Name of the class is "Introduction to the Internet for Senior Citizens." These attending this free class will learn about the information available and how to access it. Only minimal computer experience is required. Instructors will be Gerry Stipp and Frances Lognes, both former city employees now retired.

The class will be held in the ITC computer lab from 3:5 p.m. on Tuesdays for three weeks. Session I, which is titled, started Sept. 16. There will be no class held on Oct. 21 during Session II, which is scheduled for Oct. 7-28. Session III will be held Nov. 11-25. In the

near future, a swim time for seniors only is being planned for both swimmers and non-swimmers. This class will be held at the high school pool under the direction of "Fitness Forum." Locker rooms and pool will be available exclusively for senior citizens during the time period when scheduled. Those attending should bring a towel, swim suit, and lock for the locker. Call (248) 449-1206 for more detailed information.

NOVI LIONESS

The Lioness will sponsor a Euchre tournament to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Novi Club Center. To receive extra points by early registration, call Maggie Merker at 344-1633. This has been scheduled as "Partner Play," however, if you are a "Single" and wish to be matched with another "Single," let her know.

The evening will include a 50/50 raffle and many door prizes, some of which will be gift certificates to local restaurants. The evening promises to be a lot of fun with snacks of pizza, popcorn, pop, etc. Pre-registration is \$10 in advance.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 621-0173.

JUST FOR WOMEN

A special program for women will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Grant's Hideaway in the Wall restaurant, 108 E. Main St., in downtown Northville. Following the 11:30 a.m. luncheon will be speaker, Kay Francis M.A., popular psychotherapist. In her presentation "Why Am I Not?" she will discuss how to create more positives in your life. She is the founder of the Center for Family Learning Inc., writer, and also author of *Getting to Know You - The Intimate Connections*. She has appeared on radio and TV scan-

ning topics of gender, education, sexual harassment, and communicating for success. Everyone is invited to focus on themselves differently as she explores a number of topics including self-love, personal needs, spirituality, life choices and relationships. Anyone with intimate questions will be answered anonymously.

Reservations may be made by calling (248) 349-0522. The luncheon will include soup, bread, pasta, antipasto salad, chicken, Italian sausage, non-alcoholic beverage and dessert.

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Youth named top DeMolay in state

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Keeping up a family tradition has led one Novi youth to be selected Michigan's Outstanding DeMolay.

Samuel (Sam) L. Cole IV was named the Ralph Dawson Outstanding DeMolay at the annual state convocation in Big Rapids.

The Cole men have been involved in DeMolay for several generations. Sam's grandfather, his father and his uncles were all involved in the international organization.

"I wanted to do it because I had seen all of them go through it," he said.

Sam became a member when he was 14 and was one of the first members of the Northville chapter when it was founded three years ago.

The Ralph Dawson Trophy is given annually to Michigan's outstanding DeMolay members and is named for Ralph Dawson, a Michigan Mason who was employed in the broadcast industry for many years.

The award is administered and governed by Detroit Commandry Knights Templar No. 1 and presented annually to the DeMolay, which represents the best of Michigan's eligible youth.

"I think that it has helped me with public speaking," Sam said. "There are a lot of memorized parts - the higher in ranking, the bigger the parts."

Sam is a honor student at Novi High School where he is a senior and an active member of SADD, the Drama Club, the French Club, the Spanish Club, the Track Team (varsity letter) and Thespian Troop No. 2935 (president).

He is also the news editor of the student newspaper and editor-in-chief of the yearbook. He has

served in various positions and has received numerous awards. Currently he is serving as the Master Counselor in the local chapter and as the State Chaplain in the state chapter.

"I'm big into theater, so the memorized parts are fun," he said.

Sam is also employed part-time in a local retail store.

DeMolay is a fraternity for young men 12 to 21 years of age.

The Northville chapter was named after Walt Disney who was a senior DeMolay member and is sponsored by Northville Masonic Lodge No. 1865.

"We figured it would be easier to come up with designs and posters of cartoon characters," Sam said. Posters are used at a variety of activities including sporting events, dances and state conferences. The chapters main logo is generally Mickey Mouse.

In sporting events members compete against other chapters in, among other things, floor hockey, bowling, flag football, basketball and volleyball.

The Walt Disney Chapter Order of DeMolay has about 40 members, 20 of whom are considered active members. An upcoming event is the chapter's Halloween dance on Oct. 25. You do not have to be a member to attend.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. at the Northville Masonic Center on E. Main Street. One week is a business meeting and the other is for initiations.

Members of the Walt Disney chapter include young men in Canton, Northville, Novi, and South Lyon.

DeMolay takes its name from the 14th century crusader who was burned at the stake for refusing to betray his followers. DeMo-

lay was founded in 1919 as an organization that promotes young men and provides leadership skills in a wholesome environment.

For more information about Walt Disney Chapter Order of DeMolay, call Jeff DeVeon at (313) 397-0341.

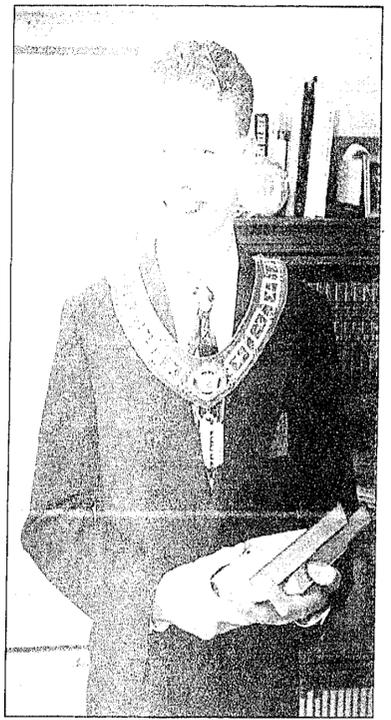


Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Novi High School senior Sam Cole recently received the Ralph Dawson Outstanding DeMolay award.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, has moved to Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

On Sept. 18 the topics from which to choose will be "Successfully Single" with Cynthia Koppin at 7:30 p.m., or an open forum discussion on "Commitment: The Big Question" with facilitator Larry Austin. The cost is \$4.

On Thursday, Sept. 25, the topic will be "Reflections of Single Life" with David Blake. The cost is \$4 per person.

The group will continue its fellowship at Woolly Bulbs after both evenings.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop begins on Oct. 9 for seven Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. The cost is \$30.

September activities include a walk in Heritage Park on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.; volleyball from 9 until 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26; and a performance of *Escanaba in the Moonlight* at the Purple Rose Theatre on Saturday, Sept. 27.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 349-0911.

SINGLE PARENT GROUP, 17000 Farmington Road in Livonia, meets the first and third Tuesdays in the Calvin Room at Ward Presbyterian Church from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free child care is available. There are activities for children and parents to enjoy every month.

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday, also in the Calvin Room, from 7 to 9 p.m.

New Start for widows and widowers meets every Thursday in room A-15 from 7:30 until 9 p.m.

For more information call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

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Church Notes

The first Accent on Women Series Celebrating the Giftedness of Women program at **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will be on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The Covenant Players, a professional ministerial drama group from California, will act out daily life situations and demonstrate how to improve communication styles within our families.

The program, titled "Communications - Do you really hear what I am saying? Do you really understand what is being said?" will be held in the Family Center. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-8847.

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Too Old."

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 24, the All Come to Share (ACTS) program. There is something for all ages. Registration fee is \$10 per person/family. Registrations will be accepted at the door. A donation for diners is requested at \$2 per person or \$8 for a family of four or more.

The program begins with dinner at 5:45 p.m. After dinner, the variety of classes include 6:15 p.m. youth choir for second through eighth grade, 6:15 p.m. movement for 3 year olds to first grade, 7 p.m. children's classes, 6:15 p.m. adult Bible study, 6:30 p.m. adult bell choir and 7:30 p.m. chancel choir. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-2652.

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Wedding



Brian and Lynette McVeigh

Lynette Jennifer Bean and Brian Arthur McVeigh were united in marriage on April 5, 1997, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. The Rev. James P. Russell officiated at the double ring ceremony, where the bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Attending the wedding reception were over 200 guests from Indiana, Illinois, Florida, Texas, California, Iowa, Connecticut and Alaska. The reception was held at the Walnut Creek Country Club of South Lyon.

The bride is the daughter of Jerome and Kay Bean Jr. of Zionsville, Ind. She graduated from Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Ind. in 1986 and received her bachelor's degree in business from Purdue University in 1990. She is currently employed as a supervisor in the Wholesale Mortgage Lending Division of Standard Federal in Ann Arbor.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Andrea Bean, formerly of Northville now of Florida. Her bridesmaids were sister Carolyn Bean of Indiana and friends Tammy Caldwell of Indiana, Judy Miller of Illinois, Kristin

Flynn of Livonia and, as flower girl, cousin of the bride, Nicole Bean, 8, of Indiana.

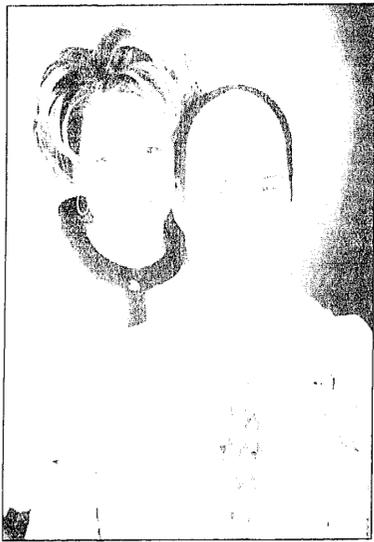
The bride wore a floor-length, white satin, sleeveless gown, accessorized with elbow length white gloves. The gown's skirt was overlaid with silk tulle netting with a matching long tulle train.

The bridegroom is the son of Adele McVeigh of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School in 1980, and received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University in 1986. He is a sales engineer for Spine Electric Supply Co. Attending the groom as best man was his brother, Darren McVeigh of Fairbanks, Alaska.

The groomsmen were friends Steve Deibel of Connecticut, Greg Behrens of Brighton, Conrad Newman of Livonia and Mark Deibel of Novi. The usher was the brother of the bride, Jerry Bean of Indiana, and, as ring bearer, nephew of the groom, Shane McVeigh, 3 1/2, of Fairbanks.

For their wedding trip, the newlyweds took a seven-day cruise through the Caribbean. The couple reside in Livonia.

Engagement



Krista Allison/Daniel Abrams

Daniel Marc Abrams and Krista Susan Allison are pleased to announce their engagement. Krista is the daughter of Randy and Kathy Allison of West Bloomfield. Dan is the son of Leonard and Julie Abrams of Novi.

Krista is a loan supervisor at L.O.C. Federal Credit Union in Farmington Hills. Dan is the general manager of Coastal Industries Ltd. in Novi. A late August wedding is planned at Temple Star Shalom.

Birth



Evan Thomas

John and Judith Thomas of Novi announce the birth of their son **EVAN JOSEPH**, born at 9:58 a.m. on Sunday, July 6, at Sinai Hospital in Detroit.

Evan weighed 7 pounds, 11 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches in length.

His big sisters awaiting his arrival at home were Gina Marie, 11, Krista, 9, and Alison, 7. Grandparents are John and Ginny Wrobel of Fenton and Joseph and Marie Tomaskowski of Novi.

Evan is named for his dad and grandpa.

The name Evan is a Welsh or Celtic version of John.

Annual golf outing to benefit young artists

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The 18th Annual Northville High School Alumni Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Lodge Lake Golf Course in Union Lake. Tee times start at 10 a.m. Dinner will be at approximately 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winners, and the longest drive and closest to the pin.

The proceeds will benefit the Richard Lewis Scholarship Fund. Lewis, a 1983 graduate of Northville High School, was a sailor aboard the USS Iowa. He and 46 crew members were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the ship on April 19, 1989.

Since Lewis was an art student, scholarships have been awarded to 10 art students since 1989, beginning with \$250 in awards. Last year scholarships totaled \$1,500.

"If that is where a kid's talent is, he should have some sort of motivation to go on to school," said Lewis' mother, Nancy Mark, of the reason the scholarships have always stayed in the art field.

"Had there been some encouragement to go to school he would have done that instead of going into the Navy and I would still have him," Mark said.

The golf outing is open to women and men, as long as they are alumni of Northville High School or teach in the district.

Classes from 1948 were represented by over 60 alumni participants last year.

For more information, call Howard Amblinder, founder of the golf outing and a member of the Class of 1964, at (249) 788-9626.

On Campus

Named to the Dean's List at Kalamazoo College for spring quarter were **KELLY KEARNEY** and **MATT LUND**. To receive recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Kearney, a freshman, is the daughter of Miles P. and Patricia J. Kearney of Novi.

Lund is a sophomore and the son of Bruce and Mary Lund, also of Novi.

AMY JO WOOD of Novi graduated from Washenaw Community College in April of this year.

Alma College has recognized the academic achievements of its entering freshmen for fall '97 with scholarship awards.

CHRISTOPHER HARRINGTON received the Presidential Scholarship, which was awarded to him on the basis of outstanding scholarship and national test scores.

DANA WESTON was awarded the Trustee Honors Scholarship. This award is given to students who demonstrate superior academic achievement and national test scores.

Both students are residents of Novi and are graduates of Novi High School.

Novi residents **SARA ELIZABETH BLUMER** and **CHRISTY LEIGH CARMICHAEL** have been named to the Dean's List at Michigan Technological University.

They each received academic recognition for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

SHANNON WARNER of Novi has again received a Catholic Student Award of \$800, renewable for four years, from Madonna University. Recipients must possess and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Warner is a junior studying business.

Schools, libraries find most student Internet use is proper

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"We're basically trying to be open about it - what it's all about and some basic kinds of appropriate behavior that's expected," said Jim Fry, supervisor of computer instruction for the Novi School District.

The codes also spell out the disciplinary actions that will be taken if violations are discovered. Action can range from being prohibited from using personal software to suspension from school.

"Most parents want their children to be using it (the Internet) because they feel it is valuable for them," said Marilyn Kiefer, Novi High School media specialist. "But there are some legitimate concerns they have about what kinds of things might be out there."

Blocking systems are in use in both school districts.

The Novi School District uses the Best Internet Retriever service. It has a large data base of sites on the Internet which are inappropriate for use in a school district.

Unlike Novi, Northville uses a

software program. Both block access through key words, phrases, and sites which can be customized and updated by the schools periodically as the Internet changes and the schools become aware of new search possibilities.

"Out of the thousands of pages the kids look at each day one-half percent of access is blocked and probably half of the blocking could be legitimate," Fry said.

When a student tries to access information which has been deemed inappropriate, a message is displayed on the screen telling the user that access has been denied.

"No blocking software is 100 percent effective but we do have a first line of defense," said Barb Fife, educational technology resource teacher with the Northville School District.

"It is a given that kids are going to try these things if no one is looking even though they have signed an agreement," Fife said. "Most of the time they are on task because they are doing research that is pertinent to a class assign-

ment. Teachers are there. It's not as though they are unsupervised. They probably get into far more at home than they do at school. Very little would go on here."

Aside from school, the library has become a popular spot for children wanting to use the Internet.

Libraries do not have separate policies for users based on age. Users at the Northville District Library sign in at the reference desk on the lower level to use either of the two terminals in half-hour increments. There are eight terminals available for public use at the Novi Public Library. A sign-in sheet is located at the reference desk. Time limits are enforced only when a waiting list develops.

"We encourage the parents to take an active role in their children's use of the Internet, even using it with them," said Dorie Freebury, youth librarian at the Northville District Library. "We've had very responsible users of the Internet at this point."

Both the Northville and Novi libraries have been looked up to

the Internet for a about a year.

"We believe we do not stand in the parent's place," Northville District Library Director Julie Herrin said. "Responsibility rests with parents or legal guardians. We don't do it for books so we don't do it for the Internet."

The libraries don't use a blocking software or service. Certain words and phrases, such as "MILF" and "sex," can trip the blocking software denying a user access when denial is not appropriate.

"I think that sort of demonstrates in a way the inherent problems with blocking software," said Andrew Mutch, who provides electronic services support for the Northville District Library. "It is too inaccurate. It blocks a lot of sites that shouldn't be blocked."

At school, if a student is doing legitimate research containing a word or phrase that falls into the blocked category, the student can ask for assistance from a teacher.

At Novi High School a computer because they are doing research that is pertinent to a class assign-

ment. Teachers are there. It's not as though they are unsupervised. They probably get into far more at home than they do at school. Very little would go on here."

Aside from school, the library has become a popular spot for children wanting to use the Internet.

Libraries do not have separate policies for users based on age. Users at the Northville District Library sign in at the reference desk on the lower level to use either of the two terminals in half-hour increments. There are eight terminals available for public use at the Novi Public Library. A sign-in sheet is located at the reference desk. Time limits are enforced only when a waiting list develops.

"We encourage the parents to take an active role in their children's use of the Internet, even using it with them," said Dorie Freebury, youth librarian at the Northville District Library. "We've had very responsible users of the Internet at this point."

Both the Northville and Novi libraries have been looked up to

Northville Novi branch of AAUW holds meeting, introduces new officers

Restoring the Rouge River was the topic of Wayne County Director of Watershed Management Robert Frederick at this year's opening meeting of the Northville/Novi branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The meeting was held Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Frederick stressed the need to protect the water quality of the Rouge River Watershed for the safety and enjoyment of all south-east Michigan citizens.

His talk was illustrated with slides to show how all residents living near the four branches of the Rouge can make a difference in the

following ways:

- Keep fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides off paved surfaces and out of drainage paths.
- If using a fertilizer, select a slow-release formula.
- Save any household hazardous waste products and turn them in on community annual hazardous waste collection days.
- Septic systems should be operated properly and hooked up to a sanitary sewer where available.
- Animal waste should be cleaned up before it rains by disposing of it in the trash or flushing it down the toilet.
- Those who repair vehicles should do so where leaks and

spills cannot flow toward storm drains or by taking the vehicle to a car wash.

The Rouge program is part of a coordinated effort to help communities comply with the Clean Water Act.

Following Frederick's talk, the branch's new officers were introduced. They include Diane Rockall, president; Christa Coxon, vice president for program; Kathleen Polich, vice president for membership; Lorraine Kirkish, secretary; and Janet Beaver, treasurer.

The Northville/Novi branch of AAUW membership is at an all-time high of 118.



Photo by THOMAS R. HIBBELN

New officers for the Northville Novi branch of the AAUW this year are (second from left to second from right) Lorraine Kirkish, secretary; Diane Rockall, president; Christa Coxon, program vice president; Kathleen Polich, membership vice president; and Janet Beaver, treasurer; shown here with Kathy Reynolds Lynch (left) and Mandy Martin.

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ALL-AROUND GUY
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HIGH ON LIFE
Catholic SWM, 64, friendly, enjoys remodeling his home, the outdoors, seeking personable, friendly, caring SF, Ad# 1633

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Methodist SWM, 38, humorous, down-to-earth, enjoys active sports, drinks, seeks open-minded, honest SF, with similar interests, Ad# 1692

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SWCM, 18, funny, outgoing, enjoys Christian activities, collecting baseball cards, seeks fun-loving SF, Ad# 9111

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SWM, 37, outgoing, adventurous, fun-loving, enjoys volleyball, music, bike riding, seeks outgoing, adventurous SF, NS, who enjoys traveling, Ad# 3693

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CHARMING
DW dad, 27, 6'5", 200lbs, hobbies are outdoor activities, snowmobiling, movies, shooting pool, horses, stock cars, seeks fun-loving SW, NS, Ad# 4242

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Outgoing SWCM, 45, 5'10", blue-eyed blonde, beard, from Howell, enjoys singing, playing in his music, golf, hockey, motorcycle riding, seeking sincere, honest SWCF, 42-53, Ad# 1976

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Church-going DWCM, 29, 6', open-minded, good listener, easy to get along with, loves the outdoors, pets, working out, seeks LCF, 22-34, Ad# 4425

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Catholic SWM, 29, 6'1", 190lbs, blond hair, clean cut, professional, likes boating, water skiing, scuba diving, hiking, seeks amusing, Catholic SWF, 24-32, with goals in her life, Ad# 1255

THINK ABOUT IT
Protestant SW, 18, 5'11", shy, likes sports, movies, time with his daughter, seeks compatible SWCF under 27, for friendship, maybe more Ad# 2025

ON COMMON GROUND
Catholic DW, 42, 6'1", from Brighton, enjoys camping, boating, fishing, biking, animals, seeking sincere, honest, caring Catholic DWF, 35-45, no children please, Ad# 1954

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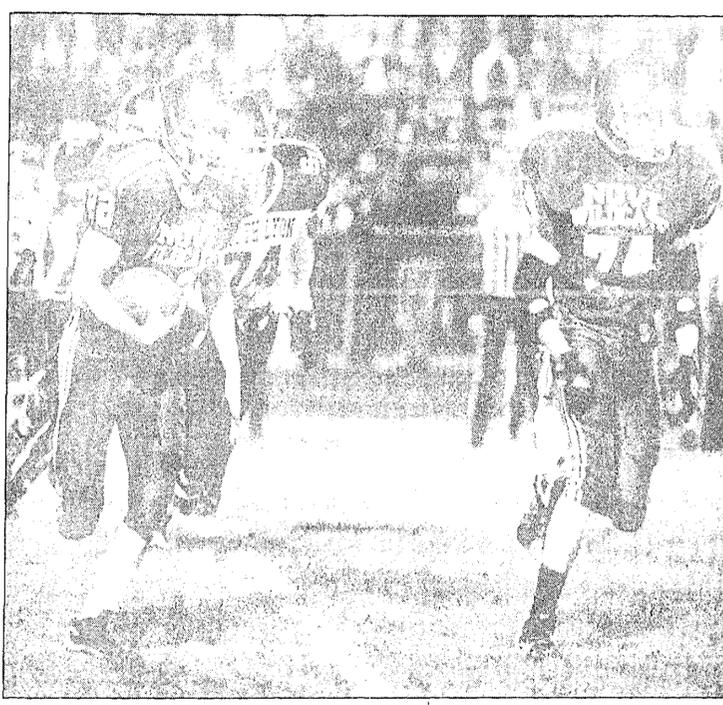
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Ryan Beach looks for a block from lineman Chris Marion in the Wildcat's 32-0 loss to the Lions Friday night.

Turnovers, turnovers, and more turnovers

'Cats drop ball, game to Lions
By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It's impossible to win a ball game if you're team turns the ball over five times and fails to put any points on the scoreboard. That's the hard lesson coach John Osborne and his Novi Wildcat football team had to learn Friday night's 32-0 loss to South Lyon.

"You can't do that against anybody, particularly against these guys," he said. "A lot of them (turnovers) were self-inflicted. We had a bad snap and fumbled the ball, and two balls were overthrown and only South Lyon had a chance to catch them."

Playing in front of a large, season-opening crowd at home, the Wildcats had trouble hanging on to the ball, fumbling on the second play of their first possession. South Lyon recovered on the Wildcat's 43 and just two plays later, made a 7-0 game 3:40 into the game. Standout fullback Joe Bridson scored on a 39-yard scamper. His third touchdown in two games, Bridson would finish the game with 122 yards on 19 carries.

Even when Novi held on to the ball, it couldn't get much going. The 'Cats punted four times and had their most impressive drive of the first half cut short on an interception just before the half. Novi even had good field position. It's average starting field possession was at its own 40.

"We have already been having a hard time scoring, and if we turn the ball over this many times it's just going to make it tougher," Osborne said. "Unless we get that corrected, we're going to have an uphill season."

Novi just couldn't get any breaks. Early in the second quarter the Lions scored again, but this time the touchdown was controversial. Lion quarterback Dan Novak hit Chris Tredeschi on a 17-yard touchdown strike, but

Runners dominate at Lincoln, one point shy of "shut out"

By SCOTT DANIEL
Special Writer

The Wildcat girls' cross country team's 20-15 victory over Hartland Sept. 9 wasn't as easy as the score indicates.

Novi coach Norm Norgren said the Eagles are improving. He added that Hartland's Kristen Klosterhouse actually won the race, which was held at Village Elementary School in Hartland.

"They're getting better," Norgren said of the Eagles. "Their coach, Jeff Chappel, has done a good job."

After Kosterhouse, the Wildcats took positions two through seven.

Kristina Matheny finished second at 20 minutes and seven seconds. Brooke Albright was third in 20:20. She led much of the race, but took a wrong turn near the end, said Norgren.

Alana Chippeneri was fourth in 20:40, Val Stefanovich fifth in 20:45 and Kristen Echols fifth in 20:45. The coach was pleased with his team's park time.

"For one through five, that's 38 seconds," Norgren said. "We'll take that any time."

YPSILANTI-LINCOLN INVITATIONAL
The Wildcats won Ypsilanti-Lincoln Invitational Saturday, Sept.

GIRLS X-C

Sept. 9
Novi 20, Hartland 45

Lincoln Invitational
1st-Nov 16
2nd-Northville 45

Novi individuals
1) Albright 19:49
2) Matheny 20:20
3) Stefanovich 20:51
4) Echols 20:57
6) Chippeneri 21:13

Linksters top Milford, gain confidence in win

In a game dependent on confidence, the Novi boys' golf team picked up a lot of it in a 170-174 win over Milford Thursday, Sept. 11.

The win over the Redskins was the first of the year for the Wildcats, who are in a process of rebuilding the program.

But in the win over Milford, seniors Derek Ho and Brian Gowling tried to put an end to the rebuilding rumors, shooting a team best 40 each. Ryan Schrieber shot a 44 and Brad Coffield's 46 was good enough to get Novi the win.

"I was very pleased with the fact that we were able to beat Milford," coach Brad Hous said. "I kind of goes to show we're improving quite a bit. I think we have the opportunity to have a good team in the near future, but for now we're just trying to improve our game each week."

Huss said more importantly than gaining confidence with the first win of the year, the kids are starting to get their scores down in match play.

"It's one thing to get a 42 in practice, but to do it in a match shows me that we're heading in the right direction. The match is where it is really going to have to happen," he said.

Novi plays Thurston tomorrow.

Wildcats trounce Chiefs

Big 2nd-period run proves big
By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi girls' basketball team got off to a slow start, but gradually gained control and crushed Farmington 59-17 on Sept. 9.

The home crowd saw its Wildcats fall behind early, 8-2 after one quarter, but claw its way back with a 21-4 second quarter run.

Coach Dennis Cichonski went with a different starting lineup, giving some seniors a chance to start for the first time. He went with his regular reserves in the second quarter, which gave his team the spark it needed to take over.

"I thought it was a good opportunity to start some of the players who don't normally have a chance to start," he said. "We got a lot of shots off, but they just didn't fall for us. In turn, they came out and played hard and some of their shots fell."

Farmington, which is undergoing a rebuilding process, was no match for Novi's regular starting lineup, which outscored the Falcons 24-3 in the third quarter.

"Everybody got a chance to play. This was a good opportunity for us to give everyone some experience in game situations," Cichonski said. "We wanted to work on our offense and run it as effectively as we could."

The Wildcats were led by Adrienne Farrell's 15 points. Kristen Sullivan and Kelly Bendernager had 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Novi lost sophomore center Kristen McGinnin to an injury last week. Luckily for them, their schedule proved to be light the

News' sports editor welcomes challenge

Jason Schmitt

O.K. haven't had any problems yet. I guess that's good.

Working in sports, probably the biggest adjustment I've had to make is finding out what is and isn't popular within a certain area. What makes a community tick? Is it the baseball of central Michigan? Is it the hockey of northern Michigan?

No it's the soccer of the Novi/Northville area that's already been embedded in our hearts. Countless rallies and fax transmissions, and it's just the first week of the fall season.

Understanding what is expected of me, not only by the community or my bosses, but also from myself, is one of my first-most goals I hope to achieve. It may take a few weeks, perhaps a couple of months, but hopefully someday I'll be able to make every player, every coach, and most difficultly, every parent happy with the sports coverage given to their team. I know the above statement is impossible, trying to please 30,000 different personalities is no light feat. But believe me when I say I'll try.

One thing I've told my friends and family members in making this decision to move to southeastern Michigan is that there are endless opportunities and chances for myself. So far I've learned that there's a better chance I'll spend more money, go out more often, but most importantly, a chance to pursue a lifelong goal of one day retiring (that's a joke) and looking back and saying "I had one of the best jobs in the world, and you know what, I loved it."

Jason Schmitt is Sports Editor for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

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Health Column

Energy deficit best way to burn fat

Men asking "how do I get rid of these 'love handles' on the side of my waist or my 'spare tire?'" and women wondering "how do I get the excess body fat off my hips or thighs or buttocks?" must be two of the most frequently asked questions in any gym or household.

Unfortunately, you cannot spot reduce. Even though we find that most people know there is no such thing as spot reducing, or say they do, they still ask these same questions.

Worse than that, some health professionals will give them exercises that are supposed to help "tone" these areas. We also have our famous videos with beautiful people with great stomach, legs, and bottoms, showing us exercises, and the latest super piece of equipment that are supposed to make us look the same as they do. All of this just adds to the myth of exercise and fitness. You can't firm or tone body fat.

Let's try to clear up some of those myths. We'll start with mother nature. All of us were individually programmed to carry a certain amount of body fat in certain areas on our bodies. Most women tend to carry body fat around the hips and legs and most men carry their body fat around the mid-section.

In order to lose body fat from any area on the body, we must create what we call an "energy

deficit." This simply means that we take in less calories than we burn.

(Example: If we burn 2,500 calories a day, including exercise, but we take in 2,000 calories, then our bodies have a reason to use their fat stores to make up the 500 calorie deficit.)

Where on the body this fat will come from no one really knows. It can't be controlled by a specific exercise or machine. However, we do know that by exercising and eating the proper nutrients and the right amount of calories for the energy deficit, you will lose body fat.

For some, it may come off the desired areas first and for others, it may not. It could come anywhere from the face to the feet, in any pattern. Fat comes from whatever area you were genetically programmed to lose it from first.

Rest assured you will, eventually, lose it from all areas. There is no way to change this, not even through specific exercises. You just have to hang in there and continue the energy deficit and exercise program until it finally comes off.

Because most people don't know this, or are misled, they begin to get discouraged before their troubled areas look the way they want. The next step for these people is thinking a certain new machine, pill, or formula will help their situation.

Once again, this is false. Your muscles get-

ting firm is not the only problem. You just can't feel or see the muscle because it is covered with body fat. In other words, exercises like stomach twists, sit-ups, ab-rollers, and crunches do not make the waist smaller. This area and others will only get smaller as body fat is reduced.

When the fat gets low enough, you will be able to see the contours and feel the firm muscle.

So, bottom line - build the muscle so it looks good when you lose the body fat, but do not waste your time on specific exercises and exercise videos that claim you can firm or tone an area.

Leading authorities such as the National Academy of Sports Medicine, and Apex Fitness Systems (which contributed to this article) agree. It is primarily diet and aerobic exercise constantly being manipulated to keep you in an energy deficit condition (burning more calories than you take in), which allows fat to keep coming off.

This article was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. Call (248) 449-7634 for more information.

Consider reasons for cosmetic surgery

As baby boomers begin to age, many are seeking a safe, minimally invasive procedure to erase, or at least lessen, the tell-tale notations of passing time - the minor wrinkles, sun damage signs, etc.

Lately, numerous reports have appeared in the media about one of the newest cosmetic surgery techniques: laser resurfacing. But before discussing the pros and cons of going under the laser beam rather than the knife, here are some thoughts about a larger issue patients need to consider.

If you're thinking about cosmetic surgery, have you considered the reasons why you're thinking about cosmetic surgery? Although body dissatisfaction is the primary reason for why patients have this type of elective surgery, it's important that it's your decision - not someone else's choice.

As a surgeon who performs cosmetic surgery, I know that self-

esteem and body image go hand-in-hand. It's important to examine what motivates you and what your post-surgery expectations are. This is intensely personal, but it's critical before you commit financial and emotional resources into the process.

Would you be better off going on a retreat? Seeing a counselor? Ending a detrimental relationship? Sometimes the challenges we face in our lives can be better addressed by our actions, rather than someone else's (in this case, a surgical procedure).

So is cosmetic surgery right for you? If what motivates you has to do with looking as young as you feel, not improving your self-worth by renovating your physical looks, you may want to learn more about the laser technique.

Unlike other procedures used for facial resurfacing (dermabrasion, which "sands" away wrinkles or

scars, or chemical peels, which rely on strong acid-like substances to burn off layers of skin), lasers actually "zaps" fine lines by using a powerful and precise beam of energy to vaporize tissue. Properly done, it is a precise and relatively quick procedure for the patient, and for the surgeon, there is more control and less danger of complications than with either dermabrasion or chemical peels.

The result is the equivalent of a temporary second-degree burn - which will look and feel like a bad sunburn.

Patients can leave the office for home almost immediately. Although it takes about seven to 10 days to recover sufficiently to resume your normal schedule and apply makeup, an additional three to four weeks is needed for most of the telltale signs of the procedure to resolve.

The down side to this remarkable

technique is that it isn't right for everyone. While great for those with minimal surface lines, those with deep wrinkles or sagging skin will have to submit to the more conventional face-lift surgery. And because of the potential pigment damage and other concerns, laser procedures are not recommended for dark complexioned skin.

If you'd like to discuss this or other cosmetic surgery treatment options, talk to your personal physician or seek the advice of a board-certified plastic and reconstruction surgeon.

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Botsford General Hospital sponsors two free walking clubs. Laurel Park Mall (Six Mile and Newburgh roads) beginning at 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure provided by Botsford for walkers on the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall (Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads) beginning 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure checks provided by Botsford for walkers on the third Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 477-6100.

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Diabetes-Cize

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Diabetes and You

This six-week class explores all areas of diabetes self-care. Preregistration and fee required; some insurances cover class fee. Classes are held at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

E-Z Yoga

This six-week class enhances flexibility, strengthens muscles, improves breathing and promotes relaxation. Day and evening classes available. \$35-45 fee. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Free Foot Screenings

Every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as

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