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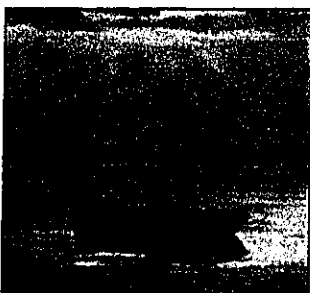
Service rewarded



Two more local ex-servicemen, veterans of World War II, finally receive the medals they earned. Both Douglas Henry, at right, and Louis Smith were based in the war's Pacific Theater. — Page 3A

LIVING

Wish you were here?



Step back in time with the help of old photos. Northville resident Tom Morrison collects historic postcards of that city, especially the downtown, ranging from the Victorian era to the 1970s. — Page 1AA

SPORTS

Top KVC soccer talent

Novi and Brighton will battle it out for the conference title this season, but both teams have some of the best players in the KVC as well. HomeTown takes a look at the top 15 players throughout the league, from Novi all the way out to Brighton. — Page 1B

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Burglary suspect goes wild in court

■ Police believe a Romulus man and his partner committed over 50 break-ins.

By ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

A 26-year-old Romulus man had to be carried out of court late last week after he told law officials they "were all going to die" during his arraignment for allegedly breaking into more than 50 metro Detroit homes while disguised as a meter man.

Jamal Williams had to be wrestled to the ground and carried out of the courtroom of 35th District Court Judge Ronald Lowe after

Police charges were "all a bunch of lies."

Jamal Williams,
Burglary suspect

the suspect said police charges were "all a bunch of lies" and there are two people in his mind "that come out" and make him "do things."

Police also say the men may be behind break-ins in Novi.

Williams was charged with Michael Craig, 39, of Romulus, for their connection with four burglaries or attempted burglaries in Northville Township. The duo was charged Aug. 31 in 16th district court for similar home invasions in Livonia and will be in court Sept. 12 on those charges.

Lowe set bond on four charges against Craig at \$250,000 and Williams at \$500,000, but not before Williams told Lowe that the judge "didn't understand" and all of the people in the courtroom "were all going to die." Additionally, he tried to pull down his pants before officials were forced to hold them up as Lowe set bond and a court date.

Northville Township Detective Paul Sumn-

er said the court antics appeared to be a show.

"We had no trouble with him once he was captured and no problems with him after he was in court," Sumner said. "He only acted that way when he was in court."

After officials carried Williams out of court, Sumner said he was able to slip his handcuffs from behind his back to in front of him and bang on cell walls. Additionally, Williams made "overt" threats to officials and started to masturbate.

The bond amount was a request of Northville Township Detective Kevin Blas.

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Wanted: Farm hands



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Meeting at the Furst Farm to discuss what work will need to be done are from left the city's landscape consultant Linda Lemke, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis, Chamber Director Stacey DeRoche and Parks Superintendent Jack Lewis.

Chamber seeks more help for Furst Farm fix-up day

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

With just under three weeks until clean-up day, the Furst Farm Community Project Committee really needs volunteers.

With lots of work to be done, committee members are wondering if they will have enough people to fulfill the tasks.

"We haven't received a huge response from residents but we're still trying," said Chamber of Commerce Director Stacey DeRoche, who is serving as committee co-administrator.

"As a chamber we're communicating the message in our newsletter and at our luncheons, but we have only gotten a few people interested in volunteering."

"Right now we're just trying to get the word out as much as possible."

To help raise awareness, the committee has contacted a number of city organizations and has put out an advertisement on public access.

■ Want to get involved?

A sign up form for volunteers to assist with the Furst Farm clean-up is on page 12A.

"We've contacted organizations like the Boy and Girl Scouts, Rotary, Lions Club and the Jaycees, but we've received little feedback," said DeRoche.

So far, only the Lions Club has confirmed they'll help out.

With the school year now in full swing, the committee hopes to involve members of the high school in the refurbishment as well.

The clean up will take place September 15-17 and the committee said they are hoping for at least 100 volunteers per day.

"If we can't get 100, that's okay, we can deal with it," said Novi Parks

& Recreation Director Dan Davis, a committee co-administrator.

The city-owned farmstead, located on the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Taft Road, dates back to mid-1800s.

Volunteers are needed to perform a number of different duties on the farm's estate, ranging from painting and power washing to removing brush and planting flowers. Work on the property is set to include the barn, house, and grounds. Barn duties will comprise of scraping and painting and replacing siding and windows. House duties will entail interior cleaning, removing the back porch/balcony, exterior cleaning and painting and window replacements. On the grounds, members are needed to trim the orchard, plant flower beds, and clean up the driveway and walking paths.

"The main thing is to make the site accessible," Davis said.

"Right now we're sequentially try-

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Phones off hook for 300 residents

■ City wasn't notified of telephone outage in two neighborhoods.

By Randal Yakey
Stephanie Fordyce
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Even as Ameritech was explaining to the Michigan Public Service Commission last week its plans for improving telephone repair services, hundreds of Novi residents were in the midst of a three-and-a-half day phone outage that raises new questions about the utility's responsiveness.

Chief among them: At what point should the phone company notify emergency services when customers' phones go out, and along with it their ability to dial 9-1-1?

Novi Police Dispatch Manager Joe Burchette, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson and City Manager Richard Helwig all confirmed the city never got the word from Ameritech that a large number of residents in the Old Dutch Farms and Novi Meadows mobile home communities lost phone service at about 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29.

In fact, when that city's police and fire departments learned of the problem Friday afternoon, Sept. 1, their calls to the phone company elicited little information. Both police and fire departments had to send personnel to the mobile home communities to determine the extent of the outage and coordinate alternative ways for residents to reach 9-1-1 if they needed to.

"Plain old common sense would dictate that the police should be notified when a situation like that arises, especially for that length of time," State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-
Novi, said, although she is not aware of any law that would require notification of police when there is a phone outage.

"Why they weren't informed is something I will be looking into with the phone company and with the PSC. If we have to do something in terms of a statute, I'll be looking into that, too."

Normally, Ameritech would tell police about a large outage, according to company spokesperson Julie Balmer, but the company did not in this case because of the small number of residents that were

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New high school could be in cards

■ Parents, school staff study future direction for Novi district.

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Students, parents, teachers, and administrators met Aug. 30 for the Novi School District's Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting at the Novi Middle School.

This was the second of eight meetings designed to discuss and implement the future needs of the district in terms of space, population and technology, following a timeline for completing the work.

In the past ten years, from the fall of 1989 to the fall of 1999, stu-

dent growth in Novi rose 54 percent from an enrollment of 3,789 to 5,804 — an equivalent of 200 new students a year.

Currently, there are 1,680 students enrolled at Novi High School. With the high school building looking to exceed its capacity by the 2003/2004 school year, the Blue Ribbon Task Force is taking a serious look at what needs to be done to accommodate its population increase.

Novi High School Principal and task force member Dr. Jennifer Cheal said as the high school's enrollment becomes larger, the sense of connection becomes

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Seniors of the year Novi couple take state honors for their dynamic lives of service

■ Not only do they help other seniors, this pair loves show business.

Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

Gotham City may have Batman & Robin, but Novi also has a dynamic duo: Caroline and George Giese.

While you probably won't see this active couple dressed in capes chasing bad guys in the Batmobile, the Gieses are still superheroes to

those that know them thanks to their tremendous dedication in helping others.

On August 28, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, the pair received the Michigan 2000 Senior Citizen of the Year Award for public service.

"Their sensitivity and sincere passion for improving the lives of friends and neighbors deserve recognition," said State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-
Novi, who wrote a letter of support to the state in the Gieses' honor.

"George and Caroline give of

themselves unselfishly. No nomination could be more fitting."

The Novi couple said they were overwhelmed by the award and were deeply touched.

"It was wonderful," said Caroline Giese. "We all rode down on a bus together and had a great time. It was really nice."

The award highlights the contributions to civic and social life made by people age 60 and up and is sponsored by the Michigan Commission and Office of Services to

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

As part of their many volunteer activities in the community, George and Caroline Giese hold a Bible study session at the American House in Farmington Hills on a recent Thursday afternoon. Listening in are residents Louis Jones, left and Pat Pacitti. The Gieses, who are active in local theater and chorale groups, are Michigan Senior Citizens Of The Year.

Public Access

Monday, Sept. 11
 10:00 a.m. — Potpourri: Novi Kidney Center
 10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
 11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries
 11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Depcap
 12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
 1:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
 2:00 p.m. — O'Hare Irish Dance
 2:30 p.m. — In The Studio with Bry: Girl Talk 2
 3:00 p.m. — Middle School Madness
 4:30 p.m. — (con't)
 5:00 p.m. — New Millennium Medicine: Gary Errigo
 5:30 p.m. — Army News Watch
 6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
 7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 7:30 p.m. — Opening Meeting
 8:00 p.m. — A Reason to Vote
 8:30 p.m. — Community Living Centers
 9:00 p.m. — Atomic Numbers
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)
 Tuesday, Sept. 12
 10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
 10:30 a.m. — A Bit O' Ireland in Farmington Hills
 11:00 a.m. — Dickerman Showcase: Photographer/Singer

11:30 a.m. — Going to the Chapel
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)
 1:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
 1:30 p.m. — Home For Life: Drywall Techniques
 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 2:30 p.m. — Reading with Taliana
 3:00 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry: Meadowbrook Talent Show
 4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk
 5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
 6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
 6:30 p.m. — Building Scene: Griffin House
 7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Novi Kidney Center
 7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
 8:00 p.m. — In The Green
 8:30 a.m. — (con't)
 9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open: Wild Boys
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)
 Wednesday, Sept. 13
 10:00 a.m. — Battle of the Books
 10:30 a.m. — (con't)
 11:00 a.m. — Hastings Paradise Valley Days
 11:30 a.m. — Legally Speaking
 12:00 p.m. — (con't)
 12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today
 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture

1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
 2:30 p.m. — O'Hare Irish Dance
 3:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
 3:30 p.m. — Storytime with Sandy
 4:00 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church
 4:30 p.m. — (con't)
 5:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center
 5:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
 6:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
 6:30 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry: Girl Talk 2
 7:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
 7:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Uprizin
 8:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show
 8:30 p.m. — (con't)
 Thursday, Sept. 14
 10:00 a.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Uprizin
 10:30 a.m. — Fitness Motivators
 11:00 a.m. — Building Scene: Griffin House
 11:30 a.m. — New Millennium Medicine: Gary Errigo
 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
 12:30 p.m. — That's Italian
 1:00 p.m. — Senseless Death
 1:30 p.m. — (con't)
 2:00 p.m. — Novi Summer Concert
 2:30 p.m. — Kenbrook Koolity Kids: An Evening to Remember

5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek
 5:30 p.m. — (con't)
 6:00 p.m. — Cutting Room Floor: DIA Special
 6:30 p.m. — (con't)
 7:00 p.m. — Middle School Madness
 7:30 p.m. — (con't)
 8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
 8:30 p.m. — Pet Talk
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks: Joe Knoltenberg
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)
 Friday, Sept. 15
 10:00 a.m. — Lumen Christi
 10:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
 11:00 a.m. — The Jesus Center
 11:30 a.m. — To Be Announced
 12:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)
 1:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
 1:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
 2:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company
 2:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
 3:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
 3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
 4:00 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry: Girl Talk
 4:30 p.m. — Potpourri

Free seminar deals with estate planning

A free seminar on how to protect your estate from probate and why a will alone is not enough will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. at the Novi Senior Citizens Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile.

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during your lifetime. At your death, your assets are immediately transferred to our beneficiaries. Under this system, there are no probate fees, no attorney fees and the family never loses control.

Estate Information Services Inc. is sponsoring this informational seminar.

Meet your DPW and get rid of hazardous waste at open house

The Novi Department of Public Works will be holding an Open House and Hazardous Waste Day Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

26300 Delwal Drive. For more information, please call 735-5640.

Grandparents, kids invited to Gateway digital photo class

Gateway Country stores celebrate National Grandparent's Day on Sept. 10 by bringing grandparents and grandchildren together with free digital photography training courses.

Young techies can help their older relatives learn at the Novi Country Store at 2 p.m. Is that grandma's head on grandpa's body? Kids will have fun manipulating photos they bring with creative effects like "punch," "puzzle," "warp." Seniors will learn how to create an online photo album as well as learn how to send far-away family members photos

with a digital touch. Everyone is encouraged to bring family photos to have fun with. Part of Gateway's initiative to bridge the "Possibilities Gap" and help people get more out of their computers, the Grandparent's Day classes will take place in Gateway's Country Store training classrooms. The classes are free for grandparents and grandchildren who register at Gateway Country Store-Nov, 25875 Novi Road, (248) 344-0135. Class space is limited and reservations are the only way to guarantee a seat.

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Receiving recognition
Novi men honored for WWII service

By Randal Yakey

General Douglas MacArthur's forces landed in the Philippines to retake the islands from the Japanese, they were there.

As support units for fighting men who landed on Okinawa, two Jima and le Shima, they helped secure Tokyo for the Allies. They did their duty, but never received the recognition they so rightly deserved.

Fifty-five years after the end of the World War II, Douglas Henry of Novi and Louis Smith of Livonia received the recognition, and medals they didn't get back then. They each were awarded the medals at the August 28 Novi City Council meeting.

Making sure local veterans finally get their medals is part of Mayor Richard Clark's World War II Recognition Day effort. The city contacted Congressman Joe Knoltenberg, R-Bloomfield, about the missing medals.

Henry said that he had given up on getting the medals and didn't really think about them until Knoltenberg's office gave him a call. "I guess he has more pull than I do," Henry said. "I'd send in my papers and they'd just send more

papers back."

Henry served in the Army-Air Force from April 1942 to November 1945. An airplane instrument mechanic in the 3rd Airborne Squadron, he was responsible for fueling and repairing military aircraft.

"I was in Australia, New Guinea, the Philippines, Japan," Henry said. "I even lost a birthday over there. My birthday was May 31 and we crossed the international date line on May 30 they announced that it was now June 1."

Henry also was part of the occupation forces in Japan in 1945 where his squadron ran an airstrip for post-war operations. Smith, who was in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, was on the U.S. Van Valkenburgh naval destroyer whose mission was to battle oncoming enemy plans and kamikaze pilots.

Smith was on the Valkenburgh when the U.S. raised the flag at two Jima. After the bombing of Nagasaki, Smith and his shipmates on the Valkenburgh were sent to Nagasaki, Japan, to retrieve American prisoners who had been held captive by the Japanese.

During the ceremony, Mayor

Richard Clark read from a letter form Rep. Knoltenberg's office citing both men's "unselfish and loyal service to the United States during a time of war."

At the presentation, Henry received his Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal (awarded for service outside the United States), Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars (awarded for 30 days in the Asiatic-Pacific theater or combat duty), World War II Victory Medal (awarded for service in the U.S. Armed Forces between 1941 and 1946), the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star and the Honorable Service Button for service to his country during the World War II.

Smith also received his Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three stars, the World War II victory medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Honorable Service Button as well as the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia Clasp (awarded for 30 consecutive days of service in occupied territories for former enemies during 1945-1955.)

Staff Writer Randal Yakey may be reached at (248) 349-1700.



From left, Louis Smith and Douglas Henry receive awards for their WWII military service.

Register now for the body of your dreams at the Novi Civic Center's Fitness Factory

Crank it up, as Novi's Parks & Recreation's Fitness Factory whips you into shape September 11 - November 17, offering low-impact aerobics, body sculpting, and fat burning classes.

All instructors are trained and are CPR certified. Please bring a towel or exercise mat to class. Registration deadline ends September 15. All classes are held at the Civic Center.

Class schedule is Mondays and Wednesdays 9-10 a.m.

for the Low Impact class, Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-10 a.m. for the Body Sculpt class, Fridays 9-10 a.m. for the Fat Burner class, and Saturdays 8-9 a.m. for Body Sculpt.

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Tina takes a chance and wins a Corvette

By Randal Yakey
STAFF WRITER

She won a 1962 Corvette and it wasn't even her ticket.

But she had luck on her side and father always knows best.

At the Outdoor Rama, held at the Novi Expo Center last February, Tina Wieland filled out a form on ticket #5767 and ended up winning the '62 red Corvette that she plans to take cruising.

"I picked 5767 and won," Wieland said. "I could believe it. They called me last Thursday and I was cooking dinner. It was my husband's birthday and I actually thought it was a hoax."

"My husband's brother gave me a bunch of scratch off tickets last May that had a fake \$10,000 ticket in there. So, I had a hard time believing it, at first."

The Novi Rotary Club raffle drawing was held on August 24 at the Novi Civic Center where there were actually two prizes. Second prize was a gas powered mini-Corvette worth about \$2,500. Tickets are hawked annually at the Music & Motor Fest.

Wieland, a Commerce Township mother of two, celebrated her 11th wedding anniversary two weeks ago Saturday with her husband Joe.

Tina's father, Dan Felix, said that the family went out to Outdoor Rama and bought a number of tickets and family members pick the ones they wanted.

"There were a bunch of Felixes there," Dan Felix said. "They (tickets) were going for three for ten bucks and I had an extra twenty

left. Since my kids flew the roost I've had a few bucks and she (Tina) has always been pretty lucky. I said 'give us some luck and let's have something.'"

Wieland said that she and her father will be sharing the vehicle but her husband, Joe, says that he's looking forward to taking a ride.

"Unbelievable," Joe said. "I have to brush up on the four-speed transmission."

According to Tina, Joe may have more incentive to want to get the Corvette out on the open road.

"We had a Mustang and I made him sell it before we left California," Tina said. "He said 'remember that Mustang you made me sell?'"

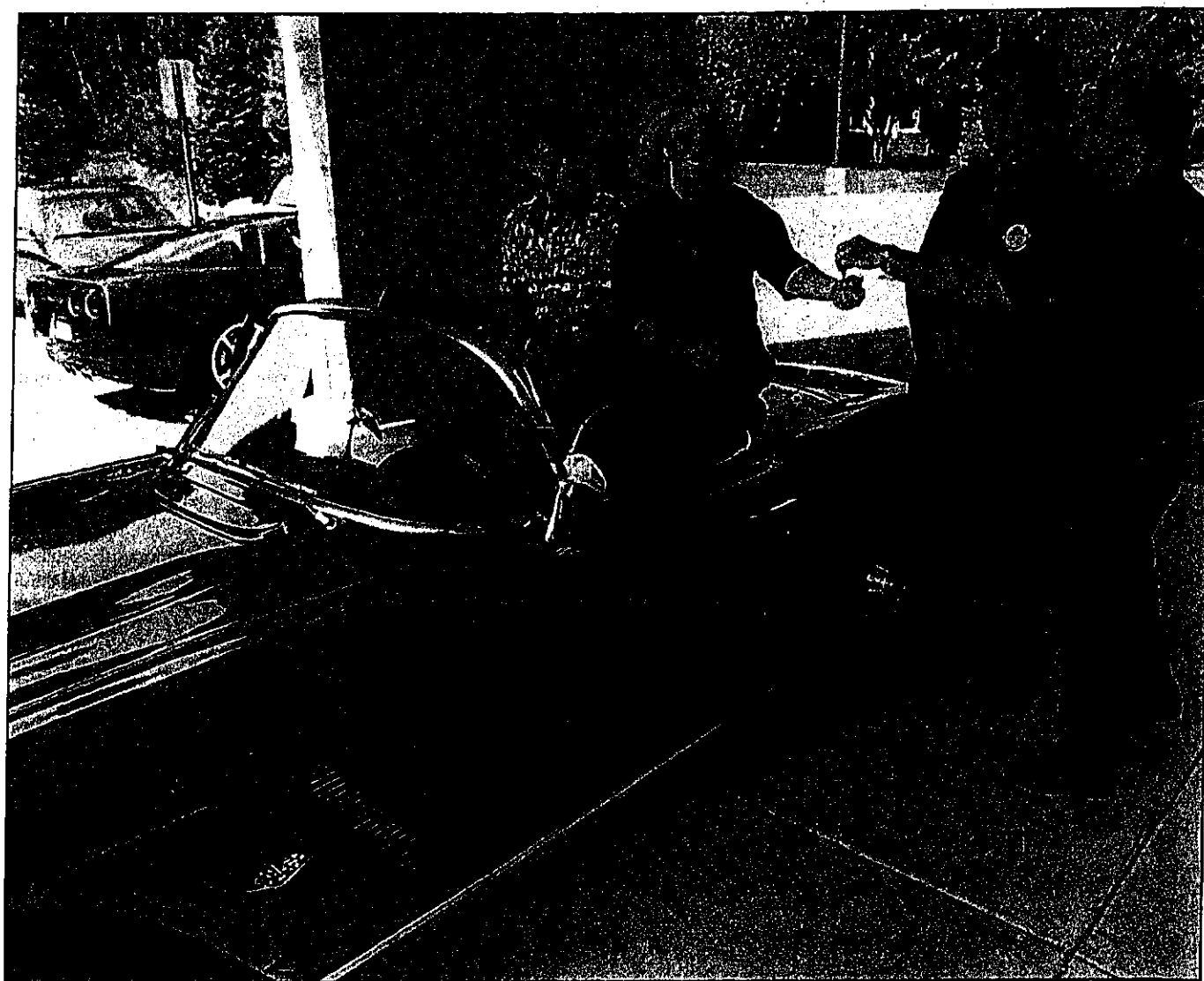
General Manager for Bob Sellers, Keith Wilson, has been involved with the Corvette giveaway since 1993.

"I used to buy tickets from them when it started back in 1987," Wilson said. "When I joined the club, and since I'm a gear head, and I guess I'm a natural to be on the car committee. It's nice to see the winner and it's great to see the money go to needy charities and, really, that is what it is all about."

Wilson says that the Corvette drawing has had a lot of people, especially, Corvette enthusiasts coming to look at the car.

"We've had a lot of Corvette people looking at it and buying tickets for it," Wilson said. "I found the car at a cruise I was at. I talked with the owner and negotiated a price that the Rotary could afford."

Wilson said the Rotary bought it for \$30,000, but the car is probably



With her father Dan Felix, Tina Wieland receives the keys to her 1962 Corvette from Keith Wilson of Bob Sellers Ford. Looking on is Novi Rotary Club's Tony Musu. Wieland won the car from a Rotary sponsored drawing at this year's Music & Motor Fest.

worth about \$35,000. "The car was in beautiful shape. He (the owner) had several Corvettes and he wanted to get rid of one. This is probably the nicest one we ever had," he added.

Rotary Club President Tony

Musu was there as the keys were handed over to Tina and her father. Keith Wilson is the one who finds the car, transports the car back and forth to events where he sells tickets," Musu said. "The nicest thing about all this is that the Novi

Rotary Club raises countless amounts of dollars and much of that goes back into the community."

"The Rotary Club is very active in

charities all over the world and is a major player in the attempt to wipe out polio.

"We give scholarships to high school students from selling these tickets, as well as providing luncheons for our senior citizens," Musu said.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Check your health at screenings

The Novi Civic Center will be offering the following health screenings on Thursday, September 21.

• Carotid Vascular: \$35. This test will show the fatty build-up of plaque in the Carotid Arteries, which could lead to a stroke.

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• Ankle Brachial: \$35. Screening for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities.

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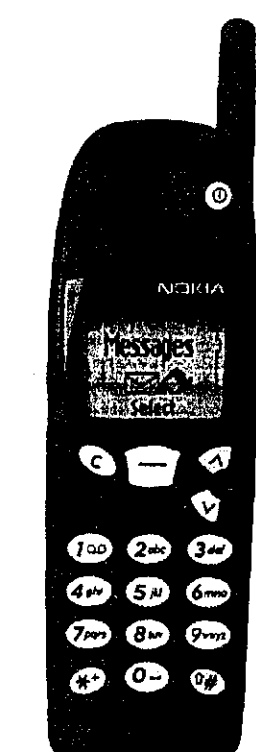
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CHURCH CONFERENCE

Riding the Waves of Life Conference at Walled Lake Missionary Church, 1795 N. Pontiac Trail, Sept. 15-17: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Conference speaker and author Bob Laurent, chapel speaker for the Chicago White Sox and the Minnesota Twins, will be guest speaker. He has appeared on the 700 Club. Focus on the Family, worked with the Billy Graham crusade for over ten years, and has authored many books.

Child care will be provided for children up to age two. For more information, call (248) 624-2595.

PTA TRAINING

Calling all Walled Lake School District past, present and future PTA board members. Plan ahead to attend a "Leadership Conference" on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m.-noon. The event will be held at Richardson Center (across from Walled Lake Central), 1485 Oakley Park Road, Commerce Township.

This will be of use, whether you are involved as president, secretary, treasurer, membership or with reflections. This is two short hours that will save you hours by being organized and informed in leadership. This conference is per the request of PTA members.

For more information, call Pam Segal at (248) 669-3063 or fax, (248) 669-0290.

HEART-WARMING

The customers and staff of Darjan Yaris are teaming up to Warm Up America, and help thousands of people in need.

They are knitting and crocheting 7-inch by 9-inch sections and volunteers will assemble them into afghans, which will be distributed through social agencies like the V.F.W. of White Lake.

"We got involved in Warm Up America," commented store owners, "because we love the feeling of giving and because it is a project that enable each person to make a contribution. Together we can warm someone's life in a small, personal way."

Volunteers are needed. Area residents who wish to participate in the program from Sept. 1 to April 1, 2001, can pick up a copy of the free knitting and crocheting patterns and receive additional information at Darjan Yaris, 2155 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

Warm Up America is a national, non-profit organization whose volunteers have produced over 50,000 handmade afghans. People of all ages have participated from around the country. Grammar school children in Atlanta completed an afghan for a local shelter; secretaries at an international law firm in New York completed over 2,500 afghans; and retirees in Arizona continue to meet regularly to assemble afghans.

LAKES AREA CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce is having its 9th annual Fall Four Person Golf Outing on Monday, Sept. 11 at Bogie Lake Golf Club, 11231 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake. The fee is \$90.

Included in the fee are: 18 holes of golf, lunch, refreshments, open bar, buffet dinner and a chance to win awards.

For information, contact the chamber at (248) 624-2826.

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New plans for old Camelot Inn

By Dan West

Staff Writer
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For most of this year, the only movement on the Bundo property in Walled Lake has been the growth of weeds seeping through the pavement.

However, things may change soon. The long-time abandoned building on Maple Road, called an "eyesore" by city leaders and residents, could be transformed into a new office-retail complex if negotiations between an unknown developer and property owner produces a deal.

In the 1970s, the building, then known as The Camelot Inn, was a strip club featuring male dancers.

It is also unknown whether the developer is interested in leasing or buying the property, but city officials confirm the two sides are talking. Word of the negotiations won't stop the city from continuing the dangerous building proceedings the city council ordered in January.

but officials hope the two sides work out a deal that quickly changes the look of the old 20,000-square-foot building on 4.3 acres.

"You try not to play bad guy during negotiations," Walled Lake Planning and Development Director Michael Howell said. "We want to wait and see if a sale is imminent or not. If it doesn't work out, then we'll go ahead."

Howell, the city official in charge of the dangerous building proceedings, said it's been tough to schedule the next step to condemn, a hearing with a city building official outside the city of Walled Lake. With many construction projects and vacations this summer, Howell said it's hard finding open time available for all who need to attend the hearing.

This hearing could lead to a city council vote for condemnation if the owner doesn't comply with orders handed out in the hearing. Farmington Hills real estate agent Mark Szerlag is marketing the property for owner Deb Lytle, who lives in Illinois. Szerlag's information lists the asking price at \$1.5 million to purchase

the commercial-zoned property or \$7.50 per square foot, per month, to lease it.

Attempts to contact Szerlag for comment have been unsuccessful.

The 46-year-old building, built by the late Ben Bundo for a variety of entertainment services, has been abandoned since 1986. The building was set for demolition in 1997 but Bundo's daughter, Lytle, blocked the structure's destruction. After lengthy litigation, she obtained decision making-control a year ago.

In January, Lytle told council she hired a contractor and real estate agent to research the best ways to develop the property. Lytle said she didn't want to tear down the building until she learned all options and hoped to have a plan in place by July. The Walled Lake City Council ordered city staff to simultaneously begin the condemnation process while assisting Lytle with sale and development strategy.

A building inspector later ruled the building has several serious structural defects.

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When: Saturday, Sept. 16

Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Where: Community Sports Park, Novi

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The winner for each age division will be sent on to the championships at the Detroit Lions game on Nov. 12. Must have a copy of birth certificate when registering (age as of Dec. 31).

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Who: Age 12 (by Dec. 31)-adult

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Volunteers group backs WL school bond

Citizens for Walled Lake Schools, a grass roots group of volunteers, has started its information campaign to educate Walled Lake Public Schools voters about a pair of bond proposals totaling \$91.9 million.

The second ballot proposal will ask for a 0.5-mill tax increase, which would generate about \$10.6 million for heating and cooling upgrades at ten elementary schools, Clifford Smart Middle School and the Community Education Center.

It would also include about \$10 million for a land acquisition fund for the high school property purchase and \$4.4 million for improvements to the 30-year-old Walled Lake Western High School.

The election will be Saturday, Sept. 23.

The first proposal will ask voters to extend the current 4.8-mill debt levy to fund a new \$82.7-million high school. It includes \$4.2 million to reimburse the general fund

for future school building sites.

The first proposal will not increase taxes, but the second question would mean a \$30 per year increase for owners of a \$200,000 home with a taxable value of \$100,000.

Greg Kreutzer, a group co-chair, said they have about 50 active volunteers working on the campaign. People who are interested in the effort may contact the bond campaign representative at each school building.

Each high school is at or near the 2,000 student capacity, officials said. The new high school would be built by 2002 and would be located near Bogie Lake and Cooley Lake Roads in Commerce Township.

The district bought the land earlier this year for \$4.1 million from the general fund.

The first bond proposal would repay the general fund for that purchase.

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STORYTIME REGISTRATION forms for Fall 1 Storytimes are now available in the library. Fall 1 Storytime registration runs until Sept. 9. Storytimes starts Sept. 25.

TOT TIME REGISTRATION
Children ages 19-24 months are invited to join us for a half-hour of stories, songs, and games on Friday, Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required; you may register in person or by calling the library. Space is limited, however, so toddlers and caregivers only.

HARRY POTTER PARTY
Harry Potter fans are invited to a Harry Potter party on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. We'll have games, arts and crafts, and a short reading from "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." If you're seven or older and would like to participate in "library Quidditch" during the party, please register for the game in advance by calling the library. Space for the Quidditch game is limited to 100 players.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the east side of the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Our September selection is "The Alienist" by Caleb Carr. The group meets Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the west side of the library meeting room. All are welcome.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Senior booklovers are reading "Jacob's Ladder" by Donald McCaig. The senior group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, Sept. 14 at noon.

BECOME A CYBER SLEUTH: SEARCHING THE INTERNET FOR KIDS
Learn how to find everything from information for our homework assignment to the latest scoop on your favorite band on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10-11:30 a.m. We'll look at some of the best directories and search engines just for kids. Prior experience with the Internet is helpful. Please register in advance for all Internet classes in person or by calling the library.

GENEALOGY ON THE NET FOR SENIORS
Designed for seniors who want to begin searching the Internet for information on their ancestors, the program will explore key genealogy Web sites and effective search techniques for locating genealogy information. The program will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 10-11:30 a.m.

SO MANY OPTIONS: GETTING CONNECTED TO THE NET
We'll talk about traditional options for getting connected to the Internet, as well as free Internet connectivity options, cable access, and DSL on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 7-8:30 p.m. Even if you are already connected to the Internet, this class will help you to determine if there's a better way for you to access it.

SEARCHING THE ONLINE CATALOG
We'll cover author, title, subject, and keyword searches on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 7-8 p.m. You'll learn how to limit your search results to items in our library and/or to specific types of media, such as videos or audio books. The session will include hands-on practice.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET FOR SENIORS
Novi residents 60 and older are invited to discover how the Internet works, practice using the Netscape Navigator browser, and learn about search engines on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 1-3 p.m. The class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice.

Planning commissioners still unnamed

By Randal Yaake
STAFF WRITER

The bulls have locked horns and there is no progress after Mayor Richard Clark refused to put up nominations for two remaining planning commission seats at the August 28 Novi City Council meeting.

During the meeting, the mayor said that the council would have to "review this issue at another time."

The two incumbent planning commissioners, Kim Thomas Capello and Brent Canup, face expired terms. They have yet to have their names placed before the council for a vote and, even though their terms technically expired on June 30, remain on the volunteer job.

Under Novi regulations, the mayor nominates a planning commissioner, who must then be approved by the city council.

Toni Nagy, a local business person, was appointed last July and three-year Commissioner Michael Watzka has resigned.

The mayor's refusal to nominate Capello or Canup has given rise to questions on when the two final positions will be replaced.

"I've been a big proponent of opening up government to more people," Clark said on Sept. 1. "I want to get different people involved."

Clark said everyone who has applied is still in line for consideration, but he refused to say why he

has not nominated Capello or Canup.

Canup said that he felt that the mayor would making a "terrible mistake" by putting forward names of people who may not have the experience that he or Capello has.

"I have donated over 35 years to the city," Canup said Tuesday. "Look at the history of some of the other people and how they left the city."

Canup said he's worried that the city will go back to a previous era, where he said the planning commission made little progress.

"There was a time when people wouldn't even want to come to the planning commission," Canup said. "The next few years are critical for the city, as far as planning is concerned."

Canup said that with the expansive growth currently in the city, turning the planning commission over to those unfamiliar with the issues could be devastating.

"You get Kim Capello with his legal experience and myself with 14 years on the ZBA (zoning board of appeals)," Canup said. "You get new people in here that don't know the history of the city. I wouldn't ask to be reappointed if there was somebody better for the job."

Council Member Louis Csordas said Tuesday that it is the mayor's "prerogative" to put up the names he wishes.

"But for some reason the mayor doesn't want to put up their names (Canup and Capello) for a vote,"

"I've donated over 35 years to the city. Look at the history of some of the other people and how they've left the city."

Brent Canup,
Novi planning commissioner

Csordas said. "I'll say that Brent (Canup) and Kim (Capello) are doing a good job."

Council Member Hugh Crawford said that every time he has brought the issue up with the mayor, Clark avoids the question.

"Other mayors I have served under have always called around and asked about the appointments," Crawford said. "I don't understand where he (Clark) is going with this one. I think that these guys (Canup and Capello) are doing a great job and should be reappointed immediately."

He also said that he didn't feel there were any specific qualifications for planning commission but said that both Canup and Capello have worked hard for the city.

"I don't always agree with what they (Canup and Capello) do,"

Crawford said. "But they have served this city for many, many years and they have done a very good job."

In July, Clark nominated Michael Meyer, Sarah Gray and David Ruyte, but did not win the council's support.

Clark said that it isn't the first time incumbents were not brought to council on the first ballot. Clark said he was not sure which incumbent may be brought before council.

Mayor Pro Tem Laura Lorenzo has been vocal in saying that she did not want Capello back on the planning commission. According to Lorenzo, complaints about Capello's "decorum" and treatment of city residents has become an issue in the past.

Canup came to Capello's defense last month saying that Capello was "one of the best planning commissioners" the city has ever had.

Capello denied that he was rude to individuals, but did say that he had to make sure the audience was aware of procedures. Capello has defended his record on wetland and woodlands issues and admitted that the selections by the mayor were strictly political.

Capello has said that he was not for saving every "swamp" in the city, but that each individual wetland should be looked at with consideration to the building site near it.

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Police, fire check on residents without service

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affected — only 300. The number is dispute however. Old Dutch Farms resident Charmaine Jones said all homes in both mobile home communities, including the managers' offices, were without phone service. She estimates the number of affected residents at closer to 900.

Even Balmer set the number higher at other times, telling one reporter that 800 homes were without service. Jones said she raised the question of how residents would reach emergency services with Ameritech officials at the beginning of the outage. On Tuesday, she said, she asked the phone company to supply cellular phones to some of the residents to be shared with their neighbors until the land lines could be restored. Ameritech refused.

Balmer explained that Ameritech officials believed it would take longer to set up the necessary

equipment and distribute the cellular phones than it would to make the repairs, so the phone company concentrated its efforts on replacing the water-logged cable that caused the problem.

There are a number of reasons why Jones was concerned. Many of the residents of those two mobile home developments are elderly, and as a result have to call on paramedics for assistance frequently. Jones said the two communities get a visit from Novi's emergency medical teams about once a week.

There are few pay phones in the vicinity, she explained. A resident in need of reporting a fire in a fast-burning mobile home would have had to drive five to ten minutes to find a public phone at the nearest shopping mall, she said.

Jones said her daughter had suffered an asthma attack during the outage. Fortunately, she was able to use her cell phone to call out

and get the necessary prescription. In fact, residents were informally coordinating among themselves as to who had cell phones. Jones said she made sure everyone her black knew she had one they could use if they needed it. But she was concerned that not everyone would be able to get access to one.

Heightening the concern is the fact the two developments are situated in an isolated part of Novi where there are few other homes or businesses around, according to Burchette. That led police to increase patrols of the parks and station bicycle cops in those parks once they'd learned of the problem. Actually, there was a good deal of police and fire departments were able to do once the situation came to light. They were able to coordinate with park managers to make sure all residents could reach 9-1-1. They had the managers post signs instructing residents on how to get an emergency

call out and who to see to get use of a cell phone.

Both Burchette and Johnson said they wished they'd known earlier. They could have taken those steps Tuesday, at the outset had they been aware, instead of making arrangements Friday afternoon.

Phones were eventually restored at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2. If the length of the outage sounds long, in pales in comparison to initial repair estimates. Jones said she was told by Ameritech in the beginning that phones there would not be back on until Oct. 6.

Balmer explained that that date had been given when Ameritech believed only one individual's phone line was out. Ameritech has fallen behind in its repair of phone services and a month or more for restoration of service is not unusual at present, she said.

Ameritech is already under fire for such long delays statewide. It

was exactly that reason that spurred the PSC to require the company to file a service improvement plan, which Ameritech turned in to the state Thursday, Aug. 31.

Balmer said the priority of Old Dutch Farms/Novi Meadows repair was moved up when the company realized the entire neighborhood was affected. Two crews were assigned and ordered to work through the Labor Day weekend, if necessary, to restore services, she said.

She explained the problem was due to water seepage into a main line cable. Crews were able to replace the line Friday morning, restoring service to about two-thirds of Old Dutch Farms and half of Novi Meadows. But complications from that repair kept the remainder of residents out of service until Saturday morning. This is probably not the end of service problems at Old Dutch

Farms and Novi Meadows, Jones said. The residents lose service frequently, "whenever it rains or snows... whenever a fat bird sits on the line," she said.

There were no reports of emergencies that went unreported to police or fire as a result of the phone outage, but Cassis said it was a serious problem.

"I like to think Ameritech... has a moral obligation to the health and well-being of its customers," she said. "And frankly, it is in Ameritech's interest to take care of this. God forbid if something had happened. Think, if something had happened, about the liability about the bad publicity it would have generated, and the adverse public reaction it would have received. It is in everyone's interest to make safety a priority."

Ameritech says problems are due to weather, growth

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Rainy weather, economic growth and the loss of technicians due to resignations and retirement have all contributed to Ameritech's slowness in getting customers' phones back in operation when they break down, according to a response filed by the company to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

"Ameritech Michigan is painfully aware that its current repair speed intervals are not acceptable. We are sorry for the inconvenience that some of our customers have experienced in getting their service repaired," Ameritech attorney Michael Holmes stated in the document.

The paper explains how Ameritech repairs — which on average took between 25 hours and 50 minutes and 29 hours and 14 minutes from 1990 through 1999 — jumped to 31 hours, 31 minutes in February and to 100 hours and two minutes in July.

Actually, repairs times are even worse now. Company spokesperson Julie Balmer acknowledged that when customers in Novi recently lost their phone service, they were initially given an estimate that it would take 38 days — from August 29 to October 6 — to get service restored. That outage was prioritized when Ameritech realized hundreds of customers were affected, but repairs of individuals' phone lines can indeed take a month or more, she said.

Not surprisingly, complaints against the company over slow service have jumped — 523 filed with the PSC from May through July compared to 67 for all of 1999. That led the PSC to order Ameritech to submit the improvement plan filed last week. The PSC has also scheduled a series of public hearings across the state over the next two months to take public input on the problem.

The improvement document outlines Ameritech's plan for cutting repair times to 90 hours or less by Oct. 31, 60 hours or less by Dec. 31, and 30 hours or less by the end of next month.

The plan, which Balmer said had already been drafted and put in

place before the PSC asked for it, also set a goal of average repair times of 115 hours or less by Aug. 31.

The causes of the slow response are varied. From April through July, rainfall in Michigan was 160 percent of normal levels," Holmes stated.

Likewise, economic growth in this area had accelerated the demand for new lines and expansion of the network. Of Ameritech's 5.5 million lines to individual phones in Michigan, 22 percent were requested by customers in the last five years, according to Balmer.

Deregulation has caused some of the problem, according to Holmes. To meet its obligations setting up competing telephone companies, "Ameritech Michigan has had to assign an average of 100 network technicians per day through the

summer of 2000. These technicians are the same ones that would be dispatched to repair service for Ameritech Michigan's own end users, and they are not available to perform that work," he stated.

Furthermore the company lost 10 percent of its "network services employees" in 1999 due to retirement and resignations.

"Contrary to the public statements of those who may have their own agenda to pursue, Ameritech Michigan has not laid off network technicians in recent history," Holmes stated.

That's a key point because utility watchdog organizations in Lansing say the company has been trimming its workforce to save costs. They point to financial statements filed with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission in 1998 that show that Michigan Bell's

employees dropped from 16,785 in 1989 to 11,298 in 1998.

Dave Pacholczyk, spokesman for Ameritech, argues that there is no drop in employees.

"Back in 1989, all Ameritech employees in Michigan were included in this calculation. But since the advent of the business unit structure in the early 1990s, thousands have been removed from the regulated portion of ledger that are reported in these filings. Thus, today's number of Ameritech employees in Michigan is still more than 16,000 — but they're separated into various business units that are not included in this regulated component," he said.

He further contends no line technicians have been laid off or moved to other business units.

Ameritech's improvement plan calls for the hiring of 570 new net-

work service technicians and supervisors by the end of the year. In addition to replacing those who retired in 1999.

The company will also invest \$780 million in its Michigan network this year, a 52 percent increase over last year, according to the plan.

Those improvements include Repair Calls Centers at which customers can report problems, with 130 repair agents to assist customers. The first center in Lansing, will include 50 agents and be completed in November.

They also include "Project Pronto," a new service which provides "digital subscriber lines" or "DSL" on fiber optic cable to customers. Although intended to provide high speed Internet access, DSL can carry voice communications, Balmer said. And the system will

take pressure off Ameritech's old copper line system, according to Holmes.

The PSC will begin hearings on Ameritech service at 9 a.m. in the commission's Lansing offices, at 6545 Mercantile Way, on Sept. 18. Five more Consumer Forums will be held this fall. The nearest locations will be in the Wyandotte City Hall Council Chambers at 6 p.m. Oct. 3 and in the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center at 6 p.m. Oct. 5. Additional forums will be held in Escanaba, Tawas City and Cadillac.

The commission will also accept written comments on the issue through Monday, Oct. 9. Written comments should be addressed to the Michigan Public Service Commission, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

'Meter reader' burglary suspects arraigned last week

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The defendant is a threat to society," Bias told the court. The charges against both included first degree home invasion, a felony with up to 20 years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine; second degree home invasion, a felony with up to 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine; attempted first degree home invasion with up to five years in prison and/or a \$2,500 fine; attempted second degree home invasion with up to five years in prison and/or a \$1,500 fine. Both suspects are habitual offenders which multi-

plies the possible punishment of the most serious charge by 1.5 percent.

Novi Detective Daniel Roy said the suspects admitted to being responsible for at least 16 burglaries in the city and even described to police some of the stolen merchandise.

"We'll be seeking charges on three of the B&Es he was part of in Crosswinds and River Oaks," Roy said. "He admitted to it during an interview. We're waiting for the warrants and I expect we'll get to arraign him sometime (this) week. He's going bye-bye for a long time."

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Police from several communities including Northville Township and Livonia are still trying to determine how many break-ins the duo may have been involved in, but Bias told the court the latest count was 50. A search of three homes in connection with the two in Detroit, Inkster and Romulus turned up

\$30,000 cash, jewelry and weapons.

The two were caught Aug. 29 after they attempted to break in to an occupied apartment in Northville Township. The occupant of the apartment immediately called township police. Northville officers, including a K-9 unit from the township, Novi and Livonia chased Williams through the Quail Ridge and Highland Lakes subdivisions near Eight Mile Road and Meadowbrook after a township officer spotted him. A Quail Ridge resident saw the suspect also running through her yard. He was eventual-

ly tackled by police near the intersection of Scenic Harbor and Lehigh Lane.

Craig was caught on U.S. Interstate 275, south of Eight Mile Road by Livonia police after the Dodge Dakota truck he was driving was stopped because it matched the description.

Williams and Craig face a preliminary exam in 35th district court Sept. 15.

Staff Writer Randal Yaakey contributed to this story.

Providence offers programs

The following free programs and events are being sponsored by Novi Park - Providence Medical Center:

• **Menopause Support Group**
This support group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., (248) 424-3348.

• **Cancer Support Group**
For adult cancer patients and significant others.

Meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., (877) 345-5500.

• **(MDDA) Manic Depressive - Depressive Association of Metro Detroit**

First and third Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), (248) 960-1288.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Every Tuesday and Thursday at noon, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile at Haggerty, (248) 344-9362.

• **Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group**
Second and fourth Thursdays of every month, 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road at Taft Road, Northville, (734) 427-5692 or (248) 553-2923.

• **Parents Supporting Parents**
Those coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth, or newborn death.

Fourth Thursday of each month at 8:30 p.m., Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 424-5342 or (248) 685-7556.

• **Overeaters Anonymous Support Group**
Every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.

No charge. Helpline: (248) 424-5342 or (248) 474-9456.

• **Children and adults with cerebral palsy, ADD or sensory integration dysfunction**

For children: Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Nov. 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Fridays, Sept. 8-Dec. 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Novi Park, Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.

For adults: Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Nov. 29, 6:35-7:35 p.m. Novi Park, Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.

Registration required, call 1-877-345-5500.

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• **High Carb, Low Carb, No Carb**
This class will discuss the pros and cons of the low carb diets.

Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m., Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), \$10 fee.

Registration is required: 1-877-345-5500.

• **Exercise and Techniques in Stress Reduction**
All are welcome. Exercises and methods of relaxation and stress relief.

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The Small Group Subscriber Director Selection Council is seeking candidates to serve on the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan board of directors.

Applicants must be Michigan residents and members of a BCBSM small group (a group with less than 150 contracts). If you're not sure of your group size, please check with your employer, association or chamber.

Board members serve for two years. Directors develop corporate policy, assure the company's financial stability and oversee management's execution of policy and compliance with the law.

For more information or an application form, please call the following toll-free number:

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Fuerst Farm

Help needed to spiff up historic property

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ing to determine what needs to be done and in what order.

Davis said the committee will have some of the prep work started a week before the clean-up date to get rid of harmful materials, like poison ivy, and to set up work stations.

Davis, along with fellow committee members Kelly Mucha, Ruth Ann Jinek, and Deborah, took a tour with Landscape Consultant Darla Leuke around the Fuerst Farm grounds on August 31, to determine what plant life needs to be replaced to keep the farm historically authentic and what can be retained.

Volunteers and donations are needed and are now being accepted through the Novi Chamber of Commerce office. To become an integral part of this renovation, call the office at (248) 349-3743 or fill out the sign-up sheet. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.

Shifts for the volunteer project are Friday 12:30 p.m. to Saturday 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 1-4 p.m., and 5-8 p.m.; and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Fuerst Property Community Project
September 15-17, 2000
Volunteer Sign-up

Name: _____
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Sunday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
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Please send to:
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4370 Expo Center Dr., Ste. 106
Novi, MI 48375
248-349-3743

Police academy is open to residents

By Randal Yekey
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department will hold its annual Citizens Academy September 15-17, 2000. The academy is open to all residents of Novi.

The class is open to any resident of Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and South Lyon age 21 or older. Those who work in the city are also welcome to attend. The classes are held three times a month in September and October and will concentrate on communications, investigations, narcotics, crime scene processing and will also provide a tour of the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office and the Michigan State Police Crime Lab and Evidence Room.

The Novi Police Department is actively seeking people who live or work in Novi or one of the surrounding areas to join in the program that familiarizes the public with police operations and procedures.

Beautification Commission ready for perennial exchange

Trade in your surplus of healthy plants for something you have always wanted as the Novi Beautification Commission presents the Fall Perennial Exchange on Saturday, September 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The exchange will take place at the Old Township Hall located on Ten Mile Road east of Taft.

For more information, call the Novi Civic Center at (248) 755-5628.

The Novi Senior Center would like for you to share your expertise. If you can attend the program, which will be held at the center from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., please call the Senior Center at (248) 347-0414.

Do you remember the "Great Depression"? Whether you lived in the city or on a dust bowl farm out west, this period of history shaped our lives in ways our children and grandchildren cannot understand.

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Novi Resident Dottie Alban said that the experience of being involved in the police academy has given her more insight into the how police operations work.

"I guess it was the silence of it all that I really liked," Alban said. "I was able to look at a body and see the entrance of a bullet. It was fascinating."

The academy course meets in 10 three-hour sessions alternating between the participating police departments. The course covers such topics as training, communications, criminal investigation, juvenile law, and tactical teams. Instruction consists of lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on experience. In addition to the classes, attendees will also receive tours of the five police facilities.

For more information call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Few younger people could meet this couple's pace

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the Aging (OSA), state Department of Community Health and the Michigan State Police.

"The Gieses are truly a model couple who inspire us to live loving and caring for others," said Cassia.

"Without a doubt, they have brought happiness to the lives of many senior citizens."

In a joint effort, the Gieses, who have been married 31 years, spend countless hours volunteering in and around the community. They lead a devotion for seniors at American House, go grocery shopping once a week for those who are too weak to leave their homes, pack meals for the Novi Senior Center's Homebound Seniors Program every Friday, and pay weekly visits to nursing homes to visit people who do not usually get visitors.

"Just to see their faces light up when we come to see them is a reward in itself," said Caroline Giese.

There's just so many people who need someone to love and to hear that they are loved."

"It just makes you feel so good," added George Giese.

Caroline Giese, a former nurse, and George Giese, a former tailor for Hudson's, have been living in Novi 18 years and say they couldn't be happier.

"Our lives are just so full with each other and what we do," said Caroline Giese.

"When it comes to volunteering, no matter how much we put in, we get so much more out of it. I don't know why more people don't do this kind of work."

While George, 74, and Caroline Giese, 85, may be living in their golden years, their age doesn't seem to slow them down any.

There are many unique things about this couple, but one of the most remarkable is their complete devotion to each other and their unending service to others," said Novi Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford.

Although both have had heart attacks, the two seem to let nothing stand in the way of putting others first.

"They never let their physical problems curtail or stop their involvement. Nothing gets them down," said Crawford. "When people see how they react to their problems, they are inspired."

In addition to showing nursing home seniors with love and attention, the twosome entertains the community with their music and stage talent.

George Giese has been the church organist and choir director at the Lutheran Church for the past 30 years and his wife sings in the choir every Sunday. They also donate their time as ushers for the Novi Theatres performances and have been involved in every Novi Senior Center Variety Show since it began.

"I really enjoy comedy," said Caroline Giese as she recalled a skit she and her husband did for the senior center's production of "Pizza With Porter."

"George sang, 'You Would Be So Nice To Come Home To,' and here I came out on stage with curlers in my hair, a robe and dark circles under my eyes," she laughed. "How he could sing 'I'll never know'."

Crawford said the Novi Senior Center would not function as well as it does without the hard work and enthusiasm of the Gieses.

The needed people to serve as actors in our local cable commercial for the new senior van and Caroline and George agreed to do it," she said.

The two spunky seniors are inseparable.

"I don't leave him alone," laughed Caroline Giese, "we do everything together."

The Gieses have two children, four grandchildren, and are also the adopted parents of Linda Wickert, founder and artistic director of the Novi Theatres.

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The two spunky seniors are inseparable.

"I don't leave him alone," laughed Caroline Giese, "we do everything together."

The Gieses have two children, four grandchildren, and are also the adopted parents of Linda Wickert, founder and artistic director of the Novi Theatres.

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Ameritech must reach out and touch city

Ameritech has come under fire lately for its services and a Novi incident last week pinpoints some real changes in procedure that are needed.

Some 300 customers (or as many as 800) in two mobile home communities on Napier Road, Old Dutch Farms and Novi Meadows, lost their phone service from Tuesday to Saturday due to a water seepage problem. A first contact by one customer with Ameritech indicated that the phones might be off the hook until early October.

Later, an Ameritech company representative explained that while one customer might be out of luck for that extended time period, with so many people without service, the firm would speed up repairs. Meanwhile, residents with cell phones were making their way to their neighbors.

Ameritech contacted no Novi officials about the potentially dangerous scenario on the city's west end. Not until late that week were Novi's city hall, the police and fire departments made aware of the outage.

Many residents of the mobile home communities are seniors. Not everyone might have made contact with a neighbor with a cell phone, should a 9-1-1 call be necessary. And those with cell phones could not be expected to remain at home all week, in case their phone was required.

So as State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, put it "plain common sense" demands that in such a case, a utility company such as Ameritech notify the city of what is a potential safety hazard. Cassis said she'll be looking into the matter and perhaps the possibility of a state statute requiring notification to local police.

An Ameritech spokesperson said that typically the phone company would notify the police, but 300 customers didn't seem a sufficiently large number to trigger this response. We beg to differ with her there; 30 in a neighborhood isolated without phones is a cause for concern.

Meanwhile, Ameritech should have been out there distributing cell phones, not forcing people to rely on the kindness of neighbors.

Lawyers should have had chance to present case

Being in the minority of one is not an easy place to be, but sometimes it's the right place to position yourself. Which is exactly where Novi City Council Member Lou Csordas was last week.

The council majority agreed to oust longtime city attorneys Fried, Watson and Bugbee and Cooper, Shifman, Gabe, Quinn and Seymour last week, in favor of Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex and Morley.

This was on the recommendation of the Consultant Review Committee, composed of three council members.

It's true that the handwriting may have been on the wall when Novi's former law firm lost the infamous Sandstone lawsuit last year, to the tune of \$53 million plus potential interest. That case is now in appeal and many question the circuit court judge's ruling.

Finding a new lawsuit became a politically popular thing to do, as Novi residents reeled from the possibility of paying taxes into the developer's bank account.

Here's where Csordas took his stand, which in no way reflects on the merits of the

new city attorneys. He simply said he would have liked the opportunity to interview both law firms at a city council meeting. Csordas is not on the Consultant Review Committee.

And we agree with him that such an interview should have happened at a regularly televised city council meeting, for several reasons. One is that there is great public interest in anything relating to the Sandstone lawsuit. And the public can't watch Consultant Review Committee meetings on Cable Channel 13.

Another reason is that the past law firms, with a long track record of serving Novi, deserved the opportunity to present their case to the city in a public forum. Fried, Watson and Bugbee, for example, had been with Novi for over 25 years. The firm's lead attorney, David Fried, has a history with the City of Novi extending back to its incorporation 30 years ago and beyond.

So Csordas was correct, the final interview process should have been before the full Novi City Council. That would have been the right thing to do and the fairest course of action.

Novi News Quote of the Week

We're waiting for the warrants and I expect to arraign him sometime this week. He's going bye-bye for a long time."

Daniel Roy
Novi Police Detective



Praiseworthy

Novi residents George and Caroline Glese are such dedicated volunteers that they've been named State Seniors of the Year. They do their hometown proud.

LETTERS

Mayor writes

I read the following letter to the Aug. 28 city council meeting:

I would like to take this opportunity, which I hope will set the record straight, as to the language in the proposed bond proposal.

This matter has been discussed at several meetings of which were open to the public and which provided for the opportunity for public comment. That road bond provides as follows:

Neighborhood/Subdivision Street Improvements
• \$1,080,000 per year for five years of expanded neighborhood pavement and resurfacing - \$5,400,000

Intersection Safety and Capacity Improvements
• Novi Road and Ten Mile - \$25,000*
• Novi Road and Grand River - \$45,000*
• Meadowbrook Road and Ten Mile - \$100,000

• Beck Road and Ten Mile - \$250,000
• Ten Mile and Cranbrook Drive - \$250,000
• Fourteen Mile and Novi Road - \$205,000

• Nine Mile and Haggerty Road - \$20,000
• Eight Mile and Beck Road - \$85,000
• Fourteen Mile and Welch Road - \$100,000

(* These improvement amounts are smaller due to dollars being leveraged by the Novi Road major street improvement listed in the next category.)

Leveraged Dollars - Major Street Improvements

(Leveraged amounts appear in parentheses)
• Beck Road Interchange - \$6,000,000
(Leverage \$24,000,000 State Funds)

• Novi Road: Ten Mile to Grand River - \$1,115,000
(Leverage \$9,480,000 State Funds; \$1,185,000 County Funds)

• Grand River: Beck Road to bridge over CSX - \$4,250,000
(Leverage \$5,000,000 State Funds)

• Grand River: City Limits east to Beck Road - \$550,000
(Leverage \$4,400,000 State Funds; \$550,000 County Funds)

Total Leveraged Dollars: \$44,815,000
Total Road Bond: \$18,395,000

We have passed a resolution that for five years, if approved, no new request will be made for road bond funds.

There is not money in this proposal to pave unpaved streets. I sought and I thought that in our meeting on the Road Bond, which was on a Saturday, Aug. 5, that I had made this very clear.

Also, I will go on record again saying that I am totally committed to seeing that all unpaved roads in this community are addressed fairly, equally and as soon as possible. I have stated that in November we will have a goal setting session to deal with a number of goals and I plan on presenting this as a number one priority item. Working together creatively, I feel that we can resolve this problem. However, this will take some time and I ask each one of the residents in our community to come together on this issue.

I think this summer with the number of projects going on, we have attempted to show the exercise of good stewardship of public funds in addressing the number one problem of our growing and vibrant community - our roads - local, major and arterial.

Whether you have been in Novi a short time, a lifetime, or as in my family's case, over 20 years, we all recognize that we must improve our roads if we are to maintain the vibrant community and quality of life we all sought here in Novi.

I can appreciate the community's concern and perhaps a certain level of frustration, but again, I call on everyone for their patience a little longer. This sound has been in office for ten months. I think a number of positive things for the community have been accomplished and more will be accomplished - one of them being on the agenda tonight (\$18 million road improvement) on Twelve Mile Road with no tax increases.

I ask everyone in this community to come together on this issue. We have one of the best communities in the state and together we can make it even better - we do not have time for the divisiveness of the past, which is both counter-productive, and destructive of all the good positive goals we want to achieve.

Mayor Richard Clark
City of Novi

Vote no for WL schools election

I recently had to register my daughter in Western High School for her freshman year. When I looked at her registration packet, I was shocked. I had to pay \$40 book deposit, \$5 registration fee, and \$45 for the yearbook and \$60 driving fee (just to drive to school). I am glad she is not driving yet. I put out \$100 and she hasn't even started school yet.

My questions are: Why a book deposit for freshmen only? Why does it cost to drive to school? Why do school activities cost money? My daughter said, "Mom, I can't join any of these activities, it cost too much."

Then I read they want a special school tax. I don't think this is fair. I am really

angry. What about the state's \$82 million that was made on the gas tax this summer? What about the lottery money? I thought that was to go to the schools. I will vote "No" on this special election. A lot of my neighbors feel the same way. What about the retired people who can't afford food and medicine? I will go door to door if I have to. Please vote "No." Wake up, Michigan. I feel we are being taken advantage of and we need to take action.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Debra Grubb

Typo in column

My dictionary says "Inflammable - tending to catch fire easily." Stephanie Fordyce said she spent last summer at "Christi's pool floating on Inflammables." Does she mean inflatable? If not, then I hope she will explain how to float on an "Inflammable."

Judy Favre

Share your opinions

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

In order to be fair to everyone, the Novi News will not run letters to the editor the week prior to an election that open new issues. Expressions of thanks to political supporters are best made by buying an advertisement.

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Don't just watch TV, make it

Since the kids are heading back to school, why not get some education too? You can learn operate a TV camera, shoot and edit video, or produce your own television shows.

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission and INFO TV-12, your community access cable channel, offers free television production classes to anyone who lives, works, attends an educational institution or belongs to a community organization in Farmington, Farmington Hills or Novi.

Have you ever wondered how a television show is produced? You will learn that and more in these classes. Learn what it takes to put a show together, including how to use a camera and how to operate the audio board. You will also become skilled in the proper way to direct a show.

Kathryn Bandemer Don't fret if you don't have experience with video production. Virtually everyone who takes the class is a beginner. This fall, SWOCC and INFO TV-12 offer Studio Production Workshops 7-10 p.m. on four consecutive Thursdays

(Sept. 7, 14, 21, and 28) at Time Warner Cable. A second session is scheduled in November at Time Warner Cable. In order to participate in the Studio Workshops, you must attend an access orientation. If you want to apply your new production techniques or test your old ones, register for the Advanced Studio Workshop. Two sessions are available on 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 and Monday, Dec. 4 at the SWOCC studio. To participate in this workshop, you must first complete an access orientation and Studio Workshop.

Want to learn how to use your own camcorder to create interesting programs? Impress the family with your expert vacation videos by taking the Camcorder Workshop. Get tips about remote production, including dealing with the tricky lighting and audio problems you may encounter. The Fall Camcorder Workshop begins on Oct. 4 and is held 7-10 p.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 25 at Time Warner Cable. You must complete an orientation before taking the workshop.

What do you do now? You can take the no obligation orientation class to discover more about the workings, policies and procedures and to find out if it's right for you. The first fall orientation was held Aug. 31. Call (248) 473-7266, ext. 14 for more information.

Kathryn Bandemer is the community relations specialist for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

OTHER OPINIONS

County's growth spurred going daily

This week is a big one for HomeTown Communications Network, the parent company of the newspaper you are reading today.

We've been in business since 1965, publishing weekly and twice weekly newspapers that serve hometowns all across Michigan. Up to now, we've never published a daily newspaper, mostly because we had no evidence our readers and advertisers wanted local news and information on a daily basis.

But this week marks the first issue of *The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*. The paper will be delivered to all subscribers of our twice weekly newspapers, *The Livingston County Press* and *The Brighton Argus*, weekdays in the afternoon and Sunday mornings before 6:30 a.m. It will be the first new daily newspaper started in Michigan in nearly 50 years and one of the few daily start-ups nationally in several decades.

So why did we decide to do it? Our own company philosophy pushed us. Our fundamental purposes for being in business — to enhance the lives of our readers, to nurture the hometowns we serve and to contribute to the business success of our advertisers — suggested an approach to newspapering quite unlike that of our big city daily newspaper competition. *The Daily Press & Argus* will be Livingston County's own newspaper, the mirror to and the voice for people who live there.

Our readers and advertisers urged us. Readers told us they wanted more local news more quickly than our twice weekly publication schedule. Advertisers wanted to deliver in the afternoon and Sunday mornings before 6:30 a.m. It will be the first new daily newspaper started in Michigan in nearly 50 years and one of the few daily start-ups nationally in several decades.

But it was the facts of Livingston County today that convinced us: Today, Livingston County is the most rapidly growing county in Michigan — triple the rate of Oakland County! A county growing this fast needs a local newspaper to report the news from a hometown point of view and to advocate concerns of local residents.

Livingston County is big, with more than 150,000 people living in nearly 50,000 residences throughout the county. In fact, Livingston County is the largest county in Michigan without its own daily newspaper. When we announced our decision to go daily, a lot of people told us, "Well, it's about time."

We found the combination of factors overwhelmingly persuasive. And so we have started a new daily newspaper. It's a big step and, I admit, a little scary.

But it's a step entirely consistent with the way we have conducted our business for 35 years. We want our hometown newspapers to be the essential tool for our readers and their families to lead the good life in their own hometowns.

That means we try to report the news from a local perspective, take editorial positions that represent the interests of the communities we serve and always be responsive to the needs and interests of our readers. Our purpose is to put out newspapers that are useful and relevant to the daily lives of our readers; we call it "news you can use."

I hope this newspaper lives up to this standard. If you agree, please tell me and I'll pass your comments on to the staff. If you don't, please don't hesitate to contact me and I'll try to find ways to make changes.

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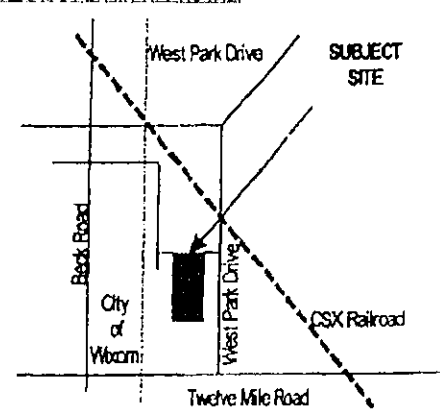
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 20, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **WEINGARTZ GOLF & TUBES, 500-45**, located north of Twelve Mile Road west of West Park Drive in the Back West Corporate Park for **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND WOODLANDS PERMIT APPROVAL**.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2000.

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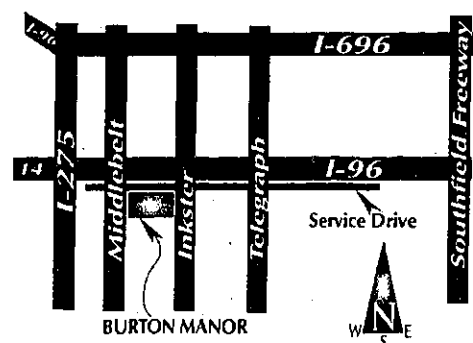
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By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

While you may not have seen a lot of poodle skirts or greasers with slicked back hair, the Waltonwood Retirement and Independent Living Community rang out the oldest music and wheeled in classic cars for their 50s Festival last month.

With food, arts and crafts and even antiques appraiser Virginia Fournier, interested parties came to view the cars, as well as take a tour of the grounds.

"We decided to do this so that we could invite people in and show them what our community is all about and what we have to offer," said Director of Senior Housing Herb Haylock.

"There's been well over a hundred through already so we're really pleased."

Farmington Hills residents Mar-

cel Bouck and Betty O'Connor said came out on the sunny afternoon to take a look at the senior apartments.

"Well, we have a friend moving in and we wanted to see what the place was like," said Bouck.

While the ladies stopped to check out the vintage cars, they reminisced about the vehicles they used to own.

"We used to have a 1949 Ford with a little back seat," said O'Connor. "It was our first used car."

Westland resident Jim Brafford brought his turquoise and white 1956 Ford Victoria for the show.

"I'm real proud of that car," he said. "She's won four best of shows and 13 first place trophies."

That is quite a considerable accomplishment, considering Brafford only bought the car in February.



Participants of Waltonwood 50s Fest look under the hood.

Waltonwood Manager Michelle Connell said they decided to choose a 1950s theme to tie in with the Novi Music and Motor Fest as well as the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for Novi News. Her e-mail address is sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net

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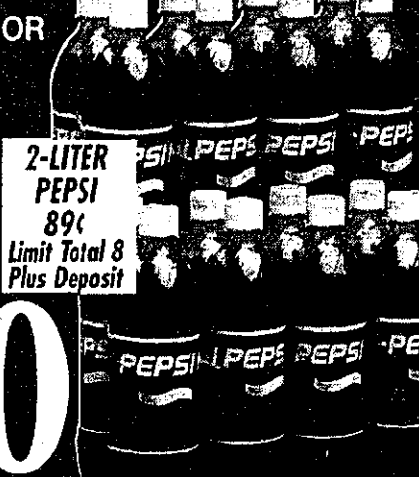
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(Left) A colored postcard of Main Street in Northville during the time of horse and buggies (early 1900s.) Many times people would color in the picture on the postcard.
(Above) Parmenter's Cider Mill was the subject of a postcard before it burned down in the late 1970s.

OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Postcards remain unique collector's item

Who hasn't thought of traveling back through time?

For those who live in Northville or are frequent visitors here, it's not difficult to imagine what the quaint city might have looked like in days gone by.

Tom Morrison

Resident Tom Morrison finds it easy to picture the past. He collects antique postcards of Northville, with examples ranging from the late 1800s to the late 1970s.

For the past ten years, Morrison has scouted for the postcards at antique shows. Most of his treasures cost under \$10.

His collection began to really grow two years ago when he started shopping on eBay. While on line, he sometimes has to fend off the competition. It's a rugged world out there on the Internet.

"I'm not going to tell you my secrets. If it's something really neat, there's no limit. If a guy wants something, you get really macho," he said. "I have stayed up late to bid on things when I love them."

To succeed in on-line auctions, you've got to be vigilant and tough. Like the legendary big fish, there's always the one item you can't land.

"You want to hear about the one that got away? It was Stinson Aircraft. My dad used to work for Stinson Aircraft," Morrison said. "You procrastinate and you've lost it."

Morrison is especially interested in shots of Main Street that show the building he now owns, where he and his wife, Nelda, run Morrison's Antiques.

Nelda Morrison said that some experts consider the years 1900 through the 1920s the golden age of post cards, but the Victorians too loved this easy way to send a message. Some of the most glorious and popular full-color examples feature holidays such as Christmas, Easter and Halloween. Most sell for under \$10.

At the upper end of the price range, pushing to over \$20, are the naughty post cards.

"The risqué ones go for a lot of money," Nelda Morrison said. "If you just showed a bit of leg, it was risqué for Victorians."

Morrison isn't precisely sure how old his building on Main Street is, but in 1938 the dime store chain D & C converted the structure into their standard outlet by taking the third floor off and lowering the second floor.

He's got some great downtown postcards with shots



Two women chat in Northville during the early 20th century.

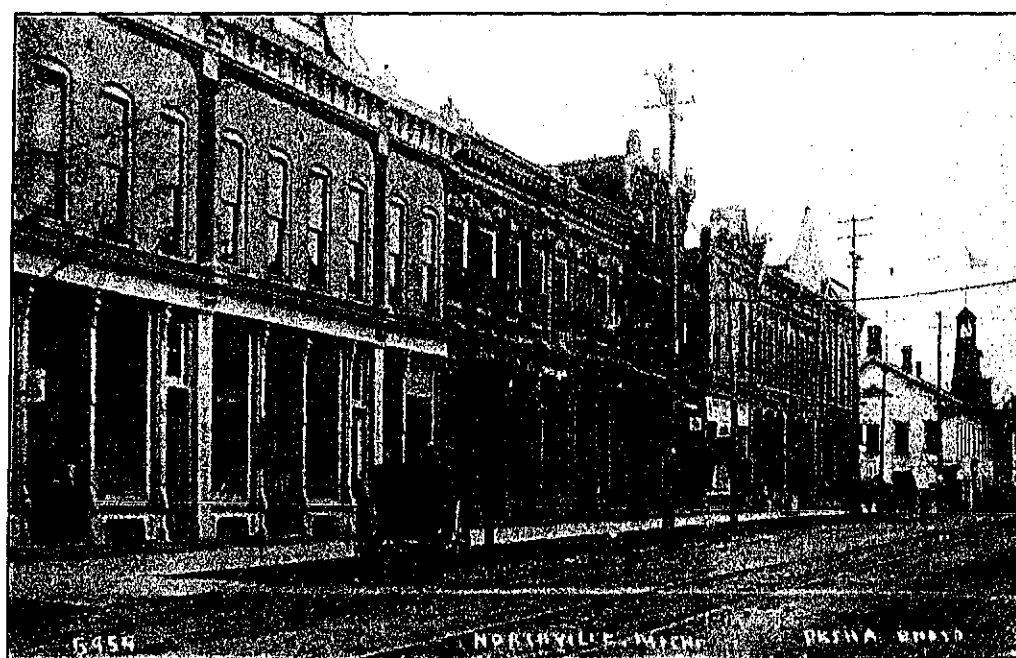
of his building. His Main Street scenes range from horse and buggy days to the early era of automobiles.

Among the collection, Morrison has a 1906 view of "Lover's Lane Northville," but it's not any readily recognizable location today.

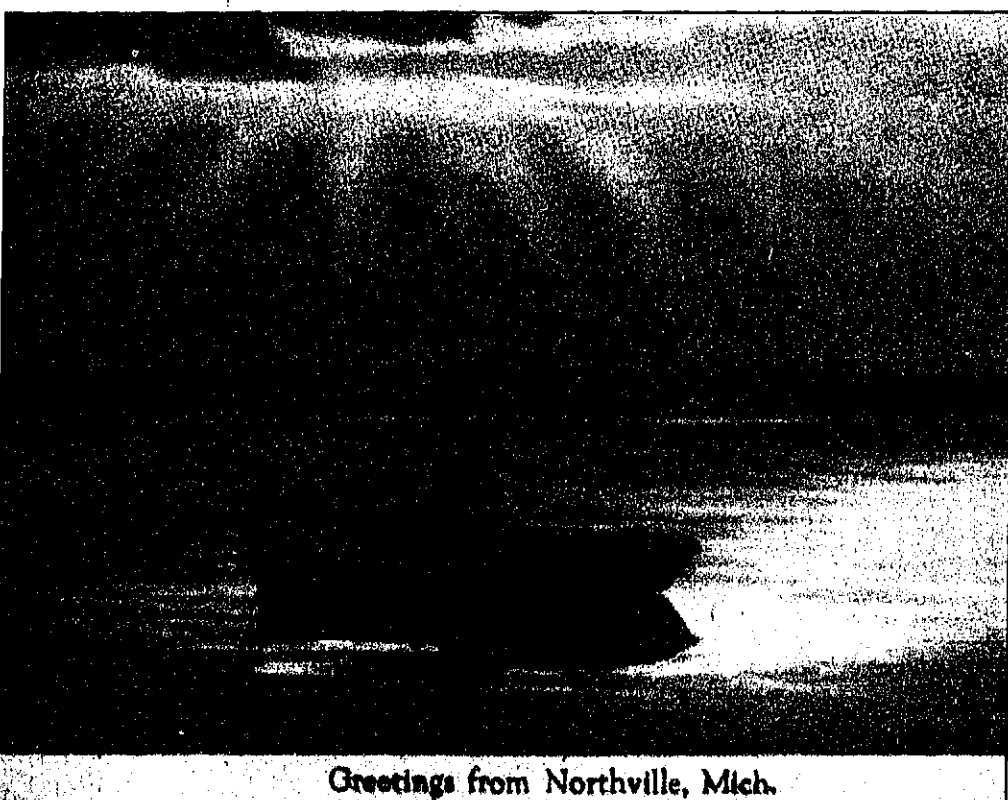
"I think that is a standard post card they sent to every small town and changed the name," Morrison said.

Back in those days, the post mark didn't just carry the date, but the time it was mailed. Sometimes the messages are as interesting as the cards, because post cards didn't come with spell check. One of the cards in Morrison's stash bears a message from an early 1900s Northville woman who was confused as she attempted to purchase a set of new forks. She confessed that she'd mistaken oyster forks for pie forks.

Today, to solve that pressing problem, you'd have to e-mail Martha Stewart's Web site

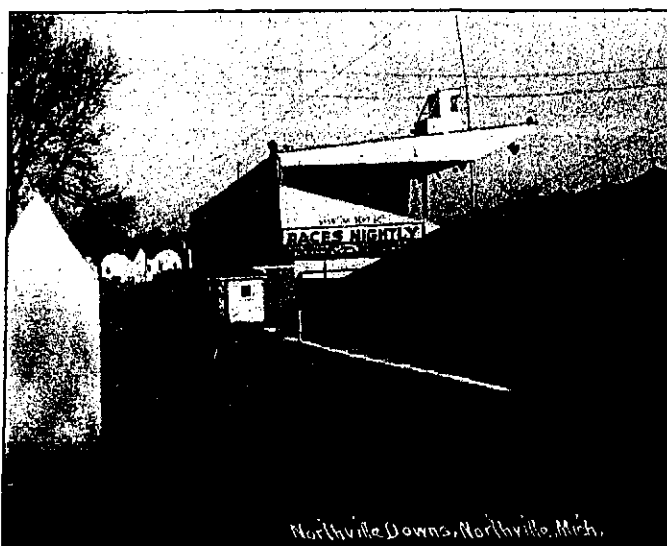


(Above) Main Street in Northville when the road was still dirt, circa 1911.



Greetings from Northville, Mich.

(Above) A generic postcard turned into a greeting from Northville in the 1930s or 1940s.



(Above) Northville Downs in 1950.
(Left) Northville's Main Street when the post office was located downtown, circa 1930s. The last building on the right is the Northville Record's current office.

MESSAGE IN A POSTCARD

In the days before e-mail, people still kept in touch by means of quickly jotted messages.

Here's what was written on the back of three old postcards featuring images of Northville:

- A scene of "Lover's Lane," Northville, dated May 15, 1906.

- Sent to Miss Helen C. Watson with this message: "From what I hear, this is a favorite walk of yours." Unsigned.

- A picture entitled "Along the trolley line, Phoenix Tunnel, between Northville and Plymouth, Michigan."

- Sent to Mrs. F. C. Manney of Seattle in 1911.

- "Dear Cousins L. & F., This will let you know we still remember you. All here are about as usual. I've been down and out again for five weeks. Clara is doing finely at school. Will soon start her in music. By By, Rose D."

- A scene of downtown Northville mailed on May 13, 1911 at 7:30 p.m. to Miss Genevieve Adams of New Boston, Michigan.

- "Believe me this is some town. But we beat Northville 16 to 13." Signed "Guess."

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Novi Highlights

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

This year's annual ChickenFest will be held Sunday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. on the church grounds. The menu is in charge of preparing the chickens on an outside grill; the dinner will also include AuGratin potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, and lemming coffee and ice tea. Hosting this event are Steve and Denise Pearson and Bob and Sue Derow. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, less for children.

The Women's Service Club will resume meetings starting Sept. 12. On the agenda is the church fall rummage sale scheduled for Oct. 13 and 14. The club's officers are: Mary Corbett, president; Mable Bailey, secretary; and Peg Patton, treasurer. Items needed for the sale include everything but large furniture; donations can be brought to the church that week, following the Sunday, Oct. 8 service or before that date.

The bag sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 so once again, the church is asking everyone to save their paper grocery bags for use on that day.

The Rev. Daley Memorial golf outing was held in August at the Fox Creek Golf Course. Mr.

Daley was well-known and a strong contributor to the church. His love of golf encouraged this special event. The outing was done in a four-person scramble format which included 18 holes of golf, a cart, light lunch at the turn, and a \$10,000 hole-in-one. Prizes were awarded for the longest drive and nearest-to-the-pin drive for both men and women. The event was followed by a buffet dinner hosted by Steve Pearson and Norm Kubitsky.

CHARTER HOUSE OF NOVI
The Charter House Community Council recently held the annual family ice cream social for residents and their families. Each year, the council holds fundraisers (a May bake sale and a bazaar or rummage sale in the fall) with proceeds going towards activities for the residents, such as the ice cream social.

The council members are residents, some family members, and Novi citizens. This year, they served about 250-300 family members, grandchildren, and family or caregiver friends.

Programs continue to grow with the new activity director, Amy Lawless who has added an additional staff member, Dawn Butler. Newly added activities

include: The "Passing the Torch" on Sept. 15, the commencement of the Charter House Olympics. A different event will be held each day: yarn ball shot put; soap opera relay; CION derby; big game hunter; and ending with an olympic party on Sept. 22.

Thirteen residents will be celebrating their birthdays at the monthly birthday party on Wednesday, Sept. 27. Family members and caregivers are invited to the celebration.

Joe Kocis is in charge of the Rainbow Store, a fundraiser, which sells an assortment of items: candy bars, pop, etc., for families to purchase when visiting their resident. Also, a cookie sale is held every Thursday, thanks to Rita Cowling, 99, baker of the goodies.

A drawing class has been created and instructed by resident Catherine Reinhold. Soon to start will be the bowling league and Book Club of the Month. Entertainment will be provided by the Piazza Dancers at the end of the month.

Volunteers are always needed. If interested, please call Amy at 477-2000 for further information.

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS
Vickie Balchunas, chairperson of interest group activities welcomes suggestions for newly created activities and groups.

The Book Club will resume their meetings. The first one will be held Sept. 20 at Border's Bookstore Cafe; an interesting book for discussion will be "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." The club meets the third Wednesday of the month.

Bowling is held at the Novi Bowl on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. The league started last week with a brief meeting prior to bowling; substitutes are welcome.

Nursery care is also available. Saturday Evening Couples League meets on Saturday, once a month at 8:30 p.m., September through May.

Evening Bunko will start Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. under the leadership of Joe Blount.

Daytime Bunko started Sept. 7 and will meet again on Oct. 5. Kitty Vagas is chairperson of the group.

The Couples Euchre Group has started with its next meeting on Friday, Sept. 8.

Other groups include Ladies Night Out at the Movies; the Lunch Bunch; Moms and Tots; Play Group; and Baby-sitting Co-op.

NOVI EDUCATION
In addition to the Fall 2000 brochure, there is one brochure just for children and teens. Gift certificates for various programs are available. Registration for classes is in progress. Call 449-1206 for more information.

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Northville Garden Club membership is open to anyone interested in gardening and community service. Call Charlotte Lenk, 349-8111 or Yvonne DeMatteis at 348-1946 for information.

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The Novi Camera Club meets Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Novi Community Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The subject for the evening will be "Composition - Better Pictures with Better Knowledge."

Guests and friends are always welcome.

ASTHMA HEALTH FAIR OPEN HOUSE

An Asthma Health Fair Open House will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 at the new Henry Ford Medical Center in Plymouth, 14300 Beck Road. Educational displays exhibit will be from 9 a.m. to noon; speaker at 11 a.m.

Includes:

- Ask the respiratory therapist about: Bring your current medications;
- Complimentary peak flow meters, record keep and inhaler spacers;
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AAUW CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Northville/Novi branch of the American Association of University Women will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the local group at a banquet on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the Meadowbrook

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WALSH COLLEGE OFFERS FINANCIAL FUNDAMENTALS FOR MANAGERS

Walsh College provides professional advancement certifications and technical computer training. Call the Professional Services department for further information and registration, (248) 689-8282, ext. 260 or fax, (248) 689-7816. The following class schedule is for Monday, Sept. 11 at the Novi campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road.

"Financial Fundamentals for Effective Managers"

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Miss Karen will present Storytime at Baby Baby Resale, 302 E. Main, Northville on Tuesdays, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 at 1 p.m. Imaginative songs and chants highlight favorite children's books in these free 30- to 40-minute interactive programs.

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WALK TO CURE DIABETES

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Society will meet Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville. Thomas Genova from the Michigan Photographic Historical Society will present a slide show of photos from the 1800s from his extensive collection. Are you aware that the old photos you may have stuffed away in your closets, attics and/or basements may be treasures? Members and interested persons may bring a few photographs for appraisal or dating purposes to the meeting.

CHORUS AUDITIONS

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Chorus will be holding auditions for its winter season concert on Tuesday, Sept. 5 and 12 at the Farmington Hills Activity Center. If you have ever wanted to sing, now is your chance, come down and experience this very enjoyable activity and meet the over 48,000 plus member chorus. Members come from the entire metro Detroit area. Living in the Farmington area is not a requirement. The chorus performs two major shows each year, a holiday concert and a spring concert as well as performances at the Farmington Founders Festival and at Heritage Park. This year marks our 20th anniversary and we would love for lots of our previous members to come back and participate in this special year.

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This is an exciting musical opportunity for area residents 18 years of age and older. Musical experience is not necessary but is helpful. All sheet music and a practice tape is provided.

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Auditions will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. Both nights and registration will be the following week for those accepted. There is a small city of Farmington Hills registration fee.

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For further information, please contact chorus manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516.

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Please call the center at (248) 349-4140 to register.

NEW HOPE GOLF OUTING

JoAnne Purian, daughter of Detroit radio personality Dick Purtan, will be the special guest at the second annual "Good Grief" golf outing to benefit Novi Hope Center for Grief Support. Over 100 golfers are expected to participate in the event on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon.

PLAYMOUTH CHOIR LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

The 120-member Plymouth Community Chorus will be presenting its annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 1-3 with rehearsals starting Sept. 5.

PLAYMOUTH CHOIR LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Open auditions for new members will be held Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

PLAYMOUTH CHOIR LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Auditions by appointment will be held on Tuesdays, Sept. 5, 12 and 19 at 7 p.m. All auditions will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon in Plymouth.

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MOVIES

Karl Kling, Editor 248-685-1507

Thursday, September 7, 2000

Crowe's newest film is "Almost Famous"

Cameron Crowe's first film since his Academy Award-nominated hit "Jerry Maguire" captures a pivotal time in the history of rock and roll. Set in 1973, it chronicles the funny and often poignant coming of age of 15-year-old William (Patrick Fugit), an unabashed music fan who is inspired by the seminal bands of the time.

When his love of music lands him an assignment from *Rolling Stone* magazine to interview the up-and-coming band Stillwater - fronted by lead guitar Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup) and lead singer Jeff Bebe (Jason Lee) - William embarks on an eye-opening journey with the band's tour, despite the objections of his protective mother (Frances McDormand).

With the help of the lovely "band aid" Penny Lane (Kate Hudson), William finds himself drawn into the band's inner circle and more a participant in the band's dynamics. The fledgling reporter loses the objectivity to tell his story honest-



Actor Billy Crudup (left) and writer/producer/director Cameron Crowe take a moment between scenes on the set of Dreamworks Pictures' "Almost Famous".

ly, and learns a life-changing lesson about the importance of family - the ones we inherit, and the ones we create.

DreamWorks Pictures presents a Vinyl Films Production, written and directed by double Academy Award nominee Crowe.



Posing in front of the Stillwater tour bus are Dick Roswell (Noah Taylor), William Miller (Patrick Fugit), Penny Lane (Kate Hudson), Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup), Sapphire (Fairuza Balk), Jeff Bebe (Jason Lee), Poexia (Anna Paquin), Larry Fellows (Mark Kozelek), Beth (Olivia Rosewood) and Ed Vallencourt (John Fedevich).



Wesley Snipes in Morgan Creek's, Franchise Pictures' and Amen Ra Films' international thriller, "The Art of War," distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures.

Snipes engages in the Art of War

He is both agent and weapon - a critical line of defense for the Secretary General of the United Nations. He does not even officially exist.

Acclaimed action star Wesley Snipes is Neil Shaw, an American agent who must uncover an international plot to bring down the United Nations on the eve of an historic summit with China.

A group of murdered Chinese refugees is found in a container in the New York harbor, setting off a bizarre and mysterious chain of events leading to the murder of the Chinese U.N. Ambassador. When Shaw is accused of the crime, he must go underground - in effect, vanish from his own life, to solve the mystery and clear his name. He can trust no one except a

beautiful U.N. translator (Marie Matiko) who may hold the key to a global conspiracy of cataclysmic proportions.

The film also stars Anne Archer ("Clear and Present Danger") as Shaw's supervisor, Hooks, an ambitious FBI agent Maury Chaykin ("Entrapment") as Capella; Marie Matiko ("The Corruptor") as Julia Fangm the U.N. translator who is Shaw's only ally; and Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa as Chan, the ruthless businessman Shaw suspects of being the mastermind behind the plot; with Michael Blehn ("Aliens", "Terminator") as Shaw's American agent partner, Bly; and Donald Sutherland ("A Time To Kill") as U.N. Secretary General Thomas.

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Novi cruises to 38-0 win over Eagles

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It's difficult for Novi coach Tab Kellepourey to accurately gauge the way his team's prepared itself for tomorrow night's game against Brighton.

Difficult because his team has had a quick-strike offense which hasn't been on the field long enough to sustain ball-control drives of the likes his team will need against the mighty Bulldogs. Novi roughed up North Farmington 34-7 in the season opener before disposing of Lakeland 38-0 last Friday night.

Much like what happened in the opener, where

Novi jumped out to a 28-0 first-quarter lead, the 'Cats scored on their first three possessions against the Eagles.

It took Novi just three plays to get on the scoreboard. Following a defensive stand, junior quarterback Matt Gorman pounded his way into the end zone for a one-yard touchdown and a 7-0 lead for his team.

From there the quick-strike attitude of the 'Cats set in as Novi needed just one play after getting the ball back to score again. Gorman rolled back and found junior Jake Ray on a deep route and a 59-yard touchdown strike. The score was the first of the season for Ray and gave his team a 14-0 lead.

"In each of the first two games we've scored so quickly that I don't think our opponents have had a chance to adjust," Kellepourey said. "There hasn't been a lot of settling into our game going on. We need to be establishing ourselves."

Novi upped its lead to 21-0 on its next possession as Blake Meyers broke free for a 55-yard touchdown run on the first play of the team's next possession.

Novi would add a 32-yard J.R. Muldoon field goal to take a 24-0 lead into the half.

On the opening play of the second half, backup quarterback Drew Doll ran the option 51 yards for another Novi touchdown, giving his team a commanding 31-0 lead.

"These are easy points when they happen like that," the coach said. "But I'm a little worried about that."

Adam Haberman broke free for a 62-yard scamper in the fourth quarter to complete the scoring for the 'Cats, who accumulated 355 yards on the ground. Gorman led the way with 77 yards on 10 carries. Meyers had 58, Doll 54 and Fred Napier 52.

Gorman was 4 for 8 through the air for 88 yards and the touchdown to Ray. Ray had two catches in all for 63 yards and Tyson Prantz hauled in a 16-yard

catch.

Despite the 443 total yards of offense Kellepourey's team amassed, Novi had just eight first downs in the game. The defense allowed just 30 yards of total offense.

Chris Kauffman and Cas Werda led the team with seven total tackles. Six of Werda's takedowns were of the solo variety. Trey Simpson had four solo tackles and two assists while Ray had five and one.

The win ups Novi's record to 2-0 with tomorrow's game against Brighton looming. Brighton overcame a 14-point deficit a year ago in their 17-14 win over the 'Cats.

"We're not going to be able run the ball 50 yards a pop against this team," Kellepourey said. "We'll be happy with four, five and six yard runs. They've got too much speed out there on the field."

Brighton is also bringing a 2-0 record into the game after defeating Milford 42-6 last Friday night.

**NOVI 38
LAKELAND 0**

They've got skills

HomeTown rates the KVC's best soccer talent

By JASON SCHMITT, STEVE BELL and JOE STEELE
Sports Writers

Just when you thought the Kensington Valley Conference soccer talent pool couldn't get any better, the league goes out and brings in Pinckney, a team which finished 17-2-2 overall a season ago and claimed conference and district titles along the way.

The Pirates, who join the KVC after having competed in the Southeastern Conference last year, reached the regional semifinals last year. Their talent is a perfect match for the KVC, which has become one of the best soccer conferences in the state the past several seasons. Just two years ago conference powerhouses Novi and Brighton played in the state title game, with the Wildcats walking away with the school's first-ever state soccer championship. Last year Brighton avenged that loss by winning the league title.

Those two schools will most likely battle it out again this season, but a few other schools, such as Pinckney and Hartland, won't let them walk away with the title. Both schools have built strong programs which are prepared to do battle with the 'Dogs and 'Cats.

Just to prove it, HomeTown sports writers Joe Steele, Jason Schmitt and Steve Bell, along with the league's coaches, have selected the top talent in the league this year. Most schools are represented on the list, which proves, from top to bottom, the KVC will once again be a league to watch as the state playoffs begin in late October.

1) Brandon Davis — Novi

He's played on a state championship team and was an offensive power as a sophomore last season, leading the team to the state quarterfinals. He tallied 11 goals and had 15 assists last year, and when healthy may be one of the best in the state. Will head up a potent Novi offense this season.

2) John Webber — Brighton

This senior midfielder will be instrumental in helping the Bulldogs put together another successful season. Last year, Webber notched nine goals and added four assists for Brighton as a senior. He is a starter who, according to coach Dushan Shiposh, "plays about all day long, every day."

3) Nick Sloan — Novi

He followed up last season's all-state soccer accolades by finishing runnerup at the Division I wrestling finals at the Joe. But don't let his size (210 pounds) or

strength fool you. He's one of the best athletes at Novi and should be the best goalie in the KVC.

4) Dave Silski — Pinckney

Coach Dan Harter expects Silski to be a leader on defense as the Pirates return to the KVC. Silski, a senior, is one of the few returning defensemen from last year's squad which finished with a 17-2-2 mark.

5) Kyle Taylor — Brighton

Taylor is one of the co-captains of the Brighton squad this season who Shiposh expects big contributions from. Last year as a junior, Taylor scored seven goals but he also added eight assists.

6) Chris Greene — Hartland

Greene showed signs of becoming one of the best players in the area as a sophomore last year. Coach Andrew Kartounnes is counting on him to continue to improve and lead Hartland to the top of the KVC.

7) Mark Howell — Brighton

Howell will get most of the playing time in net after splitting time last season. The senior goaltender is one to look out for, according to Shiposh. "He is one of the top goalies in the Livingston County area and also the state level."

8) Sean Thompson — Novi

One of the few remaining letterwinners from Novi's 1998 state championship team, this senior has the potential to be a top-3 player in the conference. Playing in the midfield, Thompson will be a catalyst for Novi's offense, setting up Davis and fellow forward Vince Sloan for what should be a balanced attack for Novi.

9) Keith McCaffery — Milford

He had a baptism under fire last season as only a sophomore, but more than held his own. McCaffery's not big, but he makes up for it with quickness and anticipation, and he's not afraid to get dirty.

10) A.J. Gay — Pinckney

Gay allowed just three goals to be scored against the Pirates in 11 games, making 71 saves last season. According to Harter, the senior goalkeeper has worked out most of the summer to improve his skills and should be a force in the KVC. "He is one of the better keepers around," Harter said.

11) Chris Schleuder — Novi

Novi should be deep and talented

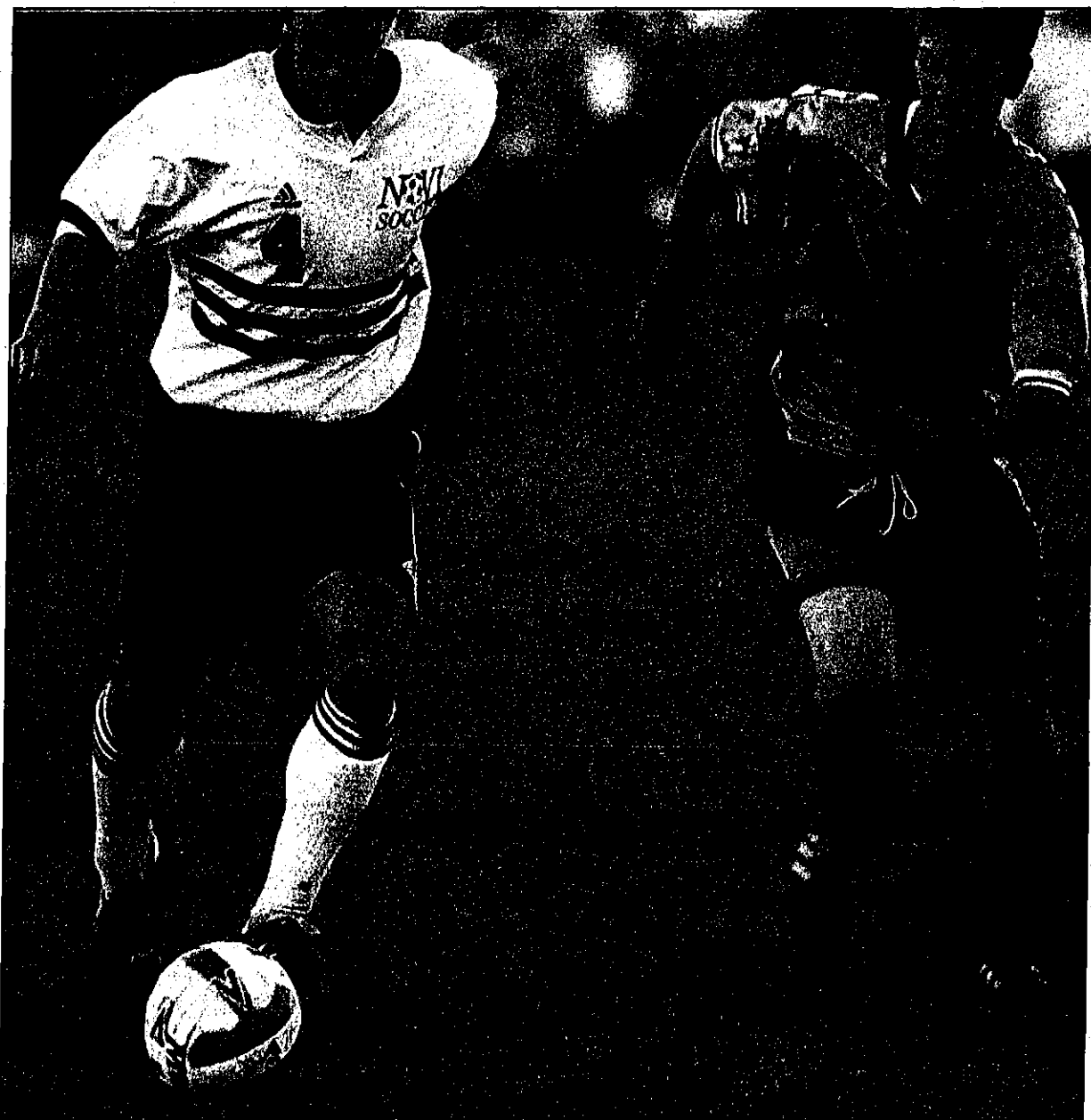


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2000 Novi grad Joe Irimescu (above) may have been the KVC's top player in 1999, but Brandon Davis is this year's best.

throughout their starting lineup, but Schleuder will be the key on defense. If he plays well and anchors the Wildcat's defense, Novi could challenge for a regional title or more.

12) Jonathon Hernandez — South Lyon

South Lyon is still trying to find itself this season. When it does, Hernandez will be a big part of whatever success is to come. The senior forward was the Lions' top scorer last year with 11 goals and three assists. He already has an assist this season.

13) Jared Hoeft — Brighton

Hoeft is a versatile senior that Shiposh expects big things from this season. Shiposh played Hoeft at defenseman several times last season, even though he is better suited for a midfield spot. Due to the positions changes as well as injuries, Hoeft was able to contribute just one goal and one assists. The Bulldogs, and Shiposh, expect those numbers to increase as the season unfolds.

14) Simon Brymholf — Hartland

Brymholf, a senior sweeper, will lead a defense which has several key components

returning from last season.

15) Vince Sloan — Novi

He may be the best athlete on the field for Novi, but he's playing a new position and his coach said it may take him a while to adjust. Sloan matured as a sophomore defender, but has been moved to forward this season to utilize his skill and play-making ability. Look for him to score 8-10 goals for Novi.

Others to watch: Adam Kowalczyk (Milford), Kris Jansson (Lakeland), Paul Bursick (South Lyon), Daisuke Matsuura (Novi), Mike Crawford (Novi), Alan Holdorf (Novi).

'Cats beat Eagles, await Brighton

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Never leaving anything to

Soccer

coach said."

NOVI 4, LAKELAND 0

Leading just 1-0 at the half, Novi erupted for three second-half goals to pull out this league opener for both teams.

Vince Sloan, Churella and Matsuura each picked up goals in that second half while Alan Holdorf, Matsuura and Sean Thompson each picked up assists.

Novi had 21 shots in the first half, but were only able to muster up one goal (Holdorf). The team had 13 shots in the second half.

"Even though we had 21 shots in the first half, we're still not all on the same page and much of our offense comes from individual efforts instead of teamwork," O'Leary said. "In the second half we played more like a team and controlled the ball much better."

Mike Crawford and Kevin Mulvaney each saw a half of playing time in goal and shared the shutout for Novi.

chance, the Novi soccer team always does a nice job preparing itself well in the pre-Kensington Valley Conference schedule.

Brighton is coming to town tonight and Novi has already seen its share of good programs on the schedule, and it's also had time to heal a few key players for the conference showdown.

The Wildcats are 2-1 this season, having disposed of Lakeland 4-0 last Thursday after picking up a narrow 1-0 victory over Plymouth Canton two days earlier. They lost to Livonia Churchill 1-0 in the season opener.

Novi and Brighton have split the last two KVC titles, with Novi sweeping the Bulldogs in three meetings en route to the 1998 state title. Brighton came back to take the title last season.

"The Brighton game is big because for the first time in a while we don't know much about each other," head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Which ever team

comes out on top, the other will make certain adjustments and then we'll play it again (in the second meeting). By the time the district matchup comes along, both teams will need to be confident with their gameplans."

All-state goalie Nick Sloan will make his first appearance of the season after suffering a severely sprained ankle in the preseason. In his absence, several goalies including P.J. Collandro have stepped in a performed brilliantly.

One of Novi's biggest scoring threats, Brandon Davis, has been out of the lineup as well. Sophomore Josh Churella has done a nice job filling in at his position. Daisuke Matsuura has made up for the loss of offensive firepower, scoring a goal and picking up an assist in the Lakeland win.

"We're going to have to take advantage of our chances is we are going to beat Brighton," the

Cagers suffer nasty split

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Although it happened to avoid the problems

that come with youthfulness in its season opener against Walled Lake Central, the Novi basketball team fell victim to a vicious Farmington Hills Harrison team last Thursday night. The Wildcats suffered their worst loss in quite some time, falling 52-17 to the Hawks. Harrison's tenacious press defense, along with its transition game was far too much for Novi to handle.

"We had a hard time dealing with their pressure," assistant coach Rod Sullivan said. "We're young, with only four seniors on the team, and we were pressured all night long."

With Sullivan acting as head coach with Dennis Cichonowski out of town on business, Novi was only able to muster up two field goals the entire game and trailed 32-1 at halftime.

"Over the last few years we've beat up on

some teams, so I didn't know what to say to the girls at the half," Sullivan said. "I told them that we needed to make some adjustments and go out there and win the second half. I was really proud of the fact that the kids worked hard throughout that second half."

Novi didn't win the second half, but they kept close to the more-experienced Hawks. Jenny Krysiak led the team with five points and Jaime Sabol added three points with her aggressive play down low.

The Cats did win one aspect of the game, outscoring Harrison 13-8 from the free-throw line.

NOVI 39, WL CENTRAL 31

Novi committed just six turnovers in the second half, compared to 25 in the first en route to this non-conference win over the Vikings in the season opener back on Aug. 29.

Novi led the game 19-18 at the half before once again making some adjustments to open up the game in the second.

"We really just tried to up our defensive pressure, and we did just that," Sullivan said. Led by senior guard Mickie Rzepka, Novi forced Central into a sloppy game while straightening out their offensive woes.

"We thought her (Rzepka) perseverance was evident in that second half," the coach said. "Central just couldn't get their offense going and we took advantage of that."

Junior center Megan Colligan led the Cats with 10 points, but made perhaps her biggest contribution to the team on defense. Colligan kept Central's best player, Amanda Smith, scoreless and eventually caused her to foul out.

Novi will host their own tournament tonight and Saturday at Novi High School. The Wildcats face Plymouth Salem in one semifinal game beginning at 7 p.m. tonight. Northville will take on Redford Bishop Borgess at 5:30 in the other semifinal. The consolation game will be played at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and the championship will take place at 7 p.m.

Despite hot and humid conditions at Cass Benton two weeks ago, the Novi girls' cross country team looked solid in the season opener against Northville and Livonia Stevenson.

The meet, scheduled as a scrimmage early in the season, didn't see many Novi runners finish. Just 17 of the team's 32 runners crossed the finish line. But that didn't surprise coach Norm Norgren at all.

"I think the entire summer waited to happen in the last two weeks," Norgren said. "The conditions were just atrocious."

Novi and Stevenson tied in the three-team scoring format with 35 points each. Stevenson would have actually won the meet with the sixth-runner tiebreaker. Northville scored 55 for a distant third. Sophomore Nina Schmitt pulled

out midway through the race, leaving Jenny Thomson to pace the Wildcats. The sophomore finished third overall in a time of 22:09. Teammates Vidya Mahadevan (5th), Bethany Kittle (6th) and Brittany Albright (8th) formed a tight pack for Novi. Schmitt was leading the race when she pulled out.

Margo Wolowicz was the team's fifth runner (13th), while Amanda Noworyta (18th) and Laine Williams (19th) rounded out the top seven. Novi's other runners were Emily Cross (21st), Tae Kono (23rd), Angela Borchard (25th), Vanessa Beard (30th), Lindsay Drake (38th), Kim Thompson (39th), Larissa Swast (43rd), Liz Dean (48th), Erin Robertson (49th) and Jenna Langthorn (59th).

Norgren said he was happy to see the holidays pass by and now he's looking forward to seeing his team get healthy as the Kensington Valley Conference season opens up today at Lakeland. Saturday the Cats will compete in the University of Detroit Invitational held at Cass Benton.

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Slopes earns honors...

Back in Mid-August, eight-year old Keith Slopes of Novi represented Michigan Martial Arts of Farmington Hills at the Michigan National Pro-Am Open Karate Championships. Slopes

brought home first place plaques for fighting, forms and board breaking. He was also awarded his brown belt in freestyle karate a week later. He is a fourth grader at Village Oaks Elementary.

Sports Shorts

GIRLS' FAST-PITCH TRYOUTS

The Novi-based Motor City Madness girls' fast-pitch softball organization will holding tryouts for next summer's teams over the next few weeks. Tryouts will take place on Sept. 17 and 24 at Power Park, located behind the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road between Tait and Novi roads.

U-10 and U-12 tryouts will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. while the U-14 tryouts will be held from 1-3 p.m. Age groups are determined by age as of Jan. 1, 2001. The number of teams in each age group will depend on the number of players and coaches. Interested girls should plan on attending tryouts on both dates.

For more information please call Gar Frantz (248) 348-4267 or Dennis Hagerty (248) 347-4298.

EXPOS TRYOUTS

The Novi Expos 13-year old travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2001 season on Sept. 9 and 16 from 4-6 p.m. They will be held at the Novi Community Sports Park (Field #8) at

Eight Mile and Napier roads. Contact (248) 348-3246 for additional information.

The 11-year old team will be holding their tryouts on Sept. 16-17, also at Community Sports Park (Field #8). Saturday's tryouts will be from 9-11 a.m. while Sunday's will run from 5-7 p.m. For more info, call Bryce Hartman at (248) 348-0983 or (248) 797-0337.

The 12-year old tryouts will be on Sept. 9 and 16 at the Community Sports Park (Field #8) from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call coach Carl Chandler. Tryouts for the 9-10 year old teams are yet to be determined. Call Brian McPherson at (248) 374-9778 for more info.

HOCKEY LEAGUES AVAILABLE

Ed's Sports, located at 22807 Heslip Drive in Novi, is now accepting players and teams for adult hockey leagues playing at the Novi Ice Arena this fall. The leagues are for over 20, 30, 40 and 50. Please call Ed at 1-800-924-6114 for more information or visit his website at www.edshockey.com

Golfers drop a close one

The Novi golfers fell to Northville by the slimmest of margins last Tuesday afternoon, 199-200 at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

Falling behind by five strokes after the first four-some came in, Novi battled their way back into the match with strong performances by freshman Eric Aytes and junior Derek Cole. Aytes followed up an impressive 78 in the first invitational of the season with an equally impressive 38 on the south course. Cole came in with a 39 to help gain a few strokes back on the Mustangs.

But they were the only two to break 40 as Pete Kobylarck (40), Matt Peurach (41) and Ryan Miller (42) all came in behind their counterparts.

Despite the loss, Novi coach Brad Huss was pleased with the performance of his first-year golfer. "It's pretty obvious that he's got us pretty excited," Huss said. "For him to come in here and golf the way he has the first two times out, that's incredible."

Novi travels to Lakeland today to face the Eagles and then host Brighton at the Links of Novi next Tuesday.

Hot Picks

The third season of football picks is underway, and everyone will be trying to top the two-time reigning champion, Jason Schmitt. The over-40-year-old has at least a 50 percent chance of finishing out of last place, we hope!

Northville at Franklin	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville
Brighton at Novi	Brighton	Novi	Brighton	Novi	Brighton	Novi	Brighton
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Farmington at Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Farmington	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Farmington
Rice at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Rice
Marshall at MSU	MSU	MSU	Marshall	MSU	MSU	MSU	Marshall
Ohio St. at Arizona	Ohio St.	Arizona	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
Washington at Detroit (NFL)	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Detroit
Chicago at Tampa Bay (NFL)	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Chicago
Oakland at Indianapolis (NFL)	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Oakland
Last Week	9-1	8-2	9-1	8-2	7-3	7-3	3-7
Season Record	9-1	8-2	9-1	8-2	7-3	7-3	3-7

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Health Notes

Free Foot Screenings

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

Intermediate Water Aerobics

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and post-physical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center at (248) 473-5600.

Child Clinic

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

Services include heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed.

Appointments are required. For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3341.

Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required.

The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome.

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

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Healthy Solutions Seminar

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks.

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

Blood pressure checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

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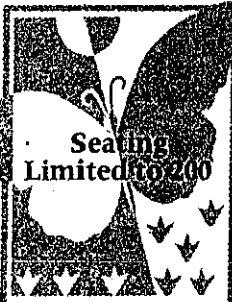
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