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Parks and Recreation

• Tonight and on Saturday, Novi residents are asked to offer up their ideas on how the North Novi Park should be developed. The two sessions are with the Parks and Recreation, as well as city staff.

• Kosch's Tavern is closing, but a farewell charity bash will be held there on April 18. The night will benefit the Community That Cares Coalition.

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Artists lead a wild life



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There goes the neighborhood, aim

RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

A review of the rental homes inspection ordinance could be in the city's future, after complaints by some north end residents about the upkeep of rental homes in the north end of the city.

Five home owners from the north end of Novi have sent a letter to the city asking the Ordinance Review Committee to look into inspecting rental homes in the north end of the city. The residents are complaining that the dilapidated conditions are bringing down the property values in the area.

"This city doesn't have any control," said

Jeff Baron, one of four Lemay Street residents who complained to the city about the problem.

"The condition of the houses is terrible. They have junk piled up in the front. It looks like a junk yard."

The fifth resident who signed the letter lives on Maudlin.

Baron said that the problem is that the residents who are renting don't care what their properties look like and the city doesn't demand that the tenant keep the properties clean.

"You don't see the mayor living in this area," said Baron.

"One of my neighbors has a junk pile in his backyard. Two of the worst homes have already burned down in the last two years."

Albert Chicorel, who owns a rental home along East Lake Drive, said that he has had problems with renters in the past, but he's taking care of the problem.

"There has been a problem with the tenant in the past couple of weeks," said Chicorel.

"I understand that there was a fight and two young men were drinking. The house is for sale. We are evicting the present tenant. They have heard it verbally from me. We won't put put with it any more."

According to Deputy Building Official

Terry Morrone, there is an ordinance on the books that does require licensing for owners of rental property. Morrone said that there is also a fee that needs to be paid by individuals who rent out homes in the city.

"We just haven't had the staff to enforce all the inspections," said Morrone. "When I first started with the city, we would get people calling in to re-up their licenses. That doesn't happen much anymore."

The Novi City Council has also asked the city administration to look into the home rental inspection ordinance.

Staff Writer Randal Yakey may be reached at 349-1700.

Whistle blower on DPW says he's harassed

■ After this DPW worker told all about a dumping of raw sewage on public land, he says he's been persecuted by his co-workers.

RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

A whistle blower in the Novi Department of Public Works has been suspended from work because of statements made to a supervisor, according to city officials.

DPW worker Michael Rosinski said that he could see why people went "postal," as part of an extended conversation. Rosinski said he has suffered from months of harassment by his coworkers after they guessed that he was the one who tipped off the Novi News about the dumping of sewage at the Department of Public Works yard last year.

Director of Human Resources Tia Gronlund-Fox said Rosinski was suspended pending an investigation of the incidents at the DPW building.

ing. "He was suspended for statements he made to his supervisor," said Gronlund-Fox.

"This is a legal matter. There's not much I can do about it."

But Rosinski said he was suspended because of his part in the investigation that ended with the city admitting last October to dumping untreated sewage behind the DPW building last October. The Department of Environmental Quality ordered the city to clean up the site.

Rosinski insists that any reference to "postal" was taken out of context.

DPW Supervisor Rick White said that he has not reported any incidents of harassment against Rosinski to his superiors at city hall because he didn't personally hear any or see any in the DPW building.

Rosinski said that he has been continuously harassed and threatened with bodily harm and called a

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Watchdogs of the sky

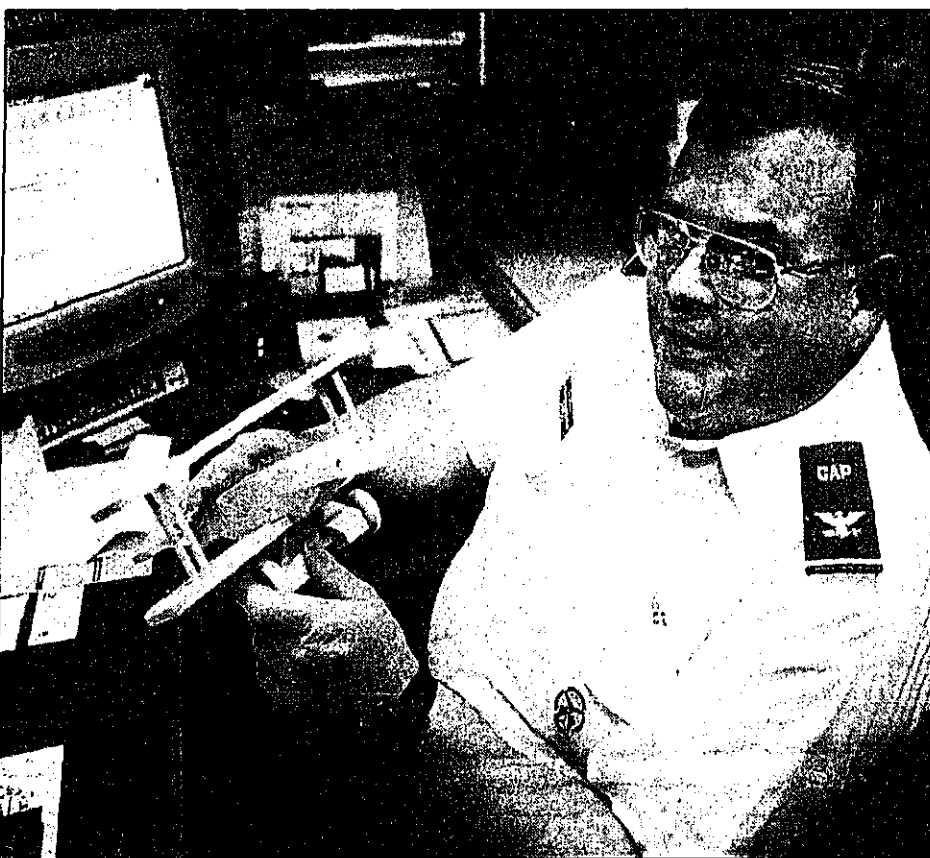


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Col. William Charles does most of his Civil Air Patrol duties from his Novi home. He communicates with the federal headquarters via his computer and also uses a CB radio.

Michigan Civil Air Patrol piloted by ex-Novi cop

■ Members of Michigan's Civil Air Patrol engage in a practice search-and-rescue mission from the air.

RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is one of the most unheralded, least known about branches of the armed services.

And yet, for many Americans

who spend time in the great outdoors, the Civil Air Patrol is the branch of service you will most likely be in contact with if you are ever lost in the woods or become stranded, or worse, involved in an accident such as a plane crash.

Novi resident Colonel William S. Charles II is the commander of the Great Lakes Region of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), which is part of the United States Air

force Auxiliary.

On a hazy Saturday, the CAP is preparing for a training exercise. Charles, a former Novi police officer who retired in 1993, is getting ready to head out to the training site. He arrives at the Southwest Oakland Airport in New Hudson around 10 a.m. for a flight out.

"We're taking a crew down to Adrian," Charles says, as the

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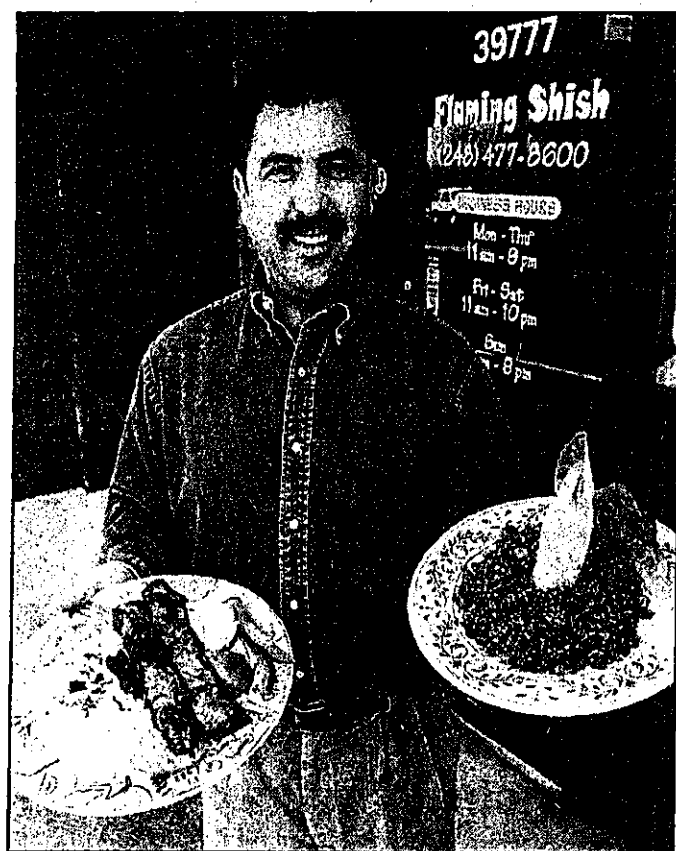


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Flaming Shish Manager Hassan Yazbek with two of the new restaurant's entrees, from left shish kebab and tabbouli salad.

Middle Eastern eatery's food not ho-hummus

■ New Pheasant Run Plaza restaurant brings the taste of Lebanon to Novi.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

With its beautiful ethnic atmosphere and warm inviting hospitality, Novi's new Middle Eastern restaurant, Flaming Shish, is proving it has real taste.

Located on Grand River between Haggerty and Meadowbrook in the Pheasant Run Plaza, Flaming Shish has something for everyone, catering to both meat eaters and vegetarians.

"It's authentic Middle Eastern

with a lot of emphasis on Lebanese food," explained co-owner Hassan Yazbek.

The restaurant offers a number of appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches and seafood dishes as well. Flaming Shish also has a large variety of desserts and is even equipped with its own juice bar.

The Lebanese native explained that the restaurant is committed to serving only the freshest foods.

"Everything is prepared daily, and we use the freshest ingredients possible," said Yazbek.

"We go to the market every morning and pick out all the meats,

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Staff Writer

The children at Walled Lake Middle School have been on a mission.

Their goal was to build a virtual courtroom and website for the 52nd 1st District Court in Novi. After four months on the job, the kids have taken some dramatic steps in creating the site and, more importantly, they are learning about the inner workings of the court.

"I've learned more about what the court is like and how they do trials," said Samantha Clark, 11, of Novi.

The virtual courtroom will have pictorial and graphic presentation that will lead the viewer through different presentations of the Civil,

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Here comes da court website

Students design homepage for district



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Walled Lake Middle School student Eric Dropkin shows Novi 52-1 District Court Judges (from left) Brian Mackenzie and Michael Batchik, as well as others, the progress he and the students have made in designing an interactive website for the Grand River Avenue courthouse. Computer browsers will be able to access the court's Civil, Criminal and Traffic Divisions.

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 13

Novi School Board

The Novi Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Middle School.

Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

City Council

The Novi City Council will hold a meeting at the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. to discuss tax abatements.

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbri at 380-0500.

Monday, April 17

Novi City Council

The Novi City Council will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Gully at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Betty Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information,

tion call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, April 18

Northville School Board

The Northville Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Third Floor Conference Room, Old Village School.

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at Novi High School at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call (248) 932-9244.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixty Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Parkview Elementary School, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Novi Toastmasters

The Novi Toastmaster Club meets at 7 p.m. at Meadowbrook Elementary School, located on Meadowbrook Road, one block south of Thirteen Mile. New members are welcome anytime. For more information on the Toastmasters, check out the web site at: www.toastmasters.org

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.

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, April 19

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, April 20

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Ordinance Review

The Novi Ordinance Review Committee will meet at 6 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Economic Development Corporation

The Novi Economic Development Corporation will meet at 6 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Historical Commission

The Novi Historical Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, April 21

Good Friday, the Novi Civic Center, the Novi Library and the Novi Recycling Center are closed.

Sunday, April 23

Easter Sunday, the Novi Library is closed.

Tuesday, April 25

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.

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Meet the new city manager

A new name and a new face will soon be well-known around town. Novi residents are invited to get their first look at incoming Novi City Manager Richard Helwig at a reception on Monday, April 17.

The 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. welcome will be at the Novi Civic Center. Helwig will be there before his first official Novi City Council meeting. He comes to Novi from Dublin, Ohio and will soon be building a home in this city.

By the way, the city manager prefers to be called Rick and not Richard. Mayor Dick Clark said last week.

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Cub Scouts race in Pinewood Derby

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

Staff Writer

Ready, Set, Go! And they were off, at the 2000 Annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby on March 27.

Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos scouts of all ages faced off with cars they constructed themselves to find out who would race their way to the top.

Scouts Ben Foerg and Nick Laudicina, from Village Oaks, said they really enjoyed the Pinewood Derby. "I love it," said Foerg.

"Yeah," added Laudicina. "It's a lot of fun."

Cub Scout Committee Chairman Mario Laudicina, of Pack 239, explained that the kids construct their race cars using just a few essentials.

"All the kids get is a block of wood, four nails, and four wheels," he said.

"And the rest is up to them."

Scouts Eric Baumgarten and Daniel Meister explained that each car had to be built according to a certain set of rules.

Before it can enter the derby, the car must first pass inspection, Baumgarten explained.

"Each car has to be a specific width, length and under a certain weight (maximum of 5 ounces) before you can race it," Meister added.

Vince Vitale, 10, said his car, which resembled a Trans Am, took him about a week to make.

"I painted it green and used stickers to help make it look more real," he said.

Other scouts even turned their cars into other objects, including a banana and a shark.

Cars advance by the process of elimination, using the best two out of three runs. The fastest car wins.

The winners of each rank then race for the overall speed award. A trophy is also awarded to the best-looking car.

Mario said the Pinewood Derby is fun for the whole family and is one

"I painted it green and used stickers to help make it look more real."

Vince Vitale, commenting on his derby car

of the most popular scout projects of the year.

"The kids really look forward to it," he said.

"It's both constructive and fun."

And the results are in: Tiger Cubs - First place went to Bradley Grabow (Den 8); Garrett Murphy (Den 13) took second place; and Aidan Rickett (Den 13) took home third.

Wolves - First place went to Michael Taylor (Den 4); Matthew Johnson (Den 4) took second place; and David Wheat (Den 3) took home third.

Bears - First place went to Alex Gomes (Den 2); second place was taken by Michael Roy (Den 2); and third went to Zachary Rothermel (Den 4).

Webelos I - First place went to Eric Baumgarten (Den 11); second to Joseph Schlessman (Den 11); and Nathan Robinson (Den 12) took home third.

Webelos II - Andrew Gomes (Den 5) took home first; second place went to Alex Gayton (Den 5); and third went to Robert Oskanen (Den 5).

Open division: First place went to Ferdi Gomes, second place went to Ann Gayton and Tom Hart took third.

The trophy for best looking car will be announced at an upcoming cub scout meeting.

Staff Writer Stephanie Fordyce may be reached at (248) 349-1700.

City asks for input on North Novi Park plan

In November, Novi voters said they didn't want to see a golf course at the North Novi Park. Now, they're asked to tell the city exactly what they would like to see on the 500 acres.

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission is actively seeking community input regarding the park's master planning.

The commission will be hosting two informational meetings at the Novi Civic Center - tonight from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"We really want to hear from the community," Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

"Comments, suggestions - anything residents would like to discuss about the park would really help us in this development process. We very much want to get the city and its residents involved in the master planning procedure and we are urging everyone in the community to attend."

The Parks and Recreation Commission and department staff will be available to listen to residents' comments and suggestions concerning the future development of this park property.

In the November election, a citizens group People About Reserving Kids Space saw the success of their ballot question barring the city from building a golf course on this park or any other currently-owned municipal land.

If you would like to learn more about the meetings, please contact the Novi Parks and Recreation Office at (248) 347-0400.

"We are extremely grateful to Kosch's for sponsoring this fund raising dinner buffet and contributing to the After School Program and the Coalition," said Belter.

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Accident leads to altercation

Police report a White Lake Township man claims he was beaten after confronting another man about an automobile accident on the Haggerty Connector near Thirteen Mile on April 7.

The 51-year-old victim said that the vehicles hit each other after he tried to merge into the right turn lane at Thirteen Mile.

According to the victim, the man sped away after the two vehicles pulled to the side of the road. The suspect eventually stopped near Meadowbrook and Thirteen Mile roads. The victim said he approached the vehicle and the suspect exited his vehicle and immediately began punching the victim. The man said the suspect then got back into his vehicle and fled the scene.

The victim told police that he went to Huron Valley Hospital, Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township for treatment of minor injuries resulting from the scuffle. According to the report, the man suffered from a bloodied lip and a couple of bruised teeth.

Police reports describe the suspect as a white male approximately 30 years old, standing 5'10" with short brown hair and a stocky build. The victim described the man as "clean cut." The suspect was driving a white pickup truck with possible damage to the left front fender.

Police have the license number of the vehicle and have tried to contact the suspect, according to police reports. The incident continues to be investigated by police.

Police News

SUSPICIOUS FIRE

Police are investigating a suspicious fire at 170 Erma during the late evening hours of April 7.

Noxi police and state arson investigators are looking into the possible arson after a resident reported the incident to public safety officials.

According to official reports, the fire started in the attic of a duplex where a large hole, the size of a mattress, was found in the ceiling of the upper flat. Reports indicate that the fire did start in the attic and was contained there.

According to police reports, there was extensive fire damage in the attic of the structure, but extensive damage inside the house was not fire related.

Police reports indicate that the light fixtures in all three apartments were torn from the walls and all the curtains in the upper apartment were broken. Also, the stove of the upper apartment was partially ripped from its casing.

Investigators did tell police that the fire was caused by a person or persons, but they could not say if it was intentionally set.

A neighbor reported smelling smoke around 11:30 p.m. Friday night and came outside to investigate. The man told police he saw heavy smoke coming from the

building. Police are continuing the investigation. At least four individuals were interviewed at the scene.

ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY

A 41-year-old Harper Woods woman was arrested after returning to the scene of the crime in a second attempt at alleged fraud on April 9.

The life of the party apparently wasn't what he appeared to be for patrons of the Novi Hilton lounge on the evening of April 9.

According to police reports, a group of ten individuals were drinking in the lounge when one of the group offered to pay the bar tab. The tab came to approximately \$141 and the patron apparently paid the bill with a check. He left a room number where he could be reached and told the bartender that he was a guest in the hotel.

According to the report, the man gave a false name and room number and skipped out on the bill. Of the ten people at the bar, only five were actual guests of the hotel.

Management of the hotel initially demanded that the five actual hotel guests pay for the entire tab, but resisted and accepted \$60.

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

TRAILER BURGLARIZED
A contractor doing work at the Home Depot located at 47950 Grand River reported thefts from a trailer stationed at the property on

paper. The color photos on section fronts that readers have become accustomed to are also gone.

Installation of the new four-high printing unit is expected to be completed in the next week or so, meaning readers will soon be treated to larger newspapers with more color and continuing quality.

As well as printing the Novi News, the production plant of HomeTown Communications Network also puts out the "Milford Times" the

April 9.

According to police reports, the contractor said that the storage trailer was broken into over the evening hours. There were a number of tools taken, but no official number was reported to police.

Initial police investigations indicate that the trailer door lock was broken and pry marks were found along the door molding. The lock appeared to have been cut away.

PARTY BOY SKIPS OUT

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Novi Briefs

Correction

A story in last week's edition misspelled the late wife of Northville Township resident Alfred Galli. Her name was Freda, not Rita.

Internet crime busters

The Novi Educational Foundation is pleased to sponsor the upcoming seminar, "Internet Crimes And How to Avoid Them," on April 13.

Sgt. Joe Duke from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office will be speaking at the Novi Middle School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Duke will discuss Internet crime, what to watch out for and how to avoid being a victim.

The Novi Educational Foundation was established in 1986 to provide expanded educational opportunities for members of the Novi Community School District. Projects and programs include administration of several scholarships, educational grants, special classroom projects, cultural programs and staff development.

All members of the Novi community, including students, parents, and seniors, are encouraged to attend and questions are encouraged.

There is no admission charge for this lecture. For more information, call the Novi Educational Foundation at 449-1200.

Signing up for school

The Walsh College Novi campus enrollment increased to 695 students for winter semester 2000 - 10 percent higher than the 585 students enrolled at the campus during the 1999 winter semester. Expanded course offerings, including the introduction of some day classes in the undergraduate degree business programs, contributed to the increase in enrollment, Walsh officials say.

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Kids become secret agents for new books

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

It was a "Mission: Possible" for Parkview's elementary students as they became Secret Story Agents last week.

Their assignment: to cover half the cost of a brand-new book and donate it to the school's Media Center.

"Kids from all the classes select books from a story list and choose their favorite," said PTO mom and Secret Agent Coordinator Cindy Buckley.

The children then pay half the cost of that book and the PTO covers the other half.

Buckley explained that there is no deadline for becoming a Secret Story Agent, because the program continues until all of the books have been placed on the Media Center shelves.

"It runs until all 75 books are gone," she said.

"But they're going quickly. This is our first day and we've already donated 30 books."

To complete their mission, Secret Story Agents get photographed with their selection, have the book labeled with their name in it, and become the first student to check the book out.

Secret Story Agents also receive a certificate of appreciation.

Third graders Jonathan Lee and Cody Fackender and fourth grader Michael Renkiewicz said they really like contributing to their school library.

"It's a cool idea," said Fackender. Secret agent Sarah Letson, 8, said she also appreciates the program, especially because she enjoys reading.

"I've got tons of books. I love to read," she said.

Letson, a second grader, said although she donated an "Arthur" story to the Media Center, her favorite book is "Golden Pigeon."

It has a bunch of short stories about horses," she said.

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Nine Mile residents worry bike path will invade their privacy and property

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Staff Writer

There could be a fight over a eight-foot wide bike/safety path that could be constructed along Nine Mile Road between Novi Road and Haggerty Road.

Some residents along Nine Mile are concerned about safety issues and whether a bicycle path along the area will infringe on residents' privacy.

"I can understand how the people said no to road expansion and a bike path and they are going to do it anyway," said West Mill Road Court resident Mary Zonca.

"I voted this down because I don't want a bike path literally in my back yard."

Voters defeated a \$28 million road bond proposal last November. At the time, city officials blamed concerns over the ice arena and the Sandstone lawsuit as reasons voters rejected the proposal.

Among the major concerns of homeowners, besides the bike path, is possible changes to the existing term and various culvert extensions.

"They took it that if they could do it if we didn't have to pay for it," said Daniel Zonca. "We don't want it." Daniel Zonca said that JCK & Associates, the city's consulting engineers, told him they will cut two feet off the berm that is already in the area to build the bike path.

Zonca said he is concerned about the steepness of the berm.

"They can voice their concerns to the engineers and council," said Director of Public Services Anthony Novicki. "That is why we have these conceptual meetings with the homeowners."

Last year, council authorized us to submit a grant proposal to do a safety path from Haggerty Road to Novi Road along Nine Mile. We got the grant and there is going to be a public meeting on the issue."

There will be an informational meeting on the proposed bike path along Nine Mile Road on Thursday, April 20 at 8 p.m. in the Activities Room of the Novi Civic Center.

"I voted this down because I don't want a bike path literally in my back yard."

Mary Zonca, West Mill Road Court resident.

"Our job is to minimize the impact on the community," said Novicki. "The designers designed it and we will ask for the residents approval."

Installation of press means changes for paper

Installation of a new four-high printing press at HomeTown Newspapers' production facility on Burkhardt Road in Howell Township means a better product in the future — but for today's paper it means that page configurations are different.

The lifestyle section won't be self contained; the section, which usually starts on page 1A, instead begins behind the last pages of the news section. And the news section, which is usually one unit, has been broken into two for today's

paper. The color photos on section fronts that readers have become accustomed to are also gone.

Installation of the new four-high printing unit is expected to be completed in the next week or so, meaning readers will soon be treated to larger newspapers with more color and continuing quality.

As well as printing the Novi News, the production plant of HomeTown Communications Network also puts out the "Milford Times" the

"South Lyon Herald," the "Northville Record," "The Livingston County Press," "Brighton Argus" and "The Express," weekly newspapers in Fenton and Holly. The "Insider Business Journal," the tri-state "Farmer's Advance" weekly, work for the Observer and Eccentric newspapers, community directories, county guides, special tabs and sections for HomeTown Newspapers, and commercial and corporate printing jobs.

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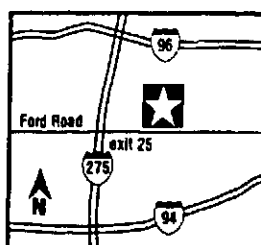
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DPW worker says he's under attack

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"sp" for leaking news of the illegal dumping, Rosinski said fellow workers told him it was his fault that Water and Sewer Superintendent Bruce Jerome took the "heat" for the incident.

Jerome was suspended by the city during the investigation of the dumping. Rosinski also said the profanity-laced verbal harassment from coworkers over the last few months has given him such physical and mental anguish that it is impossible for him to work.

Rosinski said there have been numerous notes left on his work vehicle that have referred to him in vulgar terms. Rosinski also said that he has been unfairly singled out for violations of lunch breaks.

"I had a pop can thrown at my head," said Rosinski. "It just missed me by an inch."

"It's things like that that have made it impossible for me to work," he also said his name tag was placed in a trash can and coworkers urinated on it.

White said he had no personal experience of the incidents to which Rosinski is referring.

"I haven't heard anything," White said.

"How can I report something when I haven't heard or seen anything? The only thing I saw prior to the day he left was when he went off to work. There was a name badge in the trash. I didn't report that because I didn't see who put it in there."

White said that Rosinski himself may have put the name badge in the trash.

"I talked to him about it. I said, 'Mike, I don't know who put it in there. I could have been you,'" White said.

"I'm not suggesting that Mike did it and I'm not saying that he did not do it. I didn't see anything. If I didn't see it, I can't report it."

"Reports of harassment are only

what he told me," continued White. "I can't report it if I haven't seen it."

Rosinski said that on one occasion he was denied representation at a complaint hearing and given a day off from work for asking for union representation.

"I handed him (White) a card asking for a union representative to be present when I asked to talk about this and they told me to go home," said Rosinski.

"I'm not going to take this. I'm just too stubborn, I guess."

Rosinski, who says he has yet to receive any money since leaving work last month, said he was called into a meeting on March 29 that included Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver, Grunlund-Fox and Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki. He was then initially suspended without pay.

According to Rosinski, he has been threatened and taunted since the sewage dumping story broke last year.

"I had a man threaten to break my neck and they didn't do anything about it," said Rosinski.

"How can you suspend somebody that is under doctor's care?" Rosinski said that he has made a number of complaints about the alleged harassment that have gone unresolved for months.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said that a supervisor should look into reports of harassment by city employees.

"They should," said Klaver, who said that city does have a policy for investigating claims of harassment.

According to city policy, any report of harassment is to be reported to the assistant city manager or to the human resources specialist.

"We have an investigations regarding some of the claims," said Klaver. "We are paying him compensation to his work's compensation claim that he filed."

Rosinski said that even though there are a number of very good

Contest to honor moms from three generations

It's mom madness as Salome's and Day Spa, Michigan's largest salon and spa in Novi, hold their Mother's Day Millennium Makeover contest.

Families with three or more generations of mothers should explain in writing why they are worthy of receiving a makeover.

The winning mothers will receive a day of beauty at the spa, which includes a rejuvenating facial, a Gelish European foot care treat-

ment, a complete make-over using the latest in spring make-up colors and a hair hairstyle so they'll be looking and feeling their best in time for Mother's Day.

Entries, along with a picture of three or more generations should be sent in by May 1, and can be sent to: Salome's and Day Spa, Novi Town Center, 4323 Eleven Mile Road, Novi MI 48375.

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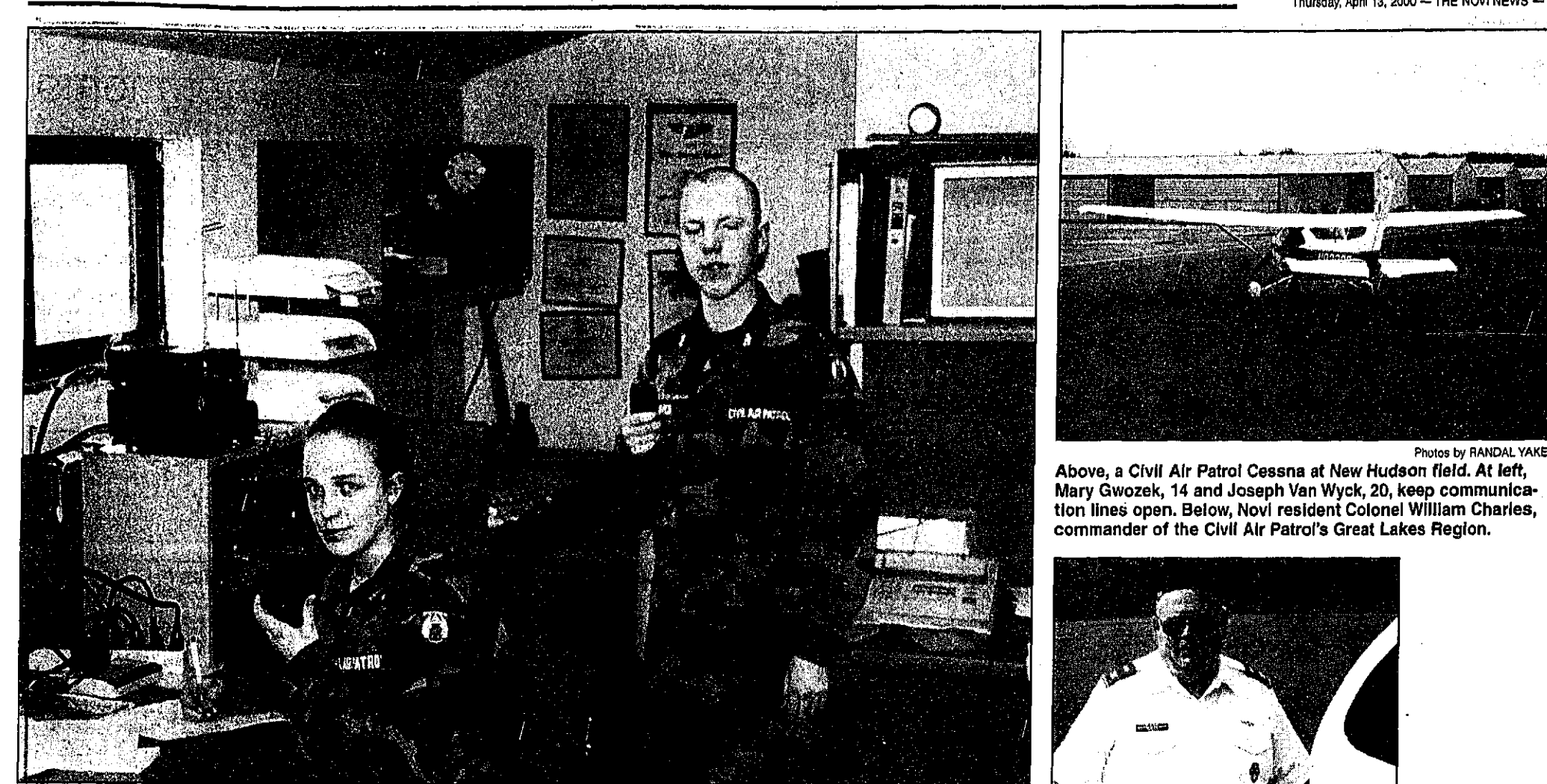
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Rescuers on wings train to save crash victims

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plane assigned to transport him to the training site turns toward where he is giving instructions.

"We do about four or five training exercises each year."

Charles, an insurance inspector during the week, is a graduate of the Inland Search and Rescue School of the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard. He was appointed Michigan wing commander in March of 1995 and promoted to colonel. In March of 1999, Charles was given the title of commander of Great Lakes Region CAP and is responsible for approximately 7,000 members in over 200 units in six states, including Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

"What we are doing here is simulating a rescue mission," Charles explains.

"We do these to keep up our awareness, our readiness."

The plane rises to a steep angle and the engine is shut off. Emerging from the plane is Lieutenant Colonel Leo Burke of Sterling Heights.

Burke, himself with nearly twenty years of service with the air patrol, is a light-hearted fellow who loves to fly.

"Ready," he calls.

Preliminaries are still essential and safety procedures are followed in the time. Papers need to be signed and the release shown to Burke. A reported put the question to Burke: "How long have you been doing this?"

"It's my first day," he says, with a large, very smile as we ready a board the plane. "Don't worry, I think I have the hang of it."

Burke explains the dials on the dash.

"The plane is 1950s technology," says Burke, pulling a lever and checking the fuel. "We never hurry through. We do everything the same way each time."

In about 25 minutes, the plane arrives in Adrian. Members of the CAP have not seen each other in awhile talk and get reacquainted. The play is good-natured and the camaraderie is what each of the participants expect. Old friends talk aviation or family as they prepare for the mission.

"For young people, or older, who want to be involved in aviation, without the high expense of private lessons, the CAP is perfect opportunity to learn about airplanes, while working to possibly save lives and serve you county."

"It sounds corny, but it's an inexpensive way to get involved in an expensive hobby," says Burke. "Get the word out that a plane has gone down or people calling in can give us information or a location as the possible site of the aircraft."

The mission was to fly over a 10 by 15 mile "grid," as well as leading a team of ground personnel to a targeted area by using flight patterns that would explain where to go. The object was to direct the

over 8,800 flight hours and 84 lives saved. The most noted mission of last year was assisting in search for John F. Kennedy Jr. search near Martha's Vineyard.

The crew for the recent New Hudson mission consisted of Burke, Captain Anthony Stitt of North Branch, who was on his first training exercise and Lieutenant Richard Thalmann of Oakland Township.

It's odd how some members of the CAP are drawn into the service. Stitt's involvement was purely accidental.

"My girlfriend's son wanted to get involved in air lessons," said Stitt, looking over a map of the target area. "I got involved and that was about it."

Before the mission, the team goes over the area of search. The amount of weight is checked out for the plane. Each member needs to accurately list their weight.

While preparing for the flight, Burke tells the story of a missing aircraft they had been looking for.

"In a recent crash, the plane's wings broke off. And the trees covered up the plane's location," Burke says. "What we look for is signs. Tips of trees being sheared off. This (particular) plane collapsed into a ball."

"The dirt sprinkled up on the snow. That's how the plane was found."

The manner in which a team searches for a craft can depend on terrain, temperature and, of course, weather conditions.

Key things that a crash survivor should know is that it is easier to find a plane than a person walking around, says Burke. The difficulty in finding from the air an individual on the ground is significant.

Types of clothing and if the area is wooded provide enough obstacles for CAP search teams.

The simulated assignment this mission receives is to find a lost child. The boy is wearing a red jacket, black pants and black shoes.

Information is key when searching for a missing plane or individual.

"Sometimes the media can be your best friend," says Burke. "Get the word out that a plane has gone down or people calling in can give us information or a location as the possible site of the aircraft."

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Leo Burke
Lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol

team to farmhouse in the area. The crew, listed as sortie No. 9, lightens the load by removing items from the back. (Note: whenever you ride in a Cessna, or any small plane, try to get the front seat. It is easier on the stomach.)

Charles comes into the briefing room where the crew is preparing for the mission.

"Are you going to fly today," Charles asks Burke.

"Hurry up and wait," says Burke, always with a smile. "That's our motto."

The target area is near the small town of Tipton, Michigan. The crew goes through the final check list and it's time to take off.

"During the sortie, there will be no radio contact with the ground team. The plan will fly maneuvers, each of which will give the ground team signals as to the direction they want them to turn. Circling to the left means left turn at the designated spot."

"We will not be able to use the radio," says Burke, with a comic pause. "Unless it's a mayday."

There are smiles all around.

"When you're looking for a child, who may be moving around, it is usually easy to find them with a ground team," said Burke. "They may be covering themselves in leaves to stay warm and that may make it more difficult."

The plane flies over Adrian and the ground team is spotted. A blue van leads the team and begins following the plane's movements. The ground team is able to keep track of the plane and follow the signals of the plane.

The mission is completed after the team does a number of maneuvers over the target area. The "missing child" may or may not have been found by the ground team but, after a significant amount of air time, the team is called back to base. The training mission is, after all, only practice and the flight team doesn't want to over extend themselves on patrol.

Back at the base, the crew goes through debriefing.

According to Burke, the searches may last days. Each pilot who spends any significant time in the air is required to have at least ten hours of rest time on the ground.

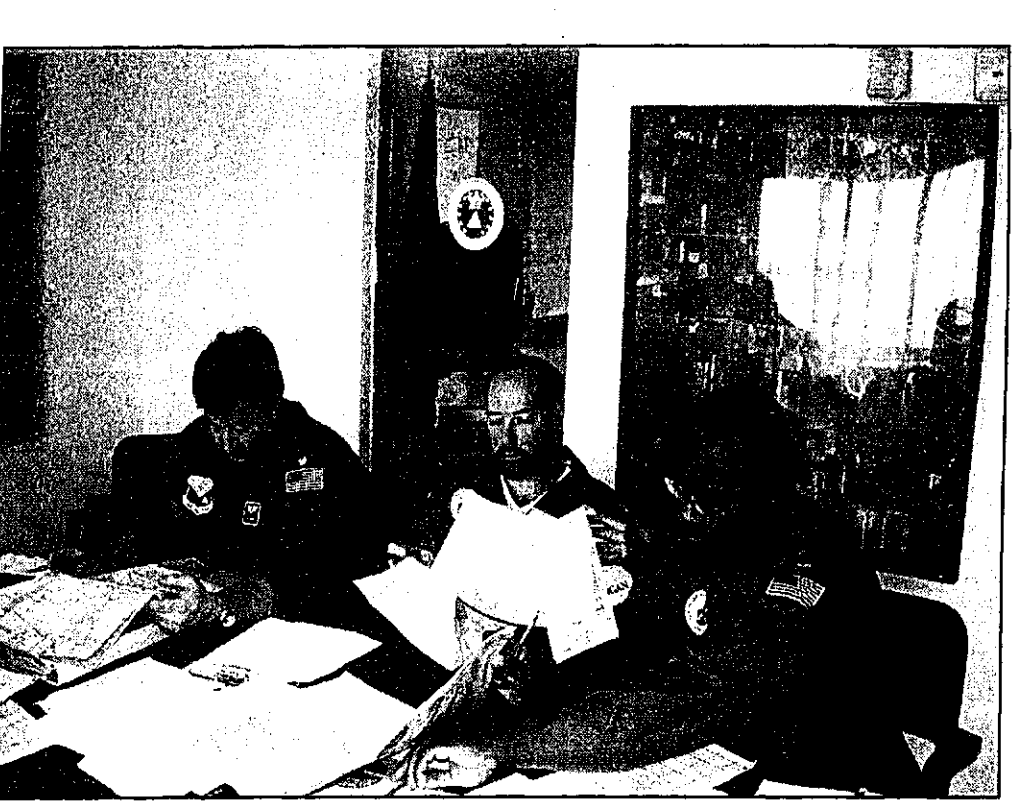
"Believe me," says Burke. "You get tired being up in the air all day."

The CAP has a number of programs for flight enthusiasts of all ages. Young people are encouraged to join and get involved.

"I've flown before I drove," says Luke Forest, a cadet in the CAP.



From left, Lieutenant Richard Thalmann, Lieutenant Colonel Leo Burke and Captain Anthony Stitt at their plane before take off on a practice rescue mission for the Civil Air Patrol.



From left, Burke, Thalmann and Stitt get a briefing on a recent mission, a simulated rescue.

But there is more than just flying going on. Inside the Communications Room, Mary Gwozek, 14, and Joseph Van Wyck, 20, are working. They are essential to the air and ground support. They help coordinate the mission.

"I'm here with my father. I'm learning a lot," says Gwozek, working the radio controls.

The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program provides youth from the sixth grade through age 20 with an educational environment. A youngster may rise through 16 achievement levels, which could lead the cadet to gain entrance to the Air Force, Air Force Reserve or the Air National Guard or Reserve.

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There will be a section called "the Judge," where students

will be able to provide questions to judges. There will also be e-mail access, so students may converse with lawyers and judges.

The programs is a joint effort between the court, the Walled Lake Schools, Sequoia Diversified Products Inc. of Auburn Hills and the Oakland County Department of Information Technology.

"We're learning how to use tech-

nology in everyday life," said Eric Dropkin, 12, of Walled Lake.

All three of the judges, Brian Mackenzie, Dennis Powers and Michael Batchik, were on hand to answer questions for the students.

Tim Verras of Sequoia, who comes to the school once a week to help instruct the students on computer software use, says he expects the website to be done by the end of

the school year.

"It's been a learning experience for all of us," Verras said.

The kids were taken on a tour of the courtroom that included a stint in the lockup.

"That's about as virtual as you get," Powers said.

The kids moved into the courtroom of Magistrate Andrea Richardson, who was presiding over a

number of cases.

"We're doing small claims here for all of us," Richardson told the students sitting in the courtroom. "Judge Judy sort of things."

Walled Lake Assistant Superintendent Bill Hamilton explained that the students are getting not only a lesson in computer software, but the inner workings of the court system. Hamilton said the students

are not only learning software applications, but also about the judicial branch of government.

"They are applying the basic skills of technology and the courtroom together," said Hamilton. "We expect another 250 to 300 kids to be involved in the future."

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Two Novi men escaped from this car after it became stuck on the tracks and struck by a train.

Novi residents escape crash

Two Novi residents, both 19, escaped with their lives when a train destroyed their vehicle after it became trapped on the CSX railroad tracks at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue on April 5.

The victims' vehicle was traveling southbound on Novi Road when it struck the back of another vehicle driven by a Wixom man, 28, and careened out onto the tracks at

approximately 8:15 p.m.

"The vehicle was disabled on the tracks and the train came by about thirty seconds later," said Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaffer.

"There were no injuries," Shaffer said. According to police, the Wixom man approached the stranded car and convinced the two men to leave the vehicle out on the track.

The driver of the car stranded on

the tracks was Brian Bassett.

While the passenger was Scott Here.

Police officials say the crash did not damage the tracks or train, but the vehicle was a total loss.

The incident is still under investigation and it is uncertain at this point as to whether or not Bassett will be ticketed for the incident.

Equestrian team on horizon

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

It looks as if the adoption of a Novi High School equestrian team may be trotting one step closer to becoming a reality.

At the Novi Board of Education meeting on April 6, members further discussed the existence and future of the team.

The board, along with Superintendent Dr. Daniel Lippe, seemed to lean toward an approval, with the exception of one detail that needs to be worked out.

"The only inquiry that remains to be addressed is that concerning insurance and the liability of the school district."

Board Members Bruce Bagdady and Julie Abrams agreed that the only thing they would question, is whether or not the school district would be named on the insurance.

"Because the coach is not paid by the district and because all the expenses and scheduling is done by outside groups, would we be named on the insurance if it is a Novi team?" asked Bagdady.

"In case we do get sued, are we covered by the insurance or is that an expense that the Novi district would have to take on themselves? That would be the only potential expense that I'm curious about."

Because the resources were not available at the time of discussion, Lippe said he would look into the matter and have the answers available at the next board meeting.

"There is always a risk in any activity connected with the school district, but thus far I haven't heard of any other districts that have been involved in any equestrian suit along these lines," said Lippe.

With that said, Board President George Kortlandt recommended tabling the discussion until the next meeting, April 13, before moving forward.

Library

LIBRARY HOURS

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Tall. For more information, call 349-0720.

EASTER HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be closed April 21 for Good Friday and April 23 for Easter Sunday.

STORYTELLER VISITS

Storyteller Linda Day will present a 35-minute program of traditional and contemporary stories on Tuesday, April 25 at 1 p.m. For ages four and up; no registration is necessary.

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Obituaries

VIRGINIA L. SMITH

Virginia L. Smith died April 10 at the Whitehall Healthcare Center in Novi.

She was born Sept. 26, 1908, in Fennville, Mich., to Sidall and Carrie (Parker) Lisenberger. Mrs. Smith was a lifetime resident of the Northville area. She was a clerk at the U.S. Post Office in Northville for a number of years before retiring in 1963.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by two sons, Francis (Joanne) of California and Stephen (Renee) of South Lyon; two daughters, Sandra (Robert) Wagenschütz of Plymouth and Carolyn

Beyer of Novi; one brother, Robert (Leatha) Lisenberger of Northville; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Leland V. in May 1969; a daughter, Janice Pauline Smith-Nowland; and four brothers and four sisters.

Casterline Funeral Home Inc., 122 W. Dunlap St., Northville (248) 349-0611 has made the arrangements. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 13, from 4-7 p.m. with funeral services at 7 p.m.

EDWARD J. STANNERS JR.
Edward J. Stanners Jr., 69, died April 5 in Providence Hospital,

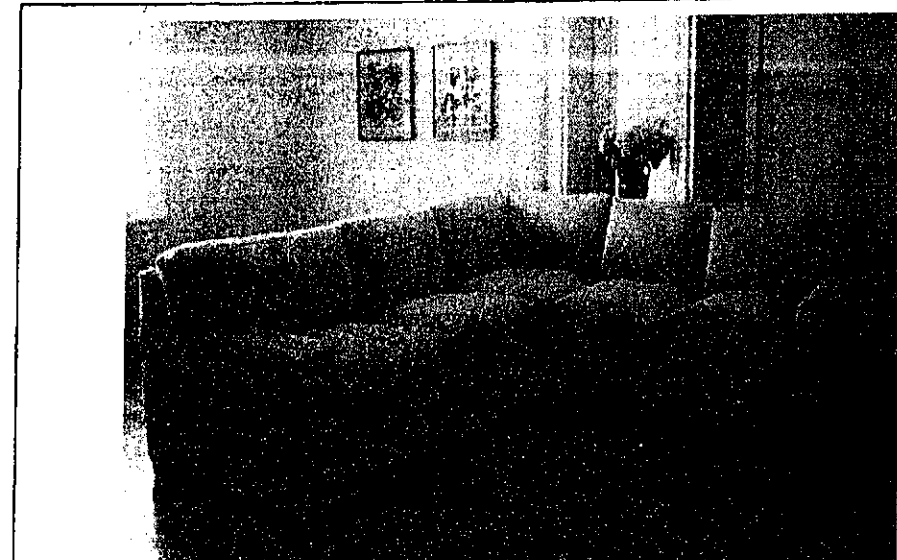
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He was born in 1930. Mr. Stanners is survived by his wife, Mary Claire; one daughter, Ann Marie (Michael) McCarthy; one son, Martin A. (Bridge); grandchildren, Jack and Caitlin McCarthy; and Emma, Sarah, Sean and Claire Stanners.

He was preceded in death by a son, Edward J. III and one grandchild, Farrell Ann Stanners.

Services were held on Saturday, April 8 at St. Mary's Church in Milford. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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Leadership program inspires student

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Amanda King, a junior at Novi High School, was recently selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) in Washington, D.C., an extraordinary leadership development program for outstanding high school students.

King, who is on the student council at WHS, was one of 130 students who attended the week-long conference beginning March 14.

"It was awesome," King said. "I had a great time."

According to the NSLC, the conference helps young leaders such as King increase potential and newly developed abilities that will help them make a positive difference in their communities.

The NSLC mission is to identify and recognize these young adults from around the world and to provide them

with a unique learning environment that encourages not only academic achievement, but also diversity, cooperation and social responsibility.

High school students were selected from across the U.S., as well as 35 other countries.

"I met kids from as far as Sweden and Guatemala," said King. She explained that during the conference, students attend special workshops and classes studying integrity and leadership. Special guest speakers such as Dr. Gilbert Morris and a member of the CIA, also spoke to students.

"They taught us a lot about integrity and the importance of building relationships with people," said King.

Through participation in the program, the young leaders develop their abilities to think on their feet, engage in critical analysis and to communicate effectively — skills that will serve them as leaders in high school, college and

beyond. "Students develop a sense of independence and responsibility," said Dr. Paul M. Lisnek, the NSLC Director of Academics and former Assistant Dean of Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

"They leave with a true feeling of accomplishment and confidence in their ability to handle the challenges that lie ahead."

King said she was selected after being nominated by other members of the student council.

"One day I just received a notice in the mail telling me I had been nominated," she said.

"I was really surprised."

King said the best part of the conference was meeting other students. "I met so many great people and made a lot of new friends," she said. "I got everyone's e-mail addresses, so we'll definitely be keeping in touch."

While not in school, King keeps busy with her job at Red Hot & Blue and enjoys playing soccer.

She hopes to one day have a career in psychology or a related field.

King said she'll never forget the rewarding experience. "It's definitely up there on my list of best things that I have ever done!" she said.

Staff Writer Stephanie Fordyce can be reached at 349-1700.

Novi High School student Amanda King talks about her experience at a National Student Leadership Conference she attended in Washington D.C.

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Theatres friends recognized by state

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

A round of applause is in order here and a standing ovation, too. That's because The Friends of the Novi Theatres were recently awarded the Michigan Recreation and Park Association's (MRPA) Community Service Award in Lansing for their outstanding support for the Novi Theatres.

Founded in 1997, by Lori Burkhardt, The Friends of the Novi Theatres was established to offer and enlist support for the theater in fund raising and volunteerism. "They've just done so much for the theater in such a short amount of time," said Novi Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Marilyn Trushak, who nominated Friends.

"The department is lucky to have them."

The Friends of the Novi Theatres also provide countless hours setting up shows, ushering and working refreshments.

Now with 160 current members, the group's mission is to help the theater in various ways in order to continue the program's growth

without becoming a financial burden on the participants or the Parks and Recreation Department.

"Part of the reason we started it is because there's a lot of things with the theater that the program itself just can't afford," said Grace Wilfong, the organization's secretary.

One of the group's major contributions was the recent purchase of \$150,000 risers used for seating audiences. The risers can now be used for all the theater performances.

"This risers were an extraordinary contribution," said Trushak.

"The theater is very grateful." And due to the lack of space at the civic center, the group is also responsible for renting an off-site storage facility to hold the risers when they are not in use.

Wilfong said their next project is trying to get the theater a new sound system.

"Right now we have to rent the sound systems and it costs the theater thousands of dollars, so by buying our own, we actually can save money in the long run," she said.

said. Wilfong said Friends has always been a big fan of the theater and this is just a great way to support it.

"Most of us either have had kids or have kids that have been involved in the theater," she said.

In fact, the entire Friends board themselves acted in the recent production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Wilfong explained that the group raises money in a number of ways including membership drives, flower sales, a Friends Boutique, and donations.

But Wilfong said that most of the money raised has been through generous donations from individuals in the community.

"We've had just a wonderful response from the community," she said.

"We couldn't do it without their help."

Pam Gagnon, president of Friends, said the group hopes to gain more corporate funding in the future.

"We'd like to get more businesses in Novi involved," she said.

Gagnon said the Community Service Award was a heart-warming gesture and a huge honor.

"It was very exciting," she said. "I think people at the ceremony were pretty stunned when they had heard what the Friends had done."

"Oh, yes," added Wilfong, "we received a very enthusiastic applause."

Founder and Artistic Director of the Novi Theaters, Linda Wickert, said the Friends have been an incredible force in the theater.

"They've given us unbelievable support in everything involved with the theater," she said.

"The MRPA only looks for a group each year that goes above and beyond in support and the Friends deserve the award more than anyone."

Staff Writer Stephanie Fordyce can be reached at 349-1700.



Accepting a Community Service Award from the City of Novi are, from left, Susan Lewis, Grace Wilfong and president of the Friends of the Novi Theatres Pamela Gagnon.

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Yazbek and his partner Mike Kobessi say they are extremely proud to call Novi their new home. "It has been our dream to come to Novi," said Yazbek.

"We love Novi. It is extremely diverse and the people here are very friendly. The location is perfect. It's one of the best growing communities in the area and we are very happy to become a part of this great city."

Yazbek said that this is his first restaurant and he couldn't be happier.

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As We See It

Time for CSX to put up gates at crossings

Two nineteen-year-old Novi men had a harrowing close call last week when, after a fender-bender accident, their car became stuck on the CSX railroad tracks at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

To save their lives, they were forced to abandon their vehicle, which was crushed beyond recovery by the train.

What's wrong with the picture? So much that it almost seems unbelievable.

The incident occurred at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, smack at the approach to downtown Novi, a regional center of south-eastern Michigan in the year, isn't it 2000?

And from that traffic-bound corner of the city, the car was able to careen easily onto the tracks because we don't have gated railroad crossings in this city. Now, it's possible in the case of a collision that even a gate wouldn't keep a car off the tracks, but that's not really the point.

The point is that we live in a society so safety-conscious that children and even adults routinely wear helmets to ride bicycles, that bottles of over-the-counter drugs are difficult to open due to child-proof lids.

And in the midst of all this fastidious concern for people's welfare, in a city known for its high-volume of traffic, we have several railroad crossings without any gate. What is the logic of this? So drivers can sneak through when the lights go off, but the train is still in the distance? Or that CSX can save money by not building the proper installations at crossings?

True, there has been only one fatal collision between a train and a car at a railroad crossing in Novi over the past ten years, but only the extraordinarily callous would say the bottom line for CSX is worth more than one life.

That death occurred when the woman, who was going home from work and was likely in that tired, kind of glazed-eye mode many of us fall into at that time of day, apparently just didn't notice the flashing lights at the crossing.

Don't think it can't happen again.

As traffic in Novi increases, and it will, especially in the downtown area, now is the time for the city to demand action from CSX. It's unthinkable that a city this size continues to be crisscrossed by ungated railroad crossings.

Speak out about park

In November, Novi voters said what they didn't want loud and clear — no golf courses on land currently owned by the municipality.

The new city charter amendment bans such a facility from all city-owned land as of November 1999, but the real momentum for the movement launched by People About Reserving Kids Space (PARKS), was keeping the 18 hole course out of the 500-acre North Novi Park.

What then is the city to do with all that gorgeous land? Here's your chance to tell them.

Tonight at city hall from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Parks and Recreation Commission and city staff are eager to hear what residents want on those 500 acres. The informal sessions are at the Novi Civic Center.

Currently, there are some trails for hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing, but the North Novi Park isn't really highly accessible to users at this moment.

So what do you envision there? A better trail system? More picnic shelters? A nature center? Now is the time to throw your suggestions out, because Park and Rec. officials say the master plan for the property will be based on this brainstorming.

So if you've got some bright ideas, better share them now.

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Quote of the Week

"Hurry up and wait, that's our motto."

Leo Burke
Lieutenant colonel of the
Civil Air Patrol, Great Lakes Region

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Parking, eating out, forget about it



Stephanie Fordyce

When I left Michigan State last August, I thought I had also left behind the horror of on-campus parking as well.

But it seems this parking nightmare has followed me here.

I thought I had said good-bye to the days of waiting 20 minutes for a parking meter and good-bye to the vultures trying to steal spots.

But no, now I find myself getting even more stressed out than ever before. It seems now when I just want to run into the corner store it takes me 10 minutes to find a parking spot. Even trying to go to out to eat these days is unbearable.

What happened to the days when Haggerty Road was an easy route into to Northville or the express way?

Now Haggerty is just plain unbearable and the traffic on that road is out of control.

In the past year or two, its adopted at least four new restaurants, a movie theater, a grocery store and three huge mini-malls, among other things.

What used to take me five minutes to get from Five Mile Road to Eight Mile Road, now takes me three times as long.

Last Saturday, when some friends of mine and I went to meet our families at Champs to have a drink and watch the basketball game, we drove around for at least 20 minutes just to find a place to park.

Finally we were so distressed, we just parked illegally because there weren't enough spots.

Now, okay, obviously the game is going to attract a lot of people, but even when I went to Target that Sunday afternoon I went through the same hellish routine.

All I wanted to do was run in and get a picture frame, so when I finally did see an open spot I drove around and sure enough someone else had taken it.

I saw another one open up and as soon as made my way towards that one, the same thing happened again.

It seemed like every time I'd see one, I'd have to get past a slew of shoppers and incoming mini vans, before someone else got there first.

I thought I was going to lose my mind.

Finally I had to park all the way by the movie theater before I even got into Target.

I was in the parking lot longer than I was even in the store.

And how about the wait it takes just to get into any of these restaurants on a Friday or Saturday night.

It's literally exhausting.

An hour and a half to two hours, sometimes longer. Are you kidding?

And they don't even let you make reservations.

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To get diploma, take the MEAP



Phil Power

Gov. Engler wants students who pass the high school Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test to get a \$2,500 college scholarship from the state.

On the surface, it sounds like a pretty reasonable idea. After all, high school students have been blowing off the MEAP in droves over the past few years.

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scores came out.

But lurking in the background was another law in the program. Although the State Board of Education tried to make the MEAP compulsory for all high school students, the legislature, scared of grumbling students and cross parents, never went along.

So the MEAP, the primary instrument for school reform in Michigan, wound up as a confusing, arduous and ill-designed test that kids and parents could ignore without penalty. High school kids and parents caught on quickly, and participation rates tumbled.

The seemingly practical solution proposed by the Engler Administration amounts to a \$2,500 college scholarship bribe for kids to take the MEAP in enough numbers so it can remain a valid instrument for assessing school performance. No wonder lots of people are unhappy.

The truly practical solution is to require all kids as a condition of receiving their high school diploma to take the MEAP test or some other better alternative. It's logical. It's cheap. It's common sense.

And, of course, our legislative masters are certain not to buy it.

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Capturing the wild

Northville photographer featured at art fair

By MELANIE PLENDIA
Staff Writer

Northville residents Connie and Rick Denomme aren't going to be rich, they said.

They have settled instead for running with cheetahs, soaring with whales and capturing it all with their cameras.

The Denommies are a rare breed of adventurers who live life to its fullest and only expect a good shot in return. Luckily, their work has captured the attention of many an art showgoer and will be judged April 14-16 at the Sugarloaf Crafts Festival at the Novi Expo Center.

"It started as a part-time job," Rick Denomme said. "I was working in a supermarket. One day we just sat down and after talking about it for a long time we decided to go for it."

The former supermarket employee and former hotel instructor, Connie Denomme, decided to devote their life to nature photography. They pride themselves on doing all of the matting, framing, developing and processing from their home, which helps to keep their costs low. He said their photos sell from \$12 to \$100.

All of the Denommies' work is strictly from scratch, they said. They refuse to do any digital retouching and in fact don't even own a computer.

"It's not photography anymore if you do that. When you can make anything a good picture all you're doing is fooling the public," he said.

Connie Denomme agreed and said they would much rather be out taking the shots even if they are imperfect, rather than sitting behind a computer trying to make them perfect.

In addition, to the 30 art shows they do a year and the day-to-day production of their work, they plan at least one big trip a year for exotic shots. This year they will go to Honduras to swim with the dolphins.

"Rick has no fear. He will get into any situation. And there I am right behind him," Connie Denomme said. Last year's trip to Africa proved fruitful for the daring duo, who came back with stunning color photos of a newborn giraffe they saw come into the world and a shy cheetah in a tree.

"The cheetah had dragged a gazelle up in the tree and was eating it," Rick Denomme said, "so we were able to get right up to the base of the tree to get the shot. We waited though until he was done with the gazelle. We didn't really want that in there."

On one of their smaller scale trips, Connie

ART FAIR FACTS

■ Sugarloaf's Spring Novi Art Fair is coming to the Novi Expo Center April 14-16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The show, now in its sixth year, features over 330 nationally recognized craft designers and fine artists from 35 states and Canada. Last year, the show drew over 20,000 visitors from 27 states.

The show includes demonstrations by two master craftspeople who will show people how to do iron forging and make paper. As for entertainment, musicians Deborah Martin and Preston Scott will play their handcrafted didgeridoos and river cane flutes.

Admission is \$6 for adults and free for kids 12 and under. Parking is free.

More information may be obtained by going to the Sugarloaf web site at www.sugarloafrica.com.

For instance, if they go on a trip in August with the idea of shooting the birth of baby animals but the animals are born in February, then they are out of luck and have wasted \$10,000, he said.

In June, the Denommies said they are ready for a well-earned vacation. They will be going out west for a month. However, even with the prospect of a break from work, they couldn't help but talk about what shots they hope to get once they are there.

"We don't do vacations. We always have our cameras and are ready to shoot something," Connie Denomme said.

In fact, the Denommies said even after they retire they have dreams of working at Yellowstone just to stay in outdoors.

"It's so exciting to be that close to the animals and have them accept your presence," he said.

"It's truly amazing the opportunities this job has afforded us."

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Wildlife photographer Richard Denomme has traveled to the Antarctic, Africa and Alaska to capture shots of animals in the wild. At top left, this brown bear about to eat a snack of salmon was taken in Alaska. At bottom, Denomme took this photo of a humpback whale breaching in the Antarctic Ocean a couple years ago. Denomme will appear at the Sugarloaf Art Fair this week.

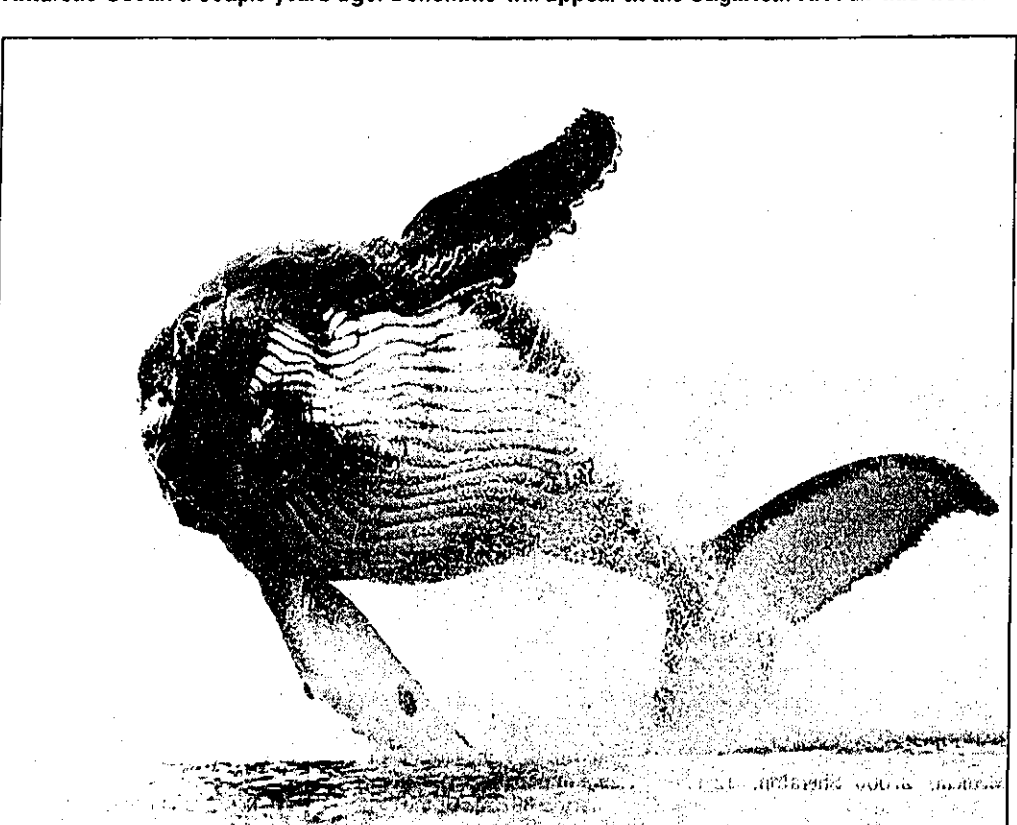


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Fire log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending April 9. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, APRIL 3
Medical, 22875 Tallford, 9:44 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Grand River and Taft Road, 12:56 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, Pontiac Trail and Beck Road, 1:34 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Fourteen Mile and M-5, 9:38 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
Fuel spill, 31126 Beachwalk, 12:05 a.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 9:54 a.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 1:53 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 30660 Vine Court, 3:48 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 45145 Twelve Mile Road, 5:27 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 42500 Arena, 8:03 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
Gas leak, 41249 Vincent, 11:09 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:38 a.m., Squad 2.
Building fire, 22220 Edgewater, 12:14 p.m., Engine 3.
Building fire, 29989 Montmorency, 2 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 1-96 and Beck Road, 2:33 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 2:52 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and Haggerty, 3:22 p.m., Squad 2.
Trash fire, 1703 East Lake, 3:50 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 27150 Novi Road, 5:04 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39500 Blakeston, 5:28 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39500 Ten Mile Road, 7:27 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 48730 Grand River, 7:39 p.m., Squad 4.
Vehicle accident, Novi and CSX R.R., 8:18 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
Wires arcing, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook, 6:36 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 27790 Novi Road, 8:23 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41931 La Roi, 10:06 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 1947 West Lake, 11:25 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 37000 Sheraton, 12:17 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 42050 Grand River, 2:44 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
Assist police, 20771 Woodland Glen, 3:04 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 1-96 and Novi Road, 3:06 a.m., Squad 1.
House fire, 170 Erma, 4:11 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 8:48 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 21959 Ironside, 10:31 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 11:03 a.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 42100 Crescent, 12:24 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Fire alarm, 23922 Greening, 3:39 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Fourteen Mile and M-5, 4:55 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
Medical, 1103 East Lake, 1:57 a.m., Squad 1.
Building fire, 1402 Nardner, 2:04 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Injury accident, 1-96 and Taft Road, 5:51 a.m., Squad 1.
Transformer fire, 31300 Springlake, 8:48 a.m., Engine 2.
Fire alarm, 39500 Orchard Hill, 9:11 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 39550 Orchard Hill, 9:21 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24897 Sarah Flynn, 10:14 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 44000 Grand River, 11:11 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 39550 Orchard Hill, 1:01 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, Novi Road and I-96, 3:32 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:03 p.m., Squad 2.
Fuel spill, 24757 Jamestown, 7:58 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 10:08 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 50521 Arizona, 10:21 p.m., Squad 4.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
Fire alarm, 39750 Grand River, 1:29 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 39750 Grand River, 3:35 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

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Visitors found cat show a-mew-sing

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

The Novi Expo Center proved to be the "purrfect" way to spend last weekend as they held the 216th Annual Cat Fanciers Association Cat Show, presented by Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers Inc.

Over 10,000 feline fans gathered to see 500 cats and kittens from across the nation and Canada, claw their way to the top.

Trenton resident Samantha Kasperki, who is a Tonkinese cat breeder, said she much rather enjoys being a spectator than an exhibitor.

"Oh, I come every year. It's so great seeing all these beautiful cats," she said.

As one of the most prestigious cat shows in the country, 36 registers short hair and longhair breeds, together with unregistered household cats competed for 50 regional, national and international awards.

Show managers Eve Russell and Dwight Vickers explained that there are six internationally-known judges who judge every hour throughout the day according to specific regulations.

"Judging is based on a standard for each cat such as appearance, body structure, type and color," said Vickers.

Russell explained that the cats, valued at over half a million dollars, compete in two classes, male and six separate non-champion divisions.

"Some of the competitions we have today include the kitten competition for pedigreed cats between the ages of four and eight months, the household pet competition for all random-bred or non-pedigreed cats, the champion class, which is

for unaltered pedigreed cats that compete only against other cats of the same breed and for the altered, we have the premier cats," said Russell.

Kansas City, Kansas, who entered their three-year-old Burmese, Evita, said the premier class is very unusual.

"It's so unique because it's strictly for neutered and spayed felines," said Toni Woolard.

"The CFA takes great pride in being able to share with the public cats like Evita. So if a cat has been spayed or neutered for whatever reason, it's wonderful to still be able to show them. The dog shows don't allow altered animals."

Another advantage Toni said that cat shows have over dog shows is that cat shows require less equipment and are easier to transport.

"We do 25 shows a year, and because cats are smaller, they're easier to travel with," she said.

"Like we're able to take them on the plane with us, which is nice."

Cat lovers Angel Bailey, Lisa Filipp, and Lauren Malinowski from Dearborn Heights, said they really enjoyed the show.

"I just love seeing all the different kinds of cats," said Malinowski, a third grader at Divine Child Elementary.

"Yeah," added eleven-year-old Filipp. "Some of them are so adorable."

Fifth grader Bailey said she enjoyed the show's give-away goodies.

"It's really cool because they hand out free cat food and treats," she said.

The show also gave spectators the chance to have their feline photographed by a professional photographer and even the opportunity to adopt a cat.

The award-winning Friskies Cat Team was there demonstrating cat training techniques used in the television and movie industry.

The show also offered door prizes and other fun activities.

For example, first time cat showgoer Lauren Wells from Woodhaven, enjoyed getting her face painted.

And what would a cat show be without an abundance of cat-related gift items and supplies for sale?

The show's booths were stocked with cat toys, treats, figurines, jewelry, silverware, pottery, litter and litter boxes, calendars, paintings and even toothbrushes.

Ryan and Blake Soulet from St. Agatha's Elementary got lots of toys for their grandmother's cat, Daisy, while Rachel Wells, 5, bought supplies like cat stationary and erasers.

Proceeds from the show help support a number of charities, including the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, The Morris Animal Foundation, The Michigan Humane Society, Humane Health Studies and Veterinarian Scholarships at MSU's Small Animal Clinic and neuter/spay programs.

"I had a great time," said nine-year-old Derek Rife. "It wasn't only fun, but interesting too."

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An exhibitor's child is dressed up for the Novi Expo cat show.

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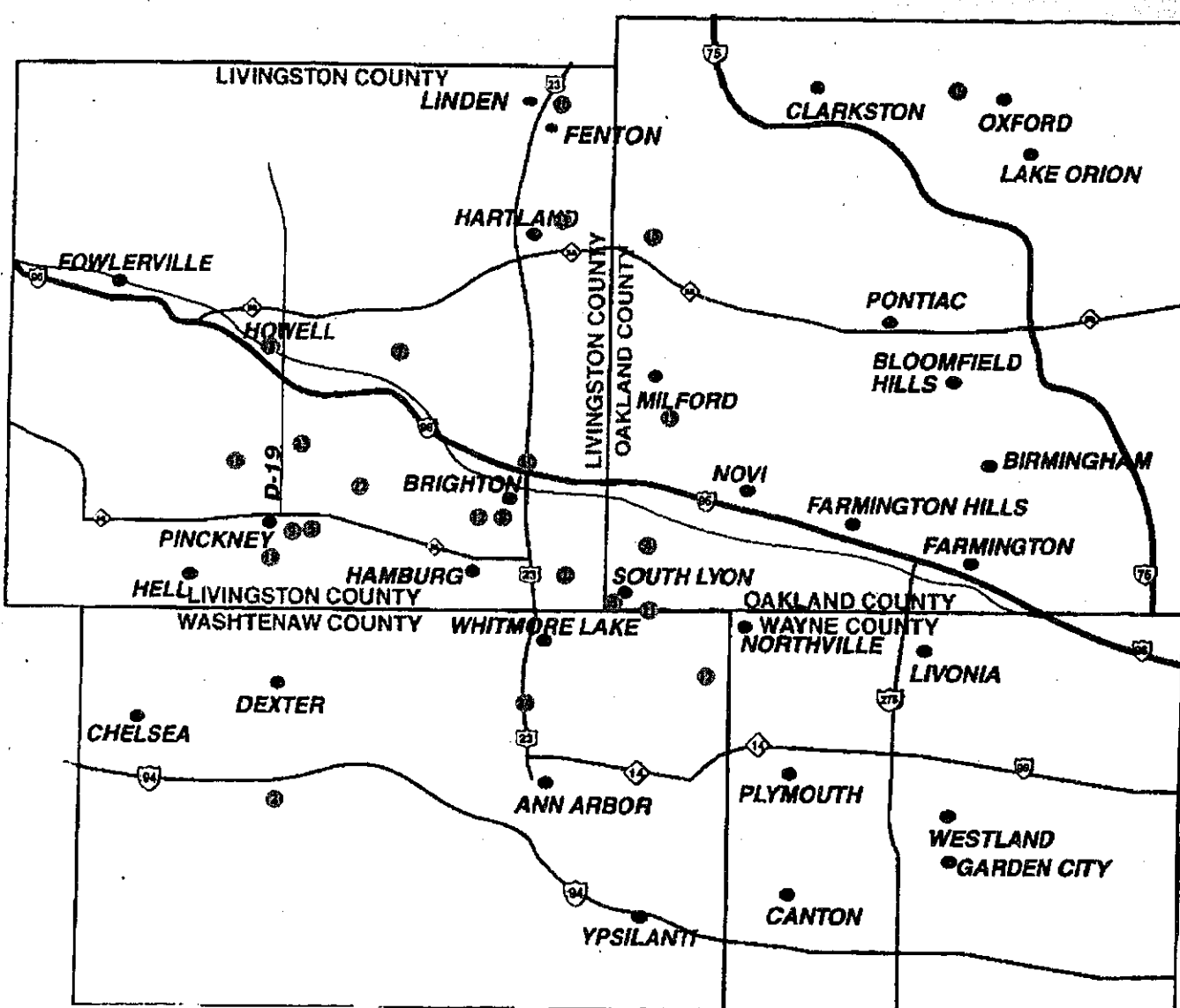
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Moraine Elementary students will raise birds from eggs

Students at Moraine Elementary may soon be suffering from empty nest syndrome.

These little chickadees will raise ring neck pheasants in an upcoming project with John Curcio, owner of J&J Ring Neck Pheasants. The project was made possible thanks to the efforts of several Northville educators to bring more hands-on projects into the classroom as a way of making curriculum more accessible to students.

Curcio recently visited students with some of his flapping friends to explain different characteristics of the birds, as well as how to care for them.

"Even though they are in a pen they remain wild. We try to recreate their environment as best as possible."

John Curcio
pheasant breeder

Students will incubate eggs provided by J&J in May and raise the chicks once they hatch. After a few weeks Curcio picks the birds up from the 11 schools participating in the project and will continue caring for the birds. Curcio said they will be placed in a fenced and covered pen on his farm in Taylor, which is set up to resemble the birds' natural habitat. There they will learn to live as if in the wild, but they will be contained so they may be observed. The birds will learn to forage for food from sorghum plants and adapt to sleeping among the sorghum plants as they will in the wilderness.

"Even though they are in a pen they remain wild. We try to recreate their environment as best as possible," Curcio said.

In the fall the birds will be released into the "real" wild in an

undisclosed location.

Curcio explained the different varieties of birds. Some of the pheasants he said, are extremely colorful "decorative" birds, while others are a dull brown. More often than not, female pheasants are colored brown, in order to remain camouflaged from their predators, Curcio said.

Students were told to be very quiet and move gently as Curcio brought one of the more docile birds around the room.

"He was soft like a pillow," first grader Alec Wagner said.

Curcio wowed students as he "magically" put one of the more ornery pheasants to sleep. Curcio sat the bird on a table, placed its head under its wing and gently stroked its back. As he did, the bird slowly relaxed and fell into a deep sleep.

"I was a bit scared he was going to wake up and fly away because the kid next to me was being kind of loud," first grader Leanne Shashio said.

Once the children were familiar with the feathered flock, Curcio told them how they would need to raise the birds and how to incubate them.

The school purchased a bird incubator which holds 32 eggs, which Curcio used the incubator for the demonstration. The incubator must be kept at 99.5 degrees, Curcio said. In order for the birds to develop, there is a built-in thermometer, as well as a turning instrument which will ensure that the birds develop evenly. The incubator also has a ridge around the inside for students to put water to make sure the eggs are kept moist and their shells soft.

Once the eggs have been incubated for three days one of the plugs located in the cover of the incubator must be removed.

"The eggs release a gas and for the first few days you want to trap that," Curcio said.

However, it would be detrimental to the birds if some of it wasn't released.

On the eighth day students will be able to use a process called candling to view the developing birds inside the egg.

"A small very powerful light is held up to the egg and fills an air pocket that begins to form around the bottom of the egg. This helps you see inside the egg at the embryo starting to form and the baby bird starting to grow," he said.

On the 21st day of incubation the humidity level must be raised. This is done by placing a water soaked sponge in the bottom of the incubator. Curcio advised the teachers they must also mist the eggs three to five times a day. At that point, the shells must remain moist to help the baby birds in the hatching process.

By the 24th day, the birds would begin to hatch, Curcio said.

"It is really important that you not help the birds out of their shells when they start to peck out," Curcio said. "This could cripple them and ultimately make it difficult for them to survive."

He said as the chicks peck out, they are eating the shell which provides nutrients they need to survive.

He told the children to expect some of the birds not to make it.

"Not all of the birds will survive. It is part of Mother Nature," he said.

Curcio said the students should leave the hatched chicks in the incubator for a few days in order for them to dry off and pull up.

Once they are removed, however, he said the birds should be placed in either an aquarium or showcase of the school under a heat lamp.

Paper toweling should be placed on the floor of this he said which will help the birds to learn to walk on their own. Teachers were also advised to cover the outside of the showcase with paper and put eye holes for children to see the birds.

"This is so that the birds will stay calm, and after a week they will begin to fly," he said.

After a week of feeding and observing the birds, the students will hand them over to Curcio and let him continue the development process.

Students are scheduled to view the release of the birds this fall.

Melanie Plenda may be reached via e-mail at mplenda@ttt.homecom.net



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

John Curcio lets Moraine Elementary School student Andrew Bray handle a Chinese ring-neck pheasant. The school will be part of a program to help raise pheasant chicks and eventually release them into the wild.

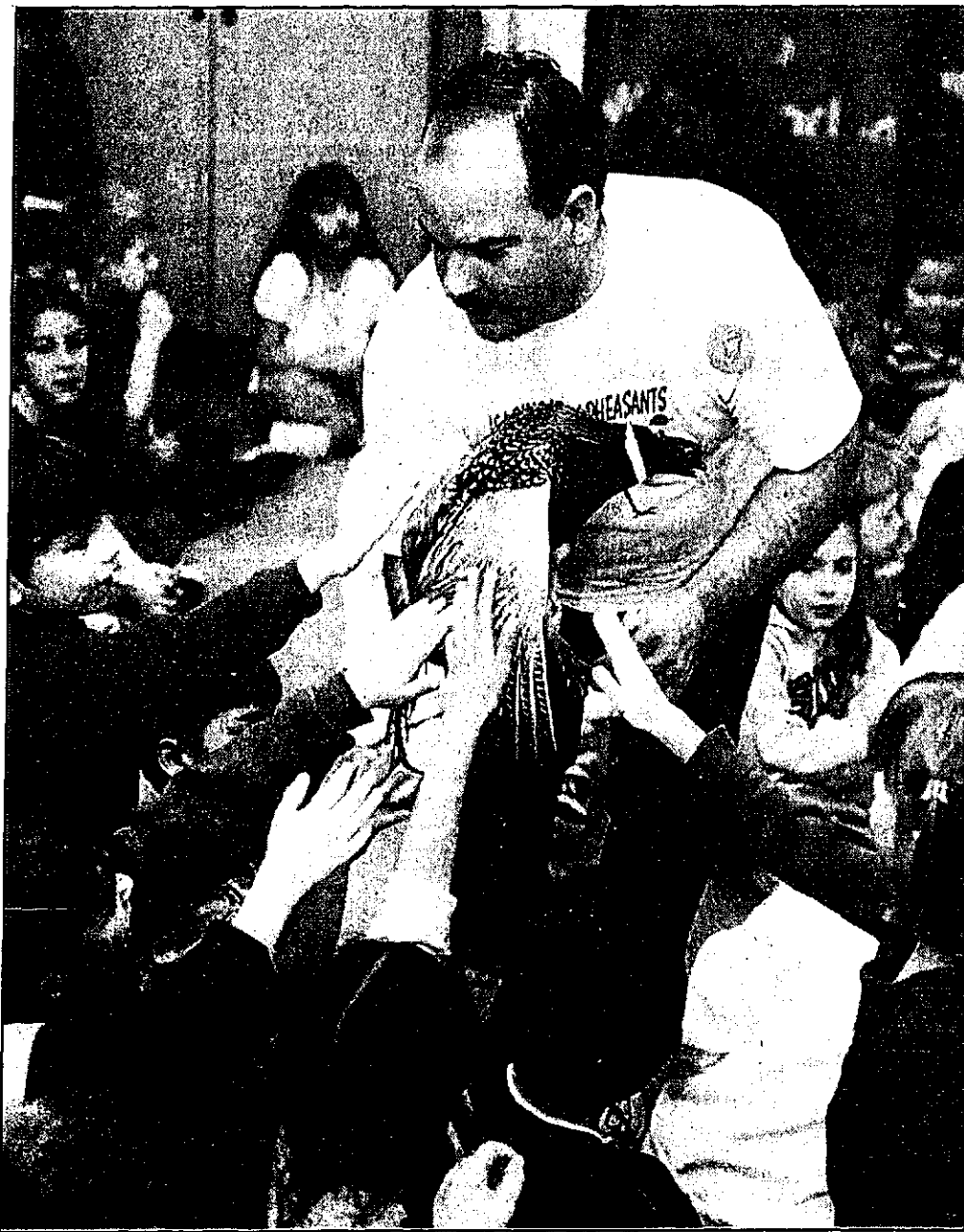


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

John Curcio brings a Chinese ring-neck pheasant in for some close inspection by Moraine Elementary students.

PHEASANT PHACTS

- Pheasants are seasonal breeders. The roosters begin strutting and breeding displays when the days become longer, usually toward the end of March. Roosters will also fight one another to establish dominance. When raising them in confinement, it is a good idea to have no more than one rooster per eight hens, with 10 hens per rooster optimum. Hens will begin laying eggs about the middle of April and continue into June. A single hen should provide about 15 fertile eggs if eggs are collected daily and the hens are not allowed to begin incubation of a nest.

- Adult roosters molt in summer, but they are fully colored again by early fall. The key to determining age between fully-colored juvenile roosters and adults is the spur located on each of the pheasant's legs, between the foot and knee. All rooster pheasants have spurs, while hens don't. That's why a foot left on a dressed pheasant is adequate for determining sex. Spur length can vary from just a small nub on a very young bird, to more than 3/4 of an inch (including leg bone) on adult birds. The general rule for determining a rooster's age is that if the spur is less than a 3/4-inch in length, including the leg bone, the bird is a young-of-the-year. If the spur is more than 3/4-inch long, including the leg bone, the bird is an adult.

- If you're interested in contacting the Oakland County chapter of Pheasants Forever — a national organization devoted to pheasant education and management — here's where to go:

Pheasants Forever
Oakland County Chapter 183
P.O. Box 363

Holly, Mich. 48442

Phone: (248) 889-1217 Fax: (313) 562-0510

Meetings are normally held at the Pontiac Gander Mountain at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month, but please call to verify.

Story by Melanie Plenda

Novi Community blood drive slated for April 26

Novi Community Blood Drive

This year's community blood drive is set for April 26. It will be held at Novi United Methodist Church. Hours will be from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., but walk-ins are welcome. However, if there is a time problem, call chairperson Gerry Stipp at (248) 442-2292 or fax (248) 442-2495 to schedule an appointment.

There are more than 2,000 reasons to donate and reason No. 376 is a little boy by the name of Calum. By age 12 months, Calum had used more blood than most people would in a lifetime. He was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 4 months and depended on life-giving blood donations during his chemotherapy treatment. With just an hour of your time, you can give kids like Calum a lifetime.

To donate blood, an individual must be over 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. A person may donate blood every 56 days.

During the first step, you will be asked to read a short leader required by the FDA and fill out a form giving your health history. The nurse will review the form and answer any questions, then check your blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron level to make sure you are in good health to donate. The time it takes to donate a pint of blood is five to 10 minutes. The process is very safe and relatively painless. After completion of the donation, you will be given juice and cookies.

Novi Highlights

Blood donations are sent to the National Testing Laboratory for testing of blood type and infectious diseases. Donors will be informed confidentially of any positive test results. Information regarding donor screening criteria is available by calling (248) 442-2292.

Michigan Smokers

The Smokers will meet at 10 a.m. April 20 at JoAnn ETC in West Oaks. It's a change in location this year, rather than the Novi Library. The Smokers are a chapter of the Smoking Arts Guild of America. Anyone interested in the world of smoking, including smoking and related needle arts is invited to attend the meeting and perhaps join the guild. The group is always interested in hearing from art enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels, and learn about new ideas, patterns and instructions. SAGA is a non-profit educational organization with the purpose of preserving the art of smoking and related needlework for future generations.

In the Smokers' newsletter "Cable Notes and News," information is given regarding programs, seminars, field trips and their library, which has videos available for check-out.

The Banglelo ornament was finished at

the last meeting and scheduled for April's meeting is the smoked Easter egg ornament. Several patterns will be available for choice, from beginner to the more advanced smoker.

In addition to monthly meetings, the group has enjoyed several field trips, such as the Henry Ford Estate, a needlepoint store, and the Dearborn Historical Museum to view different garments. A future trip includes the Walkley House in Flint for historical information on fabrics.

As this year's community service project, the Smokers provided 52 "We Care" baby gloves to Hutzel Hospital. They received a thank you note from the hospital expressing appreciation for their donation.

For more information about the Smokers, call (248) 547-1735.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

The chamber will hold a luncheon on April 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Country Epcure. Reservations must be made and paid in advance. The cost is \$17 for members, due by April 14. The price at the door (if space is available) for members without reservations and guests is \$22. For information, call the office at (248) 349-3743.

Featured at the luncheon will be speaker

Keith Pretty, president and CEO of Walsh College. Mr. Pretty was vice president for external affairs and general counsel at Western Michigan University. At the same time, he served as president and CEO of Western Michigan University Foundation. In addition, his background of both experience and accomplishments led Michigan Gov. John Engler to appoint him to design a new state of Michigan Department of Career Development to match educational resources to business needs in Michigan.

A morning mixer will be held free-of-charge, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on April 27 at Waltonwood-Twelve Oaks. Names of chamber members who bring a non-member guest will be entered into a special drawing. However, reservations are required so plans can be made for that attending.

Other activities include a golf mixer with the Novi Chamber challenging the Farmington/Farmington Hills chambers. Anyone interested in the program should call the office at (248) 349-3743.

Spirit of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lent began by the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Holy week starts with Palm Sunday on April 16; Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7 p.m., April 20. A joint Good Friday service at noon at Holy Family Catholic Church, with other churches in the Novi area. There will be no Saturday evening service on April 22. Members have been invited to to Antioch Lutheran Church for an Easter Vigil, and two services on Easter Sunday, 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Chief Paul Kemp will be in charge of the Easter breakfast. An Easter egg hunt will precede the 10:30 worship service.

A special program held by the church for community members was presented through a grant from the Mount Zion Lutheran Church Foundation and material donations from Lutheran Brotherhood. The program entitled, "Asset Building," presented Search Institute materials. Those in attendance took home valuable information on how to assist in creating healthy communities.

The church youth have collected donations of personal care items which they plan to give to residents of Charter House for Easter. They also plan to have a movie night after packaging the items.

Youth Sunday has always been participating and assisting in a Sunday service. However, they plan to participate more frequently throughout the month as best fits their schedule.

The church is encouraging church families to do fun things together for one week in April in place of watching TV.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call (248) 624-0173.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School. He is presently studying for his master's in design engineering at Cornell University, and plans to graduate this year. He is employed at Monarch Machine Tool in Cortland, N.Y.

Their wedding will be held July 1 at Mill Race Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Cordon of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Ellen, to David Edward Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Randolph of Danbury, Conn., and Carol Randolph of Atlanta, Ga.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated in 1995 from Western Michigan University and is currently employed as an executive recruiter for Baeder/Murphy & Associates in Los Angeles, Calif.

The groom-elect graduated in 1991 from Penn State University and is employed as an account supervisor at Suisa Miller Advertising, Los Angeles.

A May wedding is planned.

A Sept. 2 wedding will take place in Bloomfield Hills.

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Engagements



Allen O'Shea

David and Karen Allen of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah E., to Fenton I. O'Shea, son of Richard and Jane O'Shea of Homer, N.Y.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Northville High School. She received her bachelor's degree in 1998 from Michigan State University and her master's in library science from Syracuse University in 1999. Sarah is currently employed at Steele Memorial Library in Elmira, N.Y.

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Brown-Rielly

Richard and Karen Brown of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen, to Brian Rielly, son of Heidi and Terence Rielly of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Northville High School and the groom-elect is a 1992 graduate of Brother Rice. They both graduated in 1997, with bachelor degrees in business administration.

The groom-elect graduated from the University of Dayton in 1990, and is currently employed at Industrial Automation and Controls Engineering in Ohio.

A July 22 wedding is planned.



Petroski-Krych

Joseph and Irene Petroski of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Marie, to Bryan Krych, son of Richard and Elaine Krych of Cleveland, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Mercy High School and a 1990 graduate of the University of Dayton. She is employed at Firststar Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The groom-elect is a 1995 Grand Valley State University and is currently employed at Future 3 Software.

A wedding date will be determined at a later time.



Boginski-Wall

The engagement of Beth Nina Boginski and Brian Allen Wall is hereby announced by their parents, Curt and Priscilla Boginski and Gary and Betty Wall; both couples are from Northville.

The bride-elect graduated in 1997 from Northville High School. She is currently attending Walsh College and anticipates graduation in 2001. Beth is also employed at Michigan National Bank.

The groom-elect also graduated from Northville High School. Brian anticipates graduation from Schoolcraft College this year and is currently employed at Future 3 Software.

A June 17 wedding is planned.



Farrell-Garvin

Clayton and Jean Farrell of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly, to Pete Christian Garvin, son of Melford and Joann Garvin of Byron Center, Mich.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. She graduated in 1997 from Grand Valley State University and is currently employed at Manis Photography Studio in Jenison, Mich.

The groom-elect is a 1995 Grand Valley State University and is currently employed at K. Force in Grand Rapids.

A June 17 wedding is planned.

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For more information, call (248) 374-5012.

The First United Methodist

Church of Northville will hold its traditional Holy Week Brunch on April 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available through April 16 at Coffee Hour, the church office, or call (248) 486-1053.

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St. will celebrate Holy Week as follows:

- April 20, 7:30 p.m., Communion

non Maundy-Thursday worship in the sanctuary.

- Good Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. A shared service at First United Methodist Church of Northville, Eight Mile and Taft Road. Both church choirs will participate.
- Easter Sunday, April 23, two services, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Special music with brass accompaniment.

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Community Events

Northville city and township (Kau-tification) Commissioners are sponsoring their annual tree-give-away in celebration of Arbor Day. This year it will be held at Northville Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile Road on April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. Nine varieties will be available on a first-come basis: Norway spruce, red oak, silver birch, Norway spruce, Douglas fir, red maple, white flowering dogwood, Austrian pine and white pine.

For more information, call (248) 344-1733.

Hospice of Integrated Health Services is seeking volunteers in Oakland and Wayne counties to serve as patient companions. Hospice provides a compassionate network of services designed to comfort and support people in the last phases of an incurable illness. Free orientation and training are available. For more information, call (800) 397-0394.

Baby! Baby! Resale Shop in Northville will host a free interactive storytelling, music and movement session during a 30-minute storytime. The event will take place on April 18, Wednesday, at 4 p.m. Parents, children, books, simple instruments and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times. The program is recommended for children ages 1 to 5. Registrations are suggested, but not mandatory. For more information, call (734) 455-4677.

Tickets for the **Northville High School Senior All-Night Party** are on sale at a cost of \$50. Tickets may be purchased by sending a check or money order to Senior All Night Party, c/o Linda Temple, 26023 North Valley, Northville, Mich. 48167. Tickets will also be sold during the transmission of the school musical, "Grease," slated for April 12-15. For more information, call (248) 348-0826 or (248) 348-0839.

The **Novi Theaters** group will present "Papa Wild, Jr." on April 14 at noon. All seats are \$12 and include the cost of lunch and the show.

Also forthcoming with the Little Theaters group is "Champions: We'll Be Present on May 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and May 21 at 4 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center stage. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

For more information on either event, call (248) 347-0400.

Emmy Award-winning **Gala Tossing** is coming to Northville Township's Nordic Kinkadee on April 15 at 1:30 p.m. Tossing received her award for her performance on PBS' "Sister Sign for Fun with Gata," a new music video that introduces children to American Sign Language. Tickets



Girl Scout Troop No. 99 made more than 100 valentines to send to the children at C.S. Mott Childrens Hospital in Ann Arbor. Pictured above are (bottom row) Lindsay Hagan, Erika Tykar, Emma Khoury, Lauren Echelmeyer and (top row) Laura Netti, Elena Lister, Lizzy Kerr, Laura Felsak, Michelle Steiner and Meghan Joseph.

are required for the show. Call (248) 449-5281 for further information.

The **Novi Lions Club** members will be out promoting their project, **White Cane Drive**, April 28 through May 7. For more information, call (248) 477-1337.

The **League of Women Voters** will hold its annual used book sale at Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt and Plymouth roads, on April 13 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; April 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and April 16, noon to 5 p.m.

The League has been collecting a variety of books for the sale. Proceeds will go to educating the public on governmental issues.

The monthly **bereavement support group** meeting facilitated by Dr. Michael M. Meyer will be held on April 18 at the Novi Civic Center from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The topic of discussion will be "Easter Joy in the Midst of Grief." The alternate program is provided by O'Brien Theatricals, c/o Sullivan Funeral Home. For more information, call (248) 348-1800.

Walled Lake High School Class of 1960 will hold its 40-year reunion on Saturday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be available. Admission is \$2. No baby strollers, please.

Local artisans include Jennifer Phillips, Kay Kehoe, Kathy Clemmitt, Lori Marklester, Sandy Vartogian, and Tom LeGault.

For more information, call (734) 459-0050.

Downtown Northville streets will be in bloom during the annual **flower sale** on May 26 and May 27. The hours will be May 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and May 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 15 greenhouses will participate. Main Street, between Huron and Center streets, will be closed to cars.

For more information, please call (248) 348-0488.

Supporters of Our Lady of Providence will gather on May 6 to celebrate "Millennium Moments," at OLP's annual **Sadie's Dinner Dance and Auction**. Funds raised will help care for 75 developmentally disabled, ages 18 to 45. The event will feature a dinner, dancing, and a silent auction at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$60 per person. To make a reservation or for more information, call (734) 453-1300.

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville, is sponsoring an **Eagle Run/Walk Classic** on Saturday, May 13 at Maybury State Park. There will be three categories: 5K at 10 a.m.; 10K at 11 a.m.; and one mile at 12:15 p.m. For more information, call Single Point Ministries at (248) 374-5920.

The **Northville Assembly of Rainbow Girls and Orient Chapter of the Northville Order of Eastern Stars** have joined efforts to help collect items for the Ann Arbor Ronald McDonald House. The local Rainbow Girls and Eastern Star are working together to gather non-perishable food items, toilet articles, office and miscellaneous supplies from the Northville community.

Collection boxes are located at Bloom Insurance Agency, 108 W. Main St. (Monday through Friday, from 9-5); Centif's, 108 E. Main St. just inside the entrance lobby; and small items can be put in the mailbox of the Masonic Center, 106 E. Main St. at any time. Items will be collected until May 6, then delivered by the organizations at the Ronald McDonald House. For more information, please call (248) 349-0509.

The **Novi Ice Arena** is now accepting registrations for "Spring Breaks on Ice," held April 24-25: a one-week skating camp for skaters 6 years old and older. The camp will include a 45-minute group lesson, 11-11:45 a.m.; two hours of open skating, noon-2 p.m.; and a camp T-shirt for all participants. The camp fee is \$60 per skater. Skate rental is \$2 per day. Class size limited to six skaters. For more information, call (248) 347-1010.

On Campus

Northville resident **Lisa Wisniewski** was named a James B. Angell Scholar at the University of Michigan. The award is given to students who have maintained a 4.0 GPA for three consecutive semesters. Wisniewski is president of Kaleidoscope, the Michigan Student Art Society.

Local student **Aubrey MacFarlane** of Northville has been awarded the Outstanding Study Impact Award by the Michigan Campus Compact. MacFarlane is attending the University of Michigan.

Cadet Sgt. **Colin MacFarlane**, a freshman, was recently inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Valley Forge Military College. Membership is extended to students with a 3.3 or higher grade point average, model character, leadership, fellowship and service. MacFarlane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacFarlane of Northville.

Northville resident **Krista MacIver** was named to the Michigan State University Dean's List for the 1999 autumn semester.

Amy L. Schroder, a junior majoring in physiology at Central Michigan University was inducted into the Gold Key National Honor Society for academic excellence. Schroder is currently receiving a Centrals tuition award and plans to attend law school after graduation. She is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School.

Ferris State University students **Sally E. Hoey** of Northville, **Lowell D. Anglin** and **Bernadette J. Uy**, both from Novi and **Laura Kovatch** of Walled Lake received academic honors for achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average for the autumn semester.

Local students **Colleen Marie Doyle** of Novi and **Stephen R. Tractoff** of Northville, both juniors at the University of Michigan, were elected for membership into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society.

This is the highest honor achieved by an engineering student, and is awarded on the basis of high scholarship and exemplary character.

Doyle expects to graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering. She is a 1998 Novi High School graduate and the daughter of Thomas and Diane Doyle of Novi.

Tractoff graduated from Northville High School in 1998. He anticipates graduating with a degree in computer engineering. Tractoff is the son of Robert and Grace Tractoff of Northville.

Mark Sander of Northville was named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for fall term. He attained at least a 92.0 weighted grade average with no grades below 85.

Erin Vogel, a Northwood senior from Novi, was granted the Detroit International Showcase Scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Vogel is the daughter of Richard and Shannon Vogel.

Degree candidates from the Northville, Novi and Walled Lake area for fall semester '99 at Michigan State University:

Timothy James Beemer, bachelor's degree, horticulture; **Eric David Roche**, bachelor's, mechanical engineering; **Christopher E. Marold**, bachelor's, accounting; **John Patrick Martin**, bachelor's, supply chain management; **John K. Matthews**, bachelor's, accounting; **Kevin Owen McElhannon**, bachelor's, advertising; **Nathan Robert Paulson**, master's degree, integrative management; **Jason H. Rice**, bachelor's, finance; **Bradley J. Smith**, bachelor's, economics; and **Marisa P. Spinaeze**, bachelor's degree, communication.

AYUMI Hanakura Cook, bachelor's degree, telecommunication; **Derek Christopher Gavigan**, bachelor's, advertising; **David B. Gula**, master's degree, integrative management; **Douglas James Householder**, bachelor's, finance; **Anne Elizabeth Hussey**, bachelor's, psychology, high honors; **Miyoung Jung**, Ph.D., human nutrition; **Scott Richard Kolarichik**, bachelor's, accounting; **Akiko Kubota**, bachelor's, electrical engineering, honors; **Christopher E. Nelson**, bachelor's, psychology, high honors; **Holly K. Ryan**, bachelor's, psychology; and **Natallie Stojanovski**, bachelor's degree, packaging.

WALLED LAKE **Jaqueline Michele Nicastri**, bachelor's degree, horticulture.

Informational interviews can be a major career help



Joyce Fortier
Career

Eighty-two percent of all job openings are never advertised, and the quickest way to get a job is to never ask for one. When you ask somebody for a job, you are almost always asking to be turned down.

I'm sure that you don't like being turned down, but there is another aspect here as well. Being forced to turn you down makes the other person feel uncomfortable. And the more uncomfortable they make them feel, the quicker they will want to forget you, which is just the opposite of what you want to happen.

Honesty is the cornerstone of the job search. You are not trying to hide the fact that you are looking for a job, you are only being reasonable when you assume that a person will not have a job or know someone with one at the exact time you are talking with them. When you ask a person for a job, you put them under pressure. When you make it clear you don't expect them to have an opening or know of one, the pressure is off both them and you. With the pressure off, they will

be willing to listen to you and think of you in a favorable way.

Whenever you are not on a bona fide job interview — one in which you were called by a company — you are on what I call an "informational interview." Informational interviews are perhaps the single most important tool in your job search and yet it is an area most people ignore.

These interviews put you in contact with a great number of individuals, increase your chances for finding just the right job exponentially, and can be enjoyable as well. Enjoyable? Yes, because you are under no stress to ask for a job. You are simply searching for information, and people love to find out that you consider them an expert in their field. So, there is no stress on either you or the person you are talking to, and you are able to pick up some valuable information on each interview.

There are six steps in an informational interview:

• **Establish rapport.** Have the person identify and feel comfortable with you.

• **Educate the person.** Let them know who you are, making certain they understand your major strengths. The more you share your accomplishments, the easier you make it for other people to help you.

• **Get advice.** Advice genuinely asked for is usually freely given, and you need people's advice on how they see your strengths and

your career fit.

• **Get information.** This is the main reason for the interview. Listen for the latest developments in your field, who is doing what, articles and publications you should read, professional societies you should join, etc.

• **Get referrals.** Remember the line: "Can you refer me to other successful individuals like yourself whose advice and guidance would be beneficial?" Not many people will turn down a request so stated.

• **Be remembered favorably.** If you have accomplished the above five steps, you will have no trouble being remembered favorably, but just to be sure, send a thank you note. Your correspondence should be on your own stationery, which should in turn match your letterhead on your resume.

• **Assignment: Information Interviews**
Go out and do two informational interviews this week. There is no other way than simply forcing yourself to do it. Make a list of potential interviewees, pick two and just do it. I know you won't want to do this, but it is the most effective way to help you get the best job for you and it will give you great practice.

The informational interview is not only the cheapest but also the most effective way of getting the information on the 80 percent of the jobs that are never advertised, and it is also the most fun. Invariably, you will say, "Can I have 20 minutes of your time?" and an hour later you

are leaving. It is simply a fact that if someone likes you and understands where you are going, they will want to help you get there.

Joyce Fortier has worked in career development for more than nine years. Her business, *Create Your Career, Is In Now!* She is a member of the Professional Association of Resume Writers. She welcomes any questions, and can be reached at (248) 478-5662 or at www.careerist.com.

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SERVICES

• Newsletter/Brochures/Calendars
Copies of the monthly calendar of activities and menus are available at Novi Parks and Recreation. Register to receive the quarterly Novi Parks and Recreation brochure mailed to your home.

• Services for Homebound Seniors
Home delivered meals are arranged for Novi residents by calling (248) 347-0203, from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Ask for Diane. Telephone reassurance calls are provided to homebound Novi seniors needing reassurance. Calls are made by volunteers and can be arranged by calling the Senior Center.

• Nutrition/Food Services
Catered lunches are provided daily at the Novi Senior Center. Advance reservations are necessary. Call the center from 9 a.m. to noon at least three days in advance. There is a \$2 per meal donation.

• Focus:HOPE
Focus:HOPE Community distribution programs are provided at the Senior Center for persons meeting income criteria.

• Health/Fitness

Blood pressure screening is provided every Wednesday at the Senior Center, between 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

• Body Recall exercise program
with a certified instructor on each Monday, Friday at 9:30 a.m. There is a drop-in fee of \$2 per session or register for a ten-week session.

Stretch and strength training for seniors with a certified instructor on each Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. There is a \$3 per class drop-in or register for 10-week session.

Massage therapy at the center by a certified massage therapist. A 25-minute session for \$10. The sessions are by appointment only. Please call (248) 347-0414.

Tai Chi/Gi Gong and karate sessions are available through Novi Parks and Recreation.

• Transportation
The Novi Parks and Recreation Department provides transportation options for Novi seniors 50 and older: Subsidized cab rides provided for \$2 for a one-way ride within the city of Novi. Call Community Care at (248) 349-8118 for a ride. Novi senior vans operate daily within the city. Suggested donation of \$2 per ride. Advance reservations are necessary by calling (248) 735-5617, between 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily.

• Medication Assistance
The Senior Center has several programs designed to assist those having difficulty paying for their medication.

• Senior ushers needed for the Novi Theater. Call the senior center for more information.

• Dance at the Senior Center
Monthly ballroom dance to the

• Home Energy Assistance
Novi residents who are income eligible may receive assistance with their utilities and home repairs.

• Information and Referral
The Senior Center has information to address the needs and interests of seniors: in-home support, housing, legal services, job opportunities, Medicare and volunteer opportunities.

• Books/Cards/Clubs at the Novi Senior Center
Pinchle tournaments, Mondays at 12:30 p.m.
Contract bridge every Thursday, 12:30 p.m.
Duplicate bridge on Fridays, 12:30 p.m.

Held monthly, the Novi Canasta Club, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Monthly Bookmobile at the Novi Center, third Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to noon.
Quilling, second Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.

Creative writing, call Jan at 347-0414.
Crafts, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Pen pals, call Jan at 347-0414.
Novi Garden Club, call Elmer at (248) 477-7913.

Michigan Fishers on Wednesdays, 7:10 p.m.
Oil painters every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Monthly book discussion for seniors, second Thursday at the Novi Library, 12:30 p.m.

Senior ushers needed for the Novi Theater. Call the senior center for more information.

• Dance at the Senior Center
Monthly ballroom dance to the

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Line dance, western and regular, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

• Leagues
The senior bowling league meets at Novi Bowl each Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

• Travel
Numerous day and extended travel opportunities are available. Flyers on the many trips are displayed at the Novi Parks and Recreation office in the Novi Civic Center.

Monthly travel meetings are held on the third Thursday. Tour companies are available at that time to show slides/videos of trips. Just drop in. There are no club dues or fees.

• Special Events
Friday, April 14 at noon, "Pizza with Porter," an all-senior musical variety show. Pizza, salad and dessert will be provided at a cost of \$12 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased at the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi High School. The Novi Chorale choir will present a musical evening featuring songs from "The Wizard of Oz" and other shows. Tickets available at the Parks and Recreation office.

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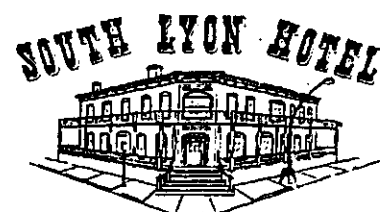
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Frantz, Briesacher pitch Novi to top of KVC

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Prior to Monday afternoon, Novi's hitting had been the team's lone concern thus far this softball season.

But after consecutive 12-run outbursts against South Lyon it would be pretty much safe to say the concern is long gone.

Novi pummeled the Lions 12-0 and 12-2 in their double headers, with both Joelle Frantz and Erica Briesacher throwing no hitters in the process.

In game one, Frantz faced just 16 batters in the five-inning game. She struck out 11 of them and allowed just one walk. Sarah Bajorek had a big game offensively.

The senior had a single and double, walked twice scored three times and had two RBI. Victoria Kaiser was 3 for 3, scoring three times and knocking in three runs. Vanessa Byrwa was 2 for 3 with a run and two RBI.

The second game saw Briesacher face 21 batters. She struck out seven and allowed five walks. Katie Cameron was 2 for 4 with a double. Frantz was 2 for 3 with a pair of runs scored and Holly Van Cleave was 2 for 2 with two runs scored.

"The pitching and hitting were obvious keys to these wins," Novi coach Carol Diglio said. "Both pitchers threw well and our hitting improved (from last week). We

Softball

were significantly more patient at the plate. They were smart hitters and waited for their pitch. Our offense was strong throughout the lineup."

The wins move Novi to 5-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference and 6-2 overall. Two KVC wins are always a big positive. The kids were excited and mentally ready to play given the short notice," Diglio said.

The doubleheader was a makeup of Friday's games which were postponed

because of inclement weather.

NOVI SWEEPS MILFORD

The bats were missing for this doubleheader, but the arm of Frantz was in full force. Novi won both games 2-1. The senior threw a no hitter in the first game with eight strikeouts and five walks.

She came back to throw a five hitter in the nightcap, striking out seven along the way.

In game one, Novi was down 1-0 until it scored two runs in the fifth inning. Kaiser started the rally with a single and advanced to second on a stolen base. With two outs Emily Major singled to right-center field to score Kaiser. Cameron then

knocked in Major with the game-winning run.

Novi jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second game before Milford came back to tie it up in the top of the sixth inning. Freshman Kendal Hobart came right back, sending a grounder deep into the hole between shortstop and third. The play scored Cameron, who had doubled on the previous play.

Novi traveled to Howell for a doubleheader yesterday (after The Novi News' deadline) and host Hartland in a twinbill tomorrow at Novi High School. The first game is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

Wildcats
sweep twinbillBy DAN KITTLE
Special writer

As the temperature continues to drop and the snow continues to fall, the wins just keep piling up for the Wildcats.

This year's baseball squad has already run its record to 4-0, and out of these four games, none have even hinted at the possibility of a struggle. In a recent doubleheader against South Lyon, the team dominated the Lions en route to a quick afternoon sweep. Once it was over and the players and fans lost any feeling in their fingers and toes, the team had defeated the opposition in dominating fashion, 8-0 and 13-7.

In game one, A.J. Rowe got the start when the game began on Friday, but was unable to continue pitching on Monday, the day it was made up. He got three innings of shutout work in, but Josh Sabol was forced to take it the rest of the way. The senior simply relieved him by tossing five innings of no-hit ball, striking out six, and walking five. He did an excellent job of keeping the ball down and away from hitters all game long, allowing him to complete the shutout Rowe had started three days earlier.

"I thought Josh Sabol stepped up, filled in for A.J. Rowe and did a great job," commented coach Rick Green following the game. "I'm really impressed by him."

Leading the offensive charge for the Wildcats were a trio of players that included the two smallest players on the ball club. Senior Nick Lehnert and sophomore Brandon Davis each hit solo home runs to help the cause, while Mike Kossik added four hits in four trips to the plate. It was a career game for the senior that just so happened to come on the day of his

Baseball

18th birthday.

"It's nice to see Mike come out on his birthday and hit the ball well," said Green.

Lehnert also added a two-run double, bringing his total to four RBI's for the game, and Davis chipped in with a beautiful suicide squeeze bunt that he nearly beat out for a hit. Sabol and Brendan Hadley added two hits apiece as well.

As the frigid, biting, winter-like wind began taking its toll on the players, game two was much sloppier than the previous contest. In a 13-7 Novi victory, a total of 11 errors were made by the teams, and Novi starting right-hander Justin Shaw saw seven unearned runs find their way onto the scoreboard. The senior hurler went the distance, walking only one while striking out ten Lion batters.

He allowed seven hits and not a single earned run.

Once again, a plethora of Wildcats contributed to the offensive barrage in game two, as Novi pounded out a season-high 18 hits as a team. Jon Cervi finally busted out of a mini-slump, clearing the fences with his first home run of the year as part of a 3-for-5 performance. The long ball was a three-run shot, giving the lead-off hitter four runs driven in on the game. Mitch Malar's bat also sprang to life with a 3-for-4 showing, including a double and two RBI's. Justin Guffey singled three times in five trips, and Kossik continued his offensive outburst, tallying a double and two singles in four at-bats. Hadley and Sabol each singled

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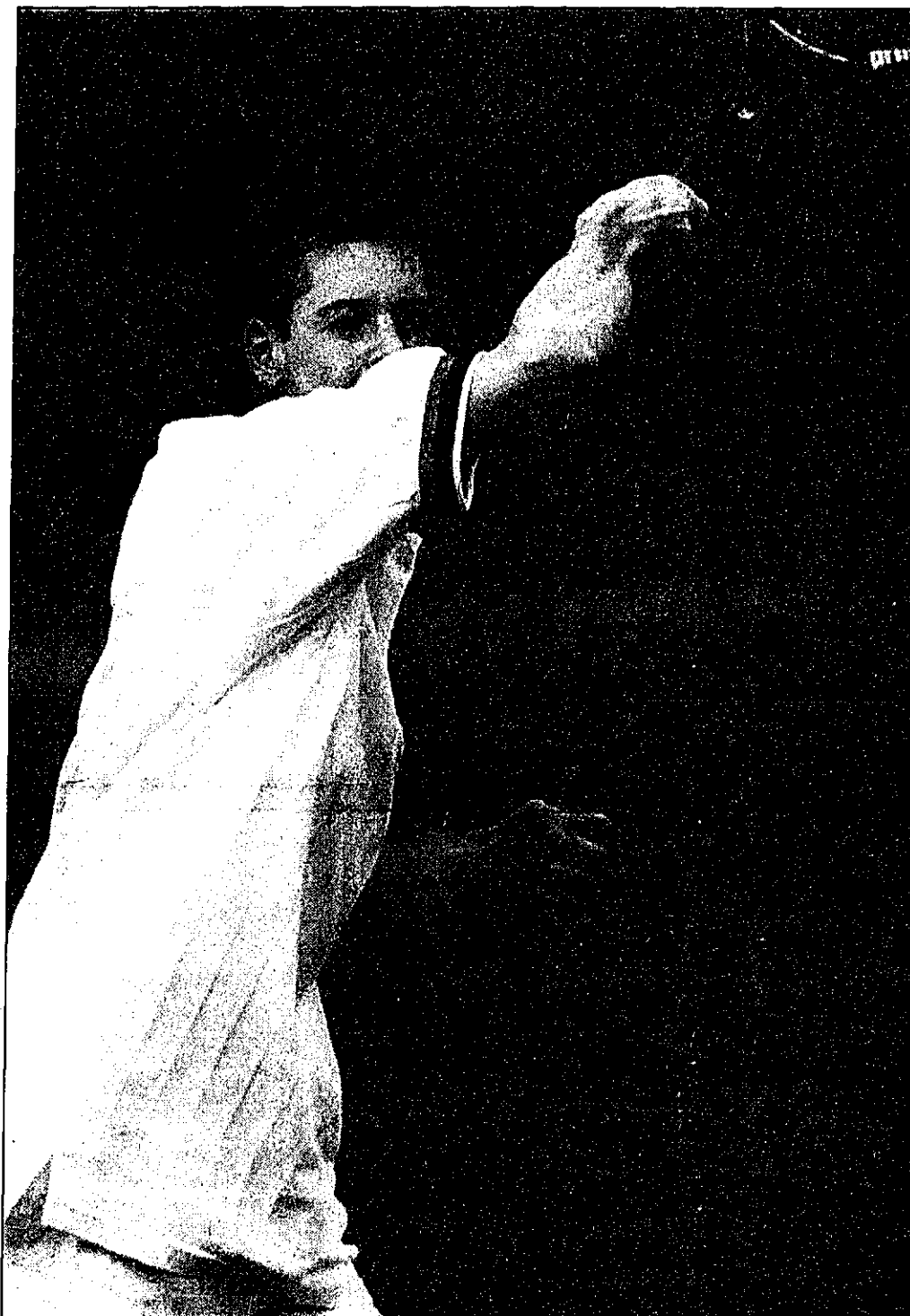


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Novi's Ryan Rose follows through on a forehand in a match against South Lyon last week.

Netters
bounce
backBy JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

In the win column, they looked good for Novi. The final scores even looked impressive.

But a closer look at the Wildcats 7-1 win over South Lyon last week and Monday's 6-2 victory over Milford Monday shows the gap may be closing in on the Kensington Valley Conference's top tennis program.

Novi upped its league record to 2-1 with the wins, which saw the Lions and Redskins snag several games away from Novi in each match.

South Lyon's lone win came at three singles, where Jim Hicks battled Andrew Laskowski to three sets before upending the freshman 7-6 (3), 4-6, 7-5.

"(Andrew) was down, but he kept fighting," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "That was a good sign for us. But in the end he just couldn't pull it off."

Novi did win the rest of the matches, although the Lions' top two players posed a slight threat to Ryan Rose and Divyesh Sarman. Rose beat Mike Boulier 7-5, 6-1 at the top singles spot and Sarman toppled John Belanger 7-5, 7-5 in his second-singles match.

Joe Lynch won his match 6-4, 6-2 over South Lyon's Hunter Gartner at fourth singles.

Each of the Cats four doubles teams won in either straight sets or by default. Ryan Baleman and Brian Dodds topped Brian Sarkella and Mark Watson 6-1, 6-0 at first dubs, while Eric Gannam and Rick Harris were leading Kevin Lebert and Randy Lundquist 2-0 when their opponents defaulted the match.

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A whole slew of wrestlers make HomeTown squad

If you were to take HomeTown's first team all-area wrestling squad to a tournament, you'd most likely come home a winner. Because not only is this team made up of winners, it's made up of a group of young men who win when it matters most.

A closer look shows just how strong the Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland area is. There were two state champions, two state runnerups and five more state placers among the 14 on our first team.

With all of the talent these five teams possess, it's a shame perhaps the three toughest (Novi, Northville and South Lyon) had to square off in the district tournament. Novi went on to capture the district title with 30-27 win over Northville in the finals and followed that up with a run that saw them into the state championship match against Davison. The Wildcats gave the Cardinals a run, but came up short in a 41-28 loss.

Here's a look at each of the top 14 wrestlers in our area, with Northville and Novi leading the way with four selections each.

Ravi Saran
Northville sophomore

Is he the best 103 pound wrestler in the area? Perhaps.

Only Novi's Josh Churella has anything to say about it, and Saran happened to beat Churella twice in overtime in the two wrestlers two matchups this season.

Saran beat Churella 7-5 in their regular-season matchup and again 6-4 in the district finals. He was just one match away from qualifying for the state championships, but coincidentally lost to Wyandotte Roosevelt's Kevin Lilienthal 6-4 in overtime to end his season. He posted a 35-8 record in his first full season

on varsity.

Tim Bragg
Lakeland junior

Last season, Lakeland had, essentially, two wrestlers — Kevin Neuendorf and Tim Bragg. This year, it was just Bragg. But few young men are better suited to handle the burden of representing his school. Bragg took that banner all the way to Joe Louis Arena, where he placed sixth in the state at 112 pounds. It was Bragg's third appearance at the state finals in as many tries, but the first time he placed. Never mind that he was wrestling with a torn rotator cuff, he still finished sixth, good enough for all-state. Bragg's season record was 33-11, and he's not through. Look for him to be a serious state championship contender as a senior.

Dan Jilg
Novi senior

Shortly after Dan Jilg walked off the mat after winning the 119-pound Division I state title last month, longtime Novi coaching legend Tom Fritz said "Right now Dan Jilg is the best wrestler in Novi High School history — including Taka Watanabe."

Seeings how Watanabe won a state title his junior year and came back to finish third his senior season, that's quite a compliment from a man who's been around Novi wrestling for over 25 years.

Jilg has the credentials to be the best Novi's ever seen. He is a four-time state placer, taking a mathematical route to the title (8th-4th-2nd-1st). He was 50-2 this season and holds the school record for victories (190-16) and pins. He was unquestionably the leader of this year's state finalist Novi squad and is looking to pursue wrestling at the collegiate level.

Ryan Churella
Novi junior

Immediately after Fritz completed the above statement, he went on to say "Now maybe a year from now I might be saying that about Ryan Churella."

That came moments before Churella walked out onto the championship mat and defeated Northville's Reggie Torrence 7-6 in the state final at 130 pounds. It was the second time in three weeks the Novi junior took out a very talented Torrence.

Churella's rise to the top came in a different form than that of Jilg. As a freshman he was a solid wrestler who won 35 matches but did not qualify for states. Last year he was 53-5 and finished runnerup at the state meet.

This season saw him battle many of the state's best wrestlers throughout the season, winning some and losing some en route to a 54-3 record. His three losses came to Mount Pleasant's Jason Borrelli (D-2 state champ), Andy Simmons (D-3 state champ) and Torrence (D-1 runnerup). He was the Oakland County, KVC and regional champion along the way.

Reggie Torrence
Northville senior

He may be a quiet, soft-spoken kid off the mat, but don't let that fool you. Torrence is one of the most aggressive wrestlers around and if it were not for Churella, he'd be a state champion.

He dominated Churella in their first match to win the district championship, but lost in the regional and state finals to the Novi junior. He won yet another Western Lakes Activities Association title and placed at the state meet for the third-straight year (the first Northville wrestler ever to accomplish that feat).

He was 43-4 this season after going 45-4 last year, when he was a league and district champion. Churella

praised Torrence, saying "he was the quickest guy I've faced all year long." And that list included Churella's aforementioned opponents as well as Davison's Chase Metcalf (3rd at state meet).

Andy Golden
South Lyon senior

Golden likely earned his all-area spot with his performance at the KVC tournament. It was there, in the 135-pound finals, that Golden turned in one of the most formidable performances of the season. He and Hartland's Bill Pare had to go into a second overtime before Andy emerged with a 3-2 victory. Always tough in big matches, Golden helped prolong South Lyon's team hopes in the districts, where he beat Novi's Brent Frey 9-3. In the individual districts Golden placed fourth, qualifying for the regionals. He also had a fifth-place finish at the Oakland County meet. He ended the season with a record of 29-12.

Chad Neumann
Northville junior

One of the true, pure wrestlers in the area this year, Neumann was 44-4 overall this season. Along the way he surpassed the 100-win plateau and took home conference and district championships.

He was runnerup at the regional and went on to place seventh at the state meet, defeating Josiah Boyer of Temperance Bedford 4-0 in his last match. Coincidentally, it was Boyer who prevented Neumann from winning the regional championship.

He captained the team along with Torrence and Dan Scappaticci this season and returns to head up what could be a surprising Northville team next year.

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Lacrossers spit a pair

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Playing the state's elite lacrosse teams has its advantages and disadvantages. For one, Novi defeated Detroit Catholic Central for the first time in regular-season history last Tuesday. That in turn was a major plus for the program.

But this past Monday the Wildcats ran into the third-ranked team in the state. This time they fell 16-5 to Birmingham Seaholm. That was the downside.

The Maples executed a modest 3-1 lead after one quarter to an 8-1 cushion at halftime.

"They have great ball control which was our kids' downfall in each half," Novi coach Stan Zajdel said. "Their stick skills are better than ours."

Novi was able to cut the lead back to five goals at 10-5 at the end of three quarters, but Birmingham shut the Cats out in the fourth.

Despite the score, I think our defense played pretty well against their attackers," the coach said. Mike Veleward, Brendan Ludwig, Drew Hunt and Courtney Byron all did a nice job.

He said his goalie, Chris DeNeen, played perhaps his best game in goal in the loss.

Pat Muston led the team offensively with three goals and Garrett Palmarchuck and Holly DeNeen each added one. The loss was the first of the year for Novi (5-1).

NOVI 10, DCC 9

Playing its first really tough opponent of the season, Novi scored three late goals to pick up this close win over Catholic Central last week.

Muston scored seven goals in the game, including the last four and the game winner with 5:56 remaining in the game. Three of his goals came within 1:03 of each other and catapulted Novi over the Shamrocks.

"He's a great player, but he's got a lot of drive and competitiveness," the coach said of Muston.

With Muston and Cas Werda taking the faceoffs for Novi, the Cats won 60 percent of the faceoffs in the game. That's how Muston broke free for his last three goals.

Arron Marlon, Chris DeNeen and Palmarchuck each added a goal for Novi and Drew Dill picked up an assist.

"This was one of those little hurdles for us," Zajdel said. "One of our goals is to beat those teams we haven't beaten before and to get one of the top four seeds for the state tourney. We always seem to win our first game, but we then run into the No. 1 team in the state."

Novi will play another pair of Division I teams this week when it hosts Orchard Lake St. Mary today and travels to DeSalle Saturday.

Track team clobbers Brighton

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Boy's track

Several of the pieces are already in place. Now if Novi boy's track coach Bob Smith can a few more key pieces to his puzzle, the team may be complete.

He was able to see just how close he is in Novi's 80-57 win over Brighton in the league opener for both schools last Thursday. The Wildcats looked strong in several events and used its top talent to put the Bulldogs away.

Novi won 11 of 17 events, but even more telling of the meet was the five 1-2 finishes Novi had.

Justin Sterett, Scott Kortlandt and Tristan LaChance swept the 110 high hurdles in impressive fashion. Sterett and Greg Aytes came back to take first and second in the 300 hurdles to give Novi a near sweep in the hurdling events.

The team was also strong in the middle distance and distance running events. Tim Moore and Mark Avenius were 1-2 in the mile and the duo finished in the same positions in the two-mile race. Both Chris Toloff (2:02.5) and Eric Waile (2:04.1) ran strong half miles to finish 1-3.

Even Foster took second in the 400, but lost out to his Brighton opponent by less than a tenth of a second.

"They were good," Smith said of Brighton. "But that's the key to winning the track meet. If you take 1-2 you outscore them 8-1 and then their backs are against the wall."

From there Novi traded wins with Brighton while again snugging a few seconds and thirds away from the

Dogs.

Brighton won three of four relays, with Novi's Avenius, Waile, Moore and Toloff winning the 3,200 relay in 8:27.

Yasuaki Goto finished second in the 100 dash in another photo finish, but came back to claim a victory in the 200 in a time of 23.8 seconds. Eric Schleuder finished third in the 100.

Chris Schleuder won a very close long-jump competition with a leap of 18 feet, 10 inches. Jettie was third with a jump of 18-8 3/4.

Despite the windy conditions, senior Harvey Steele won both the discus and shot put events. It was the first time in over 10 years that Novi has beaten Brighton in a throwing event.

"Harvey started off modestly as a thrower," Smith said. "But he's put in four hard years of work and look what's happening. Brighton has always had a great tradition in these events."

The win gave Novi a 1-0 league record heading into Tuesday's dual meet with South Lyon (after The Novi News deadline).

Novi hosts the Novi Relays this Saturday at the high school track. Eight teams will compete in the relays including Franklin, Western, Redford Union, Dexter, Harrison, Northville, Novi and Farmington. The field events will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the running races begin at 11 a.m.

Golfers fall down in KVC meet

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Not even Mother Nature could save the Novi golf team as it finished last of the pre-Kensington Valley Conference meet Monday afternoon at Tyrone Hills in Fenton.

The Wildcats' inexperience came out as the rest of the field withstood the cold spring afternoon to solidify their early claim to a solid league finish. Novi shot a four-person score of 458. Brighton won the first of two league meets with a total of 365 strokes. Milford was second at 380 while Lakeland (400), South Lyon (404), Hartland (419), Howell (440) and Novi rounded out the teams.

Senior captain Tara Stevens led the team with a 105 and Sarah Elders shot a career-best 108 as Novi's second golfer. From there Novi's inexperience showed, as their next three golfers each shot over 120.

Lindsey Broadwell fired a 122 and Josh Werra had a

123.

"That's just where they're at right now," coach Deb Harris said. "They're a young team and I know they'll be coming around."

Despite the struggles of her team, Harris said she was very impressed with how some of the teams and individuals played Monday.

Brighton's Courtney Kennedy fired an 81 to earn much needed league honors.

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Novi battled both the windy conditions at the Links of Pinewood as well as a tough Western squad last Thursday afternoon, and lost out on both ends.

Stevens again led the way with a team-best 52. Holly Gratz and Broadwell each shot 61s and Werra rounded out the scoring with a 65.



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Middle schoolers show their stuff...

With the support and encouragement of middle school officials, over 30 Novi Middle School hockey players laced up their skates for the first annual 7th & 8th grade hockey game at the Novi Ice Arena last Friday night.

The game was sponsored by the Novi Youth Hockey Association and the Novi Ice Arena and included two split squads of Novi PeeWee or Eastern Division USA hockey players. Among those who participated were Kevan Gee, Drew Bulbuk, Matt LaFleur, Michael Berger, Jon Hamblin, Brett Jaussi, Daniel Heitman, Zach Flavin, Taki Watanabe, Scot Shannon, Eric Cunningham, Avinash Sreharan, Chaz Bulbuk, Steven Shannon, Mark Hammill, Andrew Maroupan, Ross Priests, Shawn Lewis, Daniel Morrison, Bryan Ellis, Evan Lukacs, Chris Zarem, Ryan Dixon, Jacob Haf, Chris Dalton, Pat Meier, Jesse Lachman, Sean Hogan, Eric Kuptz, Brandon Harrell, Kyle Teevens and John Janssens.

Doug Gee, Paul Flavin and Dave Zarem were on the planning committee along with Sid Fox from the Ice Arena. Novi varsity coach Dan Phelps joined Zarem and John Smith along with Wildcats Brad Zarem, Jaden Genso and Angelo Barducca in helping the kids at practices.

NOVI JV RESULTS

NOVI JV LACROSSE
Overall Record 4-1

Saturday, April 8
Novi JV vs. Lansing Waverly (postponed/snow)

Tuesday, April 4
Novi JV 5, Catholic Central 1
Jamie Dalton, 2 goals and 1 assist
Shaun Dicken, 2 goals
Matt Kurrick, 1 goal

Saturday, April 1
Novi JV 8, Bloomfield Hills 2
Jamie Dalton, 2 goals and 2 assists
Shaun Dicken, 2 goals
Matt Ludwig, 1 goal and 1 assist
Mike Ward, 3 assists

NOVI JV GIRLS' SOCCER
Overall Record 1-3-1; KVC, 0-1

Friday, April 7
Brighton 4, Novi JV 1
Kristina Ephraim scored the lone goal for the Wildcats

Monday, April 3
Novi JV 10, Westland Lakes Western 0
Merry rule enforced with 6:27 left in the game.
Co-captain Sara-Beth O'Connor led all scorers with 4 goals and 2 assists.
Erin Robertson, Michelle Slavin, Angie Schmitt, Christina Hagan (on a corner kick), Meg Grunich and Laura Bethune scored the other goals.

Friday, March 31
Northville 1, Novi JV 0

Wednesday, March 29
Novi JV 1, Plymouth Canton 1 (tie)
Erin Robertson scored on a corner kick from Christine Jewell
Brianna Rush played an outstanding game in goal

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Brighton topples girls

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Girl's track

It wasn't pretty, but rarely are Kensington Valley Conference matchups with perennial powerhouse Brighton. Especially early in the season.

Novi found that out last Thursday, falling to the defending KVC champs 104-33.

The Wildcats won just two of the 17 events and lost all four relays. The depth of the Bulldogs was just too much to overcome.

"We were up 21-15 after the field events, but we just ran horribly all day," Novi coach Sue Tomanek said. "For a minute I think we had the Brighton coach a little worried."

Novi's two wins came in field events, with Mikie Rzepka winning the pole-vault competition with a vault of eight feet. Beth Rice was runnerup at seven feet flat. Mary McDougall won the high jump com-

petition with a jump of five feet. Kate Rose snuck in at third with a jump of 4-8.

Christina Terrell and Stephanie Pridmore took second and third in the discus to keep their team on top. Terrell's throw cleared 91 feet and Pridmore was close behind at 88-feet. Pridmore also placed in the shot put, taking second at 32-4 1/4.

Kelley Phelps was second in the 100 hurdles and Rose took third in the long jump, but those were the last of Novi's good fortunes. Brighton either swept or took two of the top three places in all but one of the remaining events.

Novi did manage to take second (Margo Wolowicz) and third (Bethany Kittle) in the 800 meter

run. Rzepka took third in the 100 dash, Chloe Clark was second in the 400 dash and Kristina Uley finished third in the mile to round out Novi's placers.

"I think our problem was getting on the track and getting ready to compete," Tomanek said. "Brighton does a good job with that. We may have been in awe out there, just like we do when we see one of the Ann Arbor schools."

Tomanek said she spoke with out of the talks," the coach said. "It was awful to lose that bad, but we'll take some good things out of it."

The team faced South Lyon Tuesday (after The Novi News' deadline) and host the Novi Relays this Saturday. They'll continue their KVC schedule Tuesday at Hartland.



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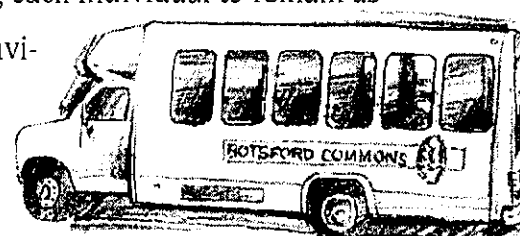
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KVC's best softball players revealed by HomeTown

By JASON SCHMITT, SCOTT KELLEY and STEVE BELL
Sports Editor

Historically, the powers in KVC softball have been Lakeland and Brighton. But as we went about making this season's list, it became evident that there is perhaps a third contender. Both the best pitcher — Julie Frantz — and the best field player — Katie Cameron — are from Novi. As good as they are, one would be remiss to ignore the other players in the KVC. And we haven't. Here, in consultation with the league's coaches, some statistics and a few observations, are the preseason rankings of the best players in the KVC.

1. Katie Cameron
Novi senior second baseman
She may be the most athletic player in the conference, boasting a natural ability to play the game with speed, precision and power. Cameron led Novi with a .420 average last year and also led the team with 112 at bats, 48 hits, 38 runs scored, two home runs and nine doubles.

Her versatility defensively has allowed Novi coach Cami Dagle the opportunity to play her senior at second, first or anywhere in the outfield. She even occasionally pitches for the Wildcats. She was fourth among the all-KVC voting a year ago and second to teammate Julie Frantz among returning players.

2. Beth Carr
Lakeland junior infielder
Carr was an honorable mention all-state selection as a sophomore. She's a line fielder who stands her ground at the hot corner, a shrewd at third. With the bat, Carr's a good contact hitter who last season hit .381. As a tenth-grader she led the Eagles with 25 runs scored, production which should only go up as Lakeland again has a pretty potent offensive team.

3. Kristen Cullen
Hartland junior infielder
The Eagle junior has definitely made her mark for Hartland in the past. The three-year varsity player led a great season last year when she was selected All-KVC second team and was All-County. She hit .230 last year as a sophomore and knocked in 21 RBIs along the way.
But defense is this Eagles specialty. She played every position but pitcher last season for Hartland and is expected to do the same this year.

4. Tim Evangelista
Brighton senior outfielder
The Bulldogs have put together a well-balanced team of players this year with a talented group of underclassmen and upperclassmen alike. While Brighton does have one of the most talented teams in the league, it needs players to lead the way. With only a few seniors on the team this year, Evangelista is the perfect candidate to fill that role. She is a player who will lead by example as one of the most consistent hitters on the team. She is also strong defensively as she splits time in both right and left field.

5. Sarah Bjork
Novi senior third baseman
Last year Bjork hit .383 with a team-leading 32 RBIs, 22 runs scored and the triples. But what has her coach even more excited is the strong leadership she brings to the Novi team.
She joins Frantz and Cameron as a captain and was an all-KVC second-team selection and all-district player from a year ago.

6. Stephanie Bener
Hartland junior shortstop
For those who follow Howell sports, the name Stephanie Bener is one you have come to know throughout the seasons. The star basketball and volleyball player is also one of the top KVC players in softball this year.
The three-year varsity starter is the heart and soul of a young highlander team this year. Defensively she anchors the infield at the short-stop position with quick feet, a quick glove and strong arm. She is also one of the top hitters on the team with a combination of power and consistent hitting.

7. Martha Digby
Lakeland senior infielder
A four-year varsity player, Digby is Lakeland's lead-off hitter. As a junior she hit .381 with an on-base percentage of .508, putting her in position to hit 27 bases and score 24 runs. After suffering from shortstop to second, Digby made 63 assists, with a batting percentage of .924. She was a second-team all-conference selection as a junior.

8. Nikole Carlson
Milford senior outfielder
Milford coach Julie Sexts said the strength of her team is found in the outfield. Nikole Carlson holds it down in center field. She drove in 15 runs last year, and this season look for her batting average and on-base percentage to increase, as well.

9. Jodie Nounan
Milford senior infielder
As a junior, Nounan was Milford's leading hitter with a .395 average. She is also the Redbirds' leading returning run-scorer, having crossed the plate 17 times as a junior. Nounan has all kinds of speed on the basepaths — look for her to lead the KVC in triples. Defensively, she provides a lot of range in the infield.

10. Jenny Fuhs
Lakeland sophomore infielder
When Martha Digby injured her thumb last season, Fuhs, then a sophomore, stepped in at shortstop. And she's never looked back, practicing Lakeland with some truly fine defense. She had 56 assists, playing about half the season. As a freshman she hit .270.

but this year her bat has really picked up.

Players to watch:
Hartland — Jessica Williams, Megan Kelleppoury, **Howell** — Kristy Pohl, **Brighton** — Sara Kesin, Maria Davis and Melissa Dudley, **Milford** — Christina Johnson, Jackie Rudolph and Jessica Gills, **Lakeland** — Emily LaBar, **South Lyon** — Rachel Vibber, Katie Wuster, **Novi** — Megan Colligan, Victoria Kaiser, Vanessa Byrwa.

PITCHERS
1. Julie Frantz
Novi senior
Last year's stats were microscopic, unless you

were talking about her wins, strikeouts or innings pitched. She led the Wildcats to their first-ever KVC championship with a 21-3 record. She had 268 strikeouts in 220 innings pitched and allowed just 11 earned runs over that span (0.35 ERA).

She was the league's highest vote getter at the all-league meeting last year and has since signed on to play softball at Hillsdale College next season. So far this season she is 3-1 including a no-hitter against Milford last week. She's also among the league's best hitters, averaging .403 a year ago.

2. Jamie Van Eer
Hartland junior
The Eagles have made it a habit of producing top pitcher each year in the league. This year is no different.

Last year Van Eer made a name for herself as only a sophomore. But even last year she showed the poise and commitment to winning the Eagles needed. This year she looks better than ever and is expected to be a key factor in Hartland's success. Her experience and strong arm should put her at the advantage almost every time she steps on the mound.

3. Lindsay Watson
Milford senior
Milford hit a double-header last week to Novi. But it was the margin that caught people's eyes — 2-1, 2-1. That the Redbirds were in both games was a testament to Watson's pitching. She is one of Milford's most improved players, and a key reason that coach Julie Sexts is so excited about last season.

Our Picks

HomeTown Newspapers sports editors Scott Kelley (Brighton), Jason Schmitt (Novi) and Steve Bell (South Lyon) have all picked their favorite players to watch in the KVC in 2000.

1999 Final Standings
Novi 1st
Brighton 2nd
Hartland 3rd
Lakeland 4th
Howell 5th
South Lyon 6th
Milford 7th



Jason Schmitt



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As a junior Watson struck out 60 and had an earned run average of 3.05. This year, watch the former number one pick (three games into the season, she already had 28), the latter plunger.

4. Kristin Buckless
Brighton junior
Brighton is anchored by a strong core of pitchers which will be led by the junior thrower. Last year as a sophomore she tore up opponents and quickly became one of the Bulldogs top players. With a year of experience in her pocket, Buckless is again expected to do big things on the mound this year. She is also one of the top offensive players on the team and plays third base as well.

5. Melissa Davidson
South Lyon junior
Last year saw the influx of what would be the future of South Lyon softball when four sophomores made the jump from the freshman team to varsity ball. Davidson played third base, but is now the Lions' number one pitcher. And their best hitter. The key to her success on the mound may be getting reliable defense behind her.

Pitchers to watch: Brighton — Jill DeRoche, Hartland — Amanda Wallace, **Howell** — Jenny Stone, **Novi** — Erica Bittschir

Arrington eclipses 100 goals in pair of wins

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Last year Novi struggled in its two games against South Lyon, winning by a mere goal each time out.

Monday it was a different story.
Led by Kristi Arrington's six goals, Novi pummeled South Lyon 7-1 for their first KVC victory of the season. The Wildcats led just 2-0 at the half, but Arrington led a five-goal second-half surge to put the game away. The goals pushed Arrington's season total to 111 and her career mark up to 106 goals. She scored her 100th goal in a 7-1 win over Walled Lake Western a week ago Monday.

"We were able to penetrate their defense pretty well," coach Larry Christoff said. "We played much better as a team than we did against Western."

Four of Arrington's goals came in the second half, as did Sarah Corless' tally. Kent Thum had three assists, each of them being sent to Arrington for header goals. Ashley Cooley, Nina Schmitt, Kelle Pfeiffer

Soccer

and Arrington picked up an assist in the game.
"We played much better, but not like we did in our first three games," Christoff said, referring to his season openers against Salem, Canton and Northville. "Sometimes your competition dictates the way you play."

Christoff praised his defense for its strong play in the South Lyon win, citing the play of Schmitt, Lisa Checcobelli and Katie Ales in the backfield and Cooley at one of the halfback positions.

NOVI 7, WLW 1
Arrington's second goal of the game was the 100th of the captain's illustrious career. That, coupled with Novi's win, were the lone high

points on the day.
Christoff said he was disappointed with his team's play, despite the fact that it dominated the game.
"Our timing was off with everybody," he said. "We were taking shots when we needed to make passes and made passes when we had shots."
Novi did outshoot the Warriors 47-2 in the game, yet led just 3-0 at the half.
Arrington finished the game with four goals and Kelly McMann added two more. Corless also snugged a goal for the Cats (2-3). Thum and Arrington each had two assists and Pfeiffer and Stephanie Lander each added a helper.
Novi's game against Brighton on Friday was canceled and will only be made up if it means something in the standings at the end of the conference season. The Wildcats played Hartland last night (after The Novi News deadline) and face Milford at home tomorrow night at 6 p.m.

Sabol, Kossik lead 'Cats to sweep

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twice, while Brendan Watson and Matt Gorman added a single and an RBI apiece.
"I thought there were few mental mistakes," commented Leher following the doubleheader sweep. "The team played pretty soundly and we hit well."

Guiley also praised the team, saying, "I think the team's playing real good. With the weather getting warmer, everyone's starting to hit the ball well. We're starting to put it all together."

It certainly does appear that the team is putting it all together. Even on paper, it seems as though the squad's opponents don't even deserve to be in the same league as the Wildcats. Putting up an average of over ten runs per game, the team defense has held the opposition to just over two runs per game. The pitching staff has also managed to allow a mere .180 batting average against, while the offense has managed to hit nearly .400 as a team. In addition, the defense has surrendered less than half the

errors of the opposing ball clubs.

"I think they're playing great right now," said Green of his team. "I think we're going to get better, especially when the weather warms up. We're going to bat better, we're going to hit better, and I think we'll score double digits a lot."

Green also added that the pitching is a big reason for this team's early success. "We're getting super pitching," he said. "The pitching's been carrying us."

The Wildcats did battle with Howell in a single road game Wednesday (after The Novi News deadline). The team's next contest will take place tomorrow afternoon in a doubleheader at home as Hartland comes to town. The Eagles are the likely favorites to contend with Novi for the KVC title this season. Game time is 4:00. In addition, the doubleheader against Walled Lake Central that was scheduled for this past Saturday will be made up this Saturday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m., at Walled Lake Western.

Netters win two in KVC

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Ryan Slater and Jordan Moblo beat Mike Tatum and Nate Beran 6-3, 6-4 at three doubles and Astin Tatum and Bidish Sarma had their way with Jon Dones and Pat Garriy 6-1, 6-4 at the finals doubles slot.

"It was a combination. We weren't ready to play, and they were," Hanson said of his team's lackluster performance. "I thought South Lyon gave us a tough match, but our kids have to realize that they can't just show up anymore. I give credit to the South Lyon kids. They did a nice job against us."

Against Milford, Rose and Brian Chiang fell victim to defeat. Rose lost to Kyle Jasienicki 2-6, 1-6 and Chiang was beaten by Jim

Hurst 6-1, 4-6, 3-6 at third singles.

But Novi's other two singles players, Sarman and Lynch, each pulled out straight-set victories.

The doubles corps had a reasonably easy time with their Milford foes, all except Slater and Leaskowski at three doubles. The two needed three sets to beat Josh and Steve Martens 1-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Bateman and Dones once again had no problems winning 6-0, 6-0 at first doubles and Garnham and Harris along with Kagi and Sarma picked up similar straight-set wins at two and four.

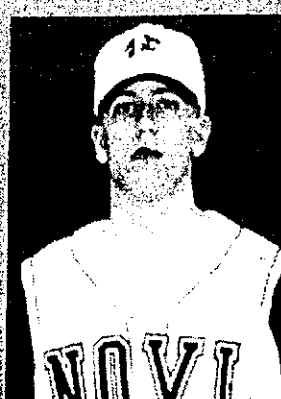
Novi's schedule really heated up this week with the team scheduled to face Northville Tuesday and McKinley Wednesday (both after The Novi News deadline) and they host Howell tomorrow.

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Kristi Arrington - Senior



Mike Kossik - Senior



Happy Birthday Mr. Kossik. Some of Novi's best hitters showed up for Monday's doubleheader with South Lyon, but none provided a better day at the plate than Kossik. The senior was 7 for 8 in the twinbill, which Novi swept 8-0 and 13-7.

It seems like those keeping track of Arrington's stats would have some trouble. The senior surpassed the 100-career goal plateau in a 7-1 win over Walled Lake Western on April 3. She had four goals that game and added six more in a 7-0 trouncing of South Lyon Monday to bring her career total to 108.

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Happy Birthday Mr. Kossik. Some of Novi's best hitters showed up for Monday's doubleheader with South Lyon, but none provided a better day at the plate than Kossik. The senior was 7 for 8 in the twinbill, which Novi swept 8-0 and 13-7.

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Health Column

Be careful of where the loss comes from

My intent in all my columns over the past couple of years is to simplify what it takes to achieve and maintain some level of fitness in today's busy lifestyle. Many of us have over-complicated this area, and this has contributed negatively to the poor state of fitness in our overall society. Having said this, and in light of the fact the pending warmer weather makes this the most popular time of the year to lose weight, I feel it appropriate to make an exception and over-complicate the issue of weight loss.

One cannot listen five minutes on the radio without some disc jockey spouting the super effects of a weight loss formula, or turn on the TV only to find more of the same on the infomercials. This media blitz makes passing on the truth of weight loss and health (based on how the human body functions, not another opinion) very challenging and unpopular.

Let me start by asking a question. If a person loses 10 pounds and the source of this loss was a combination of their valuable lean muscle or their valuable water amount, would this be moving them closer or further from overall health? I am assuming the person does not want weight loss at the expense of their health. The answer is deeper. As many of our clients say, "I don't care where it comes from, I

just want it off my body." While I understand their feelings totally (and I can relate), allow me to explain why this is not in line with overall health.

First of all, do not use the old weight scales as the only indicator of your progress. Body composition is a much more true and complete indicator of fitness and health. Your body weight resides in three main areas, (this is over-simplified for explanation purposes).

• **Lean Body Mass.** This includes the good stuff, lean muscle and tissue, everything that is in our bodies that is not fat or water.

• **Water.** You are 60 to 70 percent water. This topic always spurs feelings of excessive water weight, particularly with women. This is not what we are referring to, rather being well hydrated to assure optimal energy and efficiency. There are few things the over 30,000 registered FDA diets and plans have in common, drinking a lot of water is the exception. Water is essential to good health.

• **Body Fat.** This is the area people want to attack when it comes to reduction. This is the excess body fat our bodies have stored in those unwanted locations: hips, thighs, back of arms, sides of waist, etc.

There are many methods to establish where your body registers fat in all these areas. The most accurate is the Hydrostatic method. A health professional submerges you in a tank of water and special equipment measures those key areas. More popular methods, while ranging from a 2 to 5 percent error zone but much more convenient and inexpensive is either the caliper method or the body analyzer equipment. Callipers involve pinching a few key areas lightly with an strange looking piece of

equipment, while the analyzers involve standing on a scale as you would with a more traditional one.

Body composition is one area worth over-complicating and getting done for you. It allows you to look beyond the weight scales to realize there is more to you. And for many, when they apply a proper fitness program, they add a little in either the water or lean muscle area which may adversely affect their sheer body weight but positively affects their overall health. We are not saying to not attack body weight, but we are saying, attack it from the right category for overall health. Average body fat percentages for females range from 23-27 percent; for males, 15-17 percent. This is usually the category most are aiming for since unfortunately, most are substantially above this range.

I constantly write steps to accomplish this which includes an overall fitness plan involving resistance training and cardiovascular training added to a proper food and nutrition program.

I know this sounds much tougher and much more unpopular than the magic potion, but shouldn't the bottom line for you - be reaching your fitness and health goals, maintaining them, not quick, temporary, unhealthy weight loss?

Get your body composition today and start down the right path to look and feel your best.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club and Synergy Fitness. Klebba is also a certified personal fitness instructor. For more information or a free body composition analysis, call (248) 449-7634.

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Slovan named wrestler of the year

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Dan Scappaticci Northville senior

Pound for pound he may be the strongest wrestler on our team this season. The last in a line of Scappaticci brothers, Dan was a two-time state placer who took fourth at the D-1 tournament this year.

He fluctuated between 145 and 160 throughout the season, but he was a winner wherever he ended went. "Scappy" posted a 44-4 record this season and won WLA, district and regional titles. He was the only Mustang to accomplish all three feats.

Mike Chandler South Lyon senior

Chandler absolutely dominated his competition as a senior, losing only one match prior to the state finals. He was the regional, district, conference and county champion at 152 pounds. Chandler ended up with a 43-3 record. Two of those losses were to the same character, Livonia Stevenson's Ithad Karbush. The second one was the one that really hurt, as it came in the third-place match at the state finals. Nevertheless, with his fourth-place showing, Chandler earned all-state accolades for the second consecutive season.

Justin Lambert Milford senior

In the 1996-97, Lambert, a ninth-grader, set a Milford High school record for wins by freshman. And he never let up. By the time Lambert's career ended, in this year's Division I regionals, he had won 147 matches. That's the most by any Milford wrestler, ever. Not surprisingly, given his history, Lambert is a repeat all-area selection as a senior, after a season which saw him go 43-4. He was the KVC champion at 160 pounds, and the runner-up at both the district and county meets.

Eric Texiera Milford senior

A year ago, Texiera had never wrestled. The don't call America the land of opportunity for nothing.

This Brazilian exchange student took up the sport this winter, and the Redskins are glad he did, as Texiera became one of the most productive team members. With his third-place finish at the individual districts, he was one of only two Milford athletes to advance to the regionals. His one and only season ended with a 21-6 record.

Adam Borashko Novi senior

Fritz talked of a time where Borashko nearly walked away from wrestling, frustrated with the time he couldn't spend with friends.

Boy what he would have missed. After shaking off a tough start to his senior campaign, Borashko came back to turn in a brilliant season. He was first crowned KVC champion, then went on to finish runnerup at districts, third at the regional and sixth at the D-1 state meet. He finished one shy win of 50 for the year (49-10).

In retrospect, perhaps his biggest win of the season came in the D-1 team semifinals against Rockford. His 6-1 decision over Ryan Kerekes put Novi up by seven points with two matches to wrestle. Novi lost both by decision and won the match by a single point, 24-23.

Nick Slovan — HomeTown's wrestler of the year Novi junior

In preseason talks with Novi co-coach Brad Huss, Slovan received rave reviews and plenty of hype. And it was all for good reason.

The Novi junior was a match away from advancing to the regional tournament a year ago. This year he was a win away from winning a state championship.

Slovan lost to Grand Ledger's Brian Cheyne 11-5 in the D-1 championship match at 215 pounds. He had earned his way to the title match with three wins earlier in the tournament. Slovan finished third at the Oakland County meet, but won conference, district and regional championships in impressive style.

The junior finished the season with a 43-8 record.

Josh Kabat

South Lyon senior

A close call over Milford's Ryan Morris, who defeated Kabat in the conference tournament. After placing third in the KVC, as the postseason progressed, Kabat got stronger, avenging his loss to Morris in the districts. It was no surprise

that he was ready, having battled mostly bigger heavyweights all year long. Kabat finished third in the individual districts, then fourth in the regional, which qualified him for the Division I state finals.

After the state finals, Kabat's season record was 38-12.

ALL AREA WRESTLING

First Team

Name	School	Grade	Weight
Ravi Saran	Northville	Sophomore	103
Tim Bragg	Lakeland	Junior	112
Dan Jlig	Novi	Senior	119
Ryan Churella	Novi	Junior	125
Reggie Torrence	Northville	Senior	130
Andy Golden	South Lyon	Senior	135
Chad Neumann	Northville	Junior	140
Dan Scappaticci	Northville	Senior	145
Mike Chandler	South Lyon	Senior	152
Justin Lambert	Milford	Senior	160
Eric Texiera	Milford	Senior	171
Adam Borashko	Novi	Senior	189
Nick Slovan	Novi	Junior	215
Josh Kabat	South Lyon	Senior	HWT

Second Team

Name	School	Grade	Weight
Josh Churella	Novi	Freshman	103
Cory Nobach	Novi	Junior	112
Brian Dodds	Novi	Senior	119
Chris Barnes	South Lyon	Senior	125
Dave Edwards	South Lyon	Sophomore	130
Brent Frey	Novi	Senior	135
Joe Pelkus	Milford	Senior	140
Yusaf Qamruzzaman	Novi	Senior	145
Vince Slovan	Novi	Sophomore	152
Frank Kava	Novi	Senior	160
John Rehoumis	Northville	Senior	171
Joe Rumbley	Northville	Junior	189
Tim Zemaitis	South Lyon	Senior	215
Ryan Morris	Milford	Senior	HWT

Honorable mention

Milford - Matt Thome, Chad Rashid, Ben Lawrence
Northville - Jason D'Anna, Matt Doyle, Jeremy Carter
Novi - Jason Moore, Scott Kortlandt, Nate Mitchell
South Lyon - Kirk Mulligan, Jake Williamson, Matt Williams

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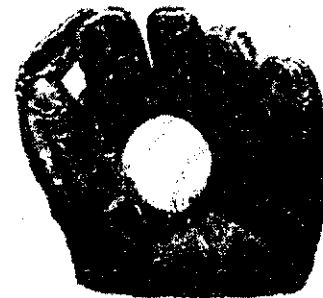
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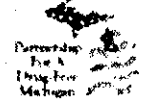
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