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Down at the farm

Back in the Fuerst family's days, they had to pay hired hands to do this kind of work. Last weekend, volunteers labored for free to clean up the city-owned historic site. It was all organized by the Novi Chamber of Commerce. A full-color photo page and the story are on — **Page 2-3A**

And a story on the Fuest Farm picnic is on — **Page 4A**

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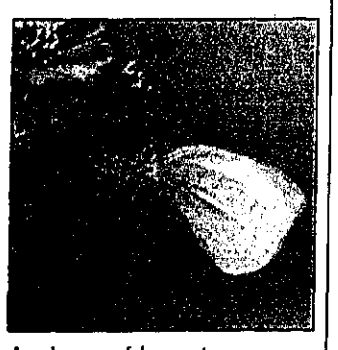

A place of beauty

Meadowbrook Glen residents Mary Ann and Bill Hurley have turned their quarter-acre backyard into a showplace garden that draws visitors of all kinds, including butterflies. The story's on — **Page 1AA**

SPORTS

Novi topples Lions

Coming off a 40-0 loss to Brighton a week earlier, one only knows how Novi fought back to defeat South Lyon 25-22 on the road this past week. For more details as well as coverage about the forfeitures of the Lions first three games, turn to sports — **Page 1B**

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$5M suit filed against schools

■ A third grade student gave his science experiment to a 7-year-old to eat. The results were disastrous.

Child injured by chemicals

By Stephanie Fordyce and Randal Yakey
Staff Writers

Claiming negligence, a $5 million lawsuit has been filed against the Novi Community School District and three district employees after a second grader at Novi Woods Elementary ate a toxic chemical used in a classroom science project.

According to a complaint filed in Oakland County Circuit Court on September 15, 7-year-old Paul Ghannam experienced severe ulcerations to his stomach after eating copper sulfate, a chemical with a blue, candylike appearance commonly used as a sewer and septic root killer.

"It's important to alert parents of the response of the Novi School District to prevent similar occurrences in the future," said David D. Grande-Cassell of King & Cassell, P.C., the law firm representing the Ghannam family. "The district can not continue to hide behind the shield of governmental immunity."

Ghannam ingested the copper sulfate after being offered the chemical by a third grade student on the bus ride home on April 12.

"The good news is that the prognosis of the child's long-term health is encouraging, but the damage caused by the gross negligence of the Novi Community School District and its employees is inexcusable," said Grande-Cassell.

"Sending 16 8-year-olds home with a deadly substance recklessly endangered the lives of many children."

The lawsuit requests judgment against the Novi Community School District, along with teachers Nancy Bain and Maggie Gonzalez-Sheeran

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Copper sulfate crystals, similar to those ingested by Paul Ghannam.

MIAs, POWs remembered at ceremony

■ Remembrance Day brings in everyone from bikers to a senator at Oakland Hills cemetery.

By Randal Yakey
Staff Writer

Anytime American forces have gone to war, there has always been a piper to sound the call and honor the troops as they go off to foreign lands.

Last Friday at dusk, the piper called to the missing men who went to fight for their country – and never returned.

In a ceremony for missing prisoners of war (POW) and soldiers missing in action (MIA) in Vietnam, Mayor Richard Clark, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, D-Michigan, as well as the MIA/POW families showed up at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens at Twelve Mile Road and Novi Road for the 2nd Annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day Observance.

"We're out here to honor the MIAs and POWs that have not come home yet," Clark said. "And even though they are not home, they will never be forgotten. We're not going to rest until they are brought home and this is a special way to remember them. And remind the community that there are a number of our military service personnel that did not come home."

Debra (Pineau) McClain, whose brother, Roland Ronald Pineau, is on the wall that lists the 62 men still missing from Michigan, was the mistress of ceremonies. McClain asked the crowd to continue the vigil until all the remains of the missing American soldiers are returned home.

"We must continue to promote the effort to bring them all home," McClain said. "My family will continue to sit here until they all come home. Thankfully, Recognition Day

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The boys of burlesque

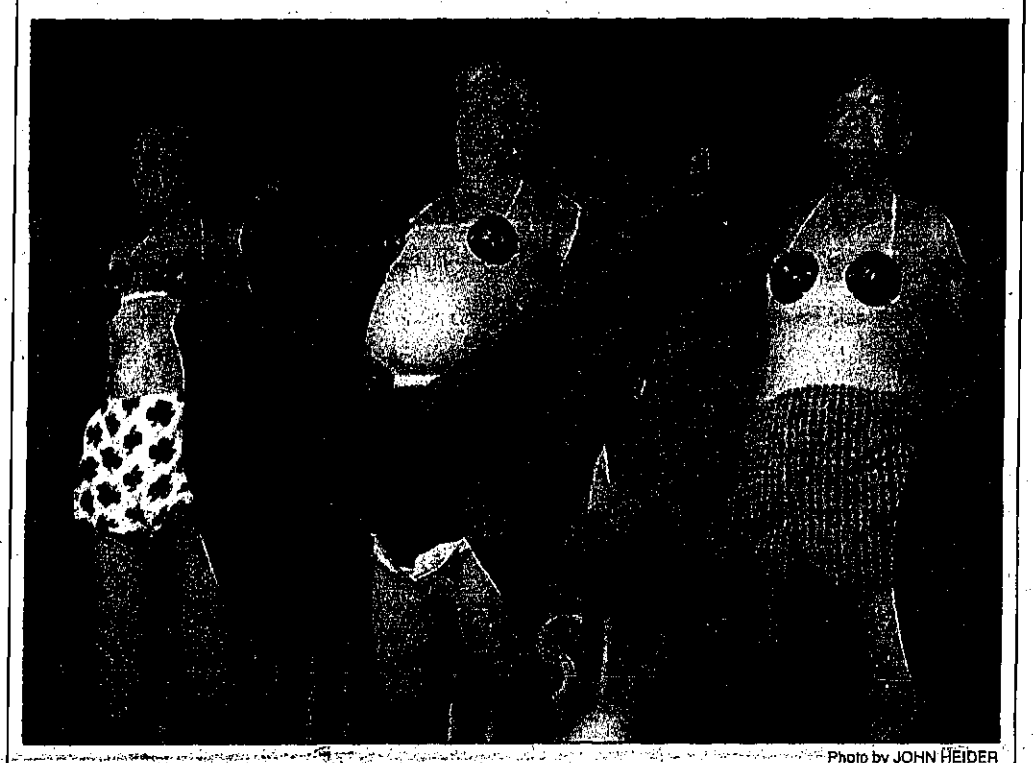

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Giving the show a show-stopping act are from left Jim Breen, Pat McCallen and Al Goldstein.

While not quite the 'Full Monty,' seniors get frisky at variety show

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Novi seniors prove they can dance, sing, and act with the best of them, as they put on the show of all shows last week in their production of "Showstoppers."

A strip tease, men in drag, hairy women and more could be seen at the Novi Civic Center on September 13-17. These seniors brought down the house with their outrageous and crazy acts, good sense of humor and zest for life in an unforgettable three-hour show spectacular.

"My seniors are wild ones, let me tell you," laughed "Showstopper" Director Linda Wickert.

The stage was cleverly constructed, in a setting that Wickert describes as a 1930s dinner club idea, creating a show within a show. Tables were set up on each side with fancily dressed guests, waiters, with the chorus taking on the look of a big band. The show was also complete with a whimsical master of ceremonies played by Greg Sorrentino, who played to both the real and fake audience.

An audience member clearly approves of the senior show.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The fun-filled, sold out production featured a number of beautiful voices, comical sketches and talented dancing from a variety of eras and included a cast of seniors ages 59 to 98.

"After 'Stars & Stripes,' everyone asked how I was going to top that show and I think we did this year. Now, I'm going to have to start thinking about how to top this one," Wickert laughed.

Show-goers snapped their fingers, tapped their toes, and sang

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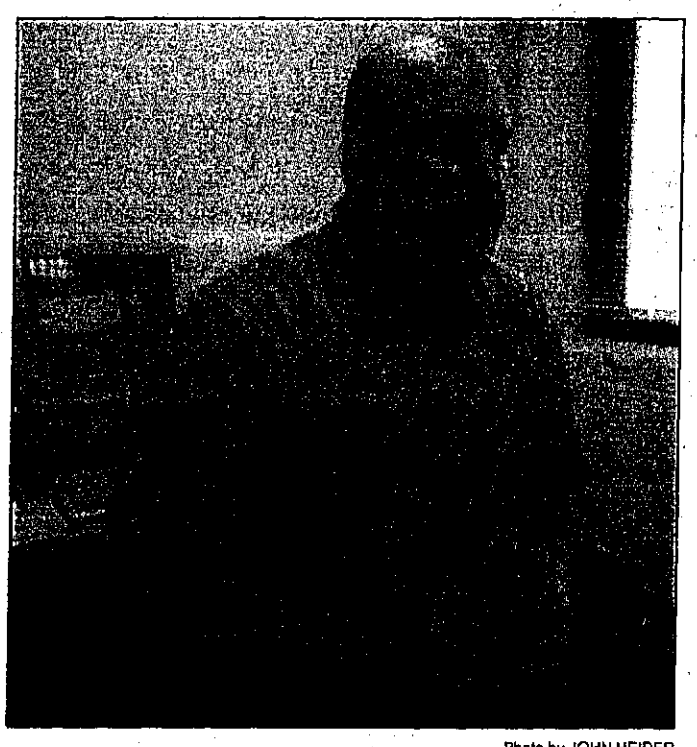

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Police Officer Jarrod Hart has a new beat, at Novi High.

Plainclothes cop now patrols NHS

■ As in many schools nationwide, starting duty at Novi High is a police liaison officer.

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

Novi High School's new Police Liaison Officer Jarrod Hart said he is pleasantly surprised at how well the students have adapted to his presence since he began his position this school year.

"They've been terrific," he said. "They've really seemed to accept me."

Seventeen-year-old Brian Beeler said at first he was skeptical of the idea of having a police liaison officer in the halls of NHS, but says it's not really that big deal now, especially since a growing number of schools are getting them in the wake of the Columbine High School incident in Colorado.

"I'm glad he's here," he said. "I was intimidated at first, but he addressed all the issues and I'm glad we have protection."

As a plainclothes liaison officer, Hart's duties include giving presentations on topics such as juvenile law, drugs, alcohol and date rape, as well as acting as someone students can come to for a long talk.

"I've been counseling adults for nine years and this is just a new dimension of the children and try-

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The Spoonman, Jim Cruise, taps out rhythm on chest of Orchard Hills student Michael Stein.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Spoony tunes, a new kind of rock and roll

■ Culinary arts? Musician uses his cutlery to cut some capers at first Orchard Hills assembly of year.

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

As the school's first assembly of the year, "The Spoon Man" turned out to be a silverware sensation for Orchard Hills Elementary students on September 11.

From the kitchen to the school gym, Jim Cruise, the man with the cutlery, brought out his spoons for a toe-tapping hoe-down with the students.

"My favorite part was when he had the hillbilly rock concert and Mr. (Tony) Scagnetti was dressed up like a girl," laughed third grader Whitney Allen.

Cruise and his band made up of audience volunteers, had the children laughing up a storm as they dressed up in long beards and wigs and played the washboard.

The silly hillbilly routine was also a hit with eight-year-olds Amanda Pastoor, Sarah Less, and Nikki Hoslen.

Cruise also performed a spoon rendition to each a

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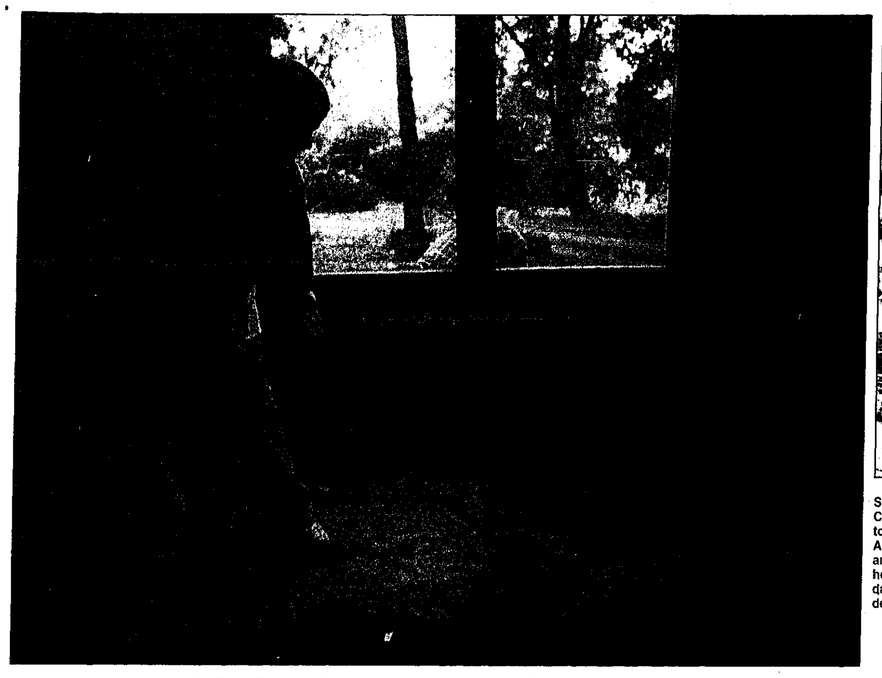
Farm hands: volunteers fix up Fuest site



Some 200 helpers turned out for the Novi Chamber of Commerce's clean-up of the historic Fuerst Farm on Taft Road.
Above, Novi High students Rene Schmitt, left, and Jenny Thompson measure a south-facing house window for its replacement during Friday's clean-up efforts. Many Novi High students helped with the project last weekend.

Photos by John Heider

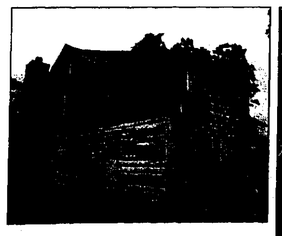
A volunteer works on scraping the Fuerst Farm home floor clear of carpet backing during Friday afternoon's cleanup.

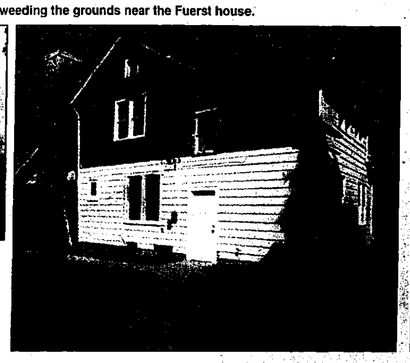
At left: With blueprints of their plans in her hand, Linda Lemke, landscaping consultant for the Fuerst Farm home rehabilitation talks to project leader Dan Davis during Friday afternoon's beginning of the weekend-long effort.

City of Novi employee Jim Paulk uses a power-washer to strip old layers of paint from the Fuerst Farm house on Friday afternoon. Paulk worked there since the early morning.

Eric Olson, right, and Linda Lemke work at weeding the grounds near the Fuerst house.

At right:Novi High School student Lindsay Janitens, right, gets some help from a couple of fellow students including Kimberly Storm, bottom left, in lifting a pile of refuse from the Fuerst home into an industrial-sized waste container as the home was being cleaned out Friday afternoon.





Above: Before, the Fuerst Farm home at the corner of Ten Mile and Taft roads as seen at the beginning of the massive effort by volunteers to spruce it up.
At right: After, Fuerst home with a clean yard, a coat of paint and redone windows.

Fuerst things first

200 help tidy city-owned historic site

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

Dedicated and caring residents came out of the woodwork to clean the woodwork, when the entire community banded together to participate in Novi's Fuerst Farm Community Project the weekend of Sept. 15-17.

The event brought in nearly 200 volunteers who rolled up their sleeves for a heavy duty clean-up on the historic farm's estate.

"I think it enlightened people and showed residents what a wonderful asset this property is to the community," said Kathleen Mutch, a historical commissioner and project volunteer.

Duties on the farm's property ranged from painting and power washing to removing brush and debris. Work accomplished during the three day project included scraping, painting and priming the outside of the home; removing carpet, washing walls, replacing windows inside the house; weeding, pruning and planting around the grounds, and cleaning out one of the barns.

Any household items that were left were salvaged, boxed and stored.

Project Co-Administrator and Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said he was extremely happy with the work that was achieved and that the city couldn't have done it without the help of all the devoted volunteers.

"We were very pleased with what

> "People were literally working elbow-to-elbow."
>
> Ruth Ann Jirasek,
> Clean-up team leader

got accomplished. We did what we set out to do," he said. "It was also really nice to see all the volunteers, businesses and groups working together for the good of the community."

From individual residents to city officials to even the Novi High School's girls freshman basketball team, the community showed that they wanted to be a part of this restoration.

"We couldn't have asked for a better turnout or better weather," said Stacey DeRoche, project co-administrator and Novi Chamber of Commerce director.

"I think the weekend really motivated people to do more. So we hope that we can make this a continual process and not just let it sit."

Mutch, who said she was really happy to be a part of the clean-up project, agreed.

"Now we've just got to keep it going," she said. "A tremendous amount of work got accomplished and I think that it proved what we've been saying all along, that this community does care about this property."

Mutch said she was also happy to see the project generate so much interest and that she couldn't believe how much work was done in just one weekend.

"Once they got into it, I think they were motivated to see this project get accomplished and realized how much more needs to be done to get it completed," she said.

Ruth Ann Jirasek, who helped co-ordinate the work teams for the clean-up, said there were so many people that wanted to come back and do more, they have already organized a second clean-up day on Saturday, September 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to work on one of the barns. In case of rain, the event will be held on Sunday, October 1.

"It was just a fabulous weekend," Jirasek said. "People were literally working elbow-to-elbow. It was so nice seeing almost the entire community involved."

Jirasek added that while she and her daughters were sore on Sunday, it was well worth it.

"We probably put in 50 hours together, but the home looks great," she said.

You would think Jirasek was tired, but the firecracker of a volunteer was out again on Monday planting flowers around the house.

"It just gives it some color, some life finally," she said.

Jirasek said that while the volunteers ranged in age from young and old, there was something for everyone to do.

"On Sunday, three little girls and their mother came and we had them painting the dog houses," she laughed. "They really took pride in that it was 'their' project."

Funds for the project, Davis explained, came from the city's general fund for the Fuerst property and from donations. Equipment used came from the city and people brought some tools from home as well.

Area businesses like Panera Bread provided breakfast on Saturday. Providence Hospital donated $500 for pizza and the Novi Hilton also pitched in by supplying boxed lunches.

"We were really pleased with what got accomplished, and we're really grateful to all of those that came out," DeRoche said. "None of it would have been possible without them."

If you are interested in volunteering for the September 30 clean-up, call the Novi Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

FUERST FARM CLEAN-UP CREW

Volunteering to help restore the Fuerst Farm were:

- **Team leaders** – Ruth Ann Jirasek, Kathy Mutch, Tom Marcus, Diane & Marc Davies, Linda Krieger and Maureen Malone.
- **Novi Parks and Recreation staff** – Jack Lewis, Steve Tillman and Chuck Fritz.
- **The Novi Hilton staff** – Julie Emerson, Kathy Sabell, Debbie Schultz and Dawn Georgio.
- **Providence Hospital staff** – Marie Baloga and Lou Martin.
- **The Novi High School Interact Club** – Jenny Thomson, Anna Cynar, Rene Schmitt, Maria Filipoaia, Solomon Zheng, Prachi Shah, Kerry Morrison, Lindsay Janitens, Tracy Kwang, Asha Radhamshan, Shaun Calvin, Melissa Shively, Anna Rickard, Emily Coffield, Carl Yiu, Eric Hansen, Suray Ramachandran, Chelsea Bennett, Niraj Shah, Kimberly Storm and Eric Liao.
- **The Novi High School Girls Freshman Basketball Team** – Teresa Dwyer, Jenny Danielson, Sarah Thelen, Megan Rzepecki, Kara Fisher, Jaimie Harden, Kim Grabow, Arlie Jirasek, Courtney Kolb, Samantha Stricker, Bella Feldtaun, Kristen Giacobbe, Lindsay Blaszczak and Kim Zarczynski.
- **The National Honors Society** – Jessica Brisbin, Courtney Baudell, Nancy Zhao, Ellen Cynar, Jennifer Davies, Ashwini Hardiker, Andy Capanyola, Matt Peurach, Brittany Barrett, Jaime Jo Sabol, Vinay Arora, Eric Liao, Kelly Kerrigan, Lindsay Mutch, Jenny Thomson, Brittany Albright, Anna Cynar, Nina Schmitt, Ryan Bates, Chris Stallard, Chris Perry, Ruchika Khetarpal, Jameel Naqui, Michael Wang, Karen Andrews, Melissa Schneider, Bianca Mieth, Jenn Najjar, Ellen Lawrence, Krysta Lynch, Amanda Noworyta, Vidya Mahadevan, Stephanie O Keefe, Erin Robertson, Nick Slovan, Ryan Slater, Gina Thomas, Alex Wong, Vanessa Berrol and Jonathon Snavely.
- **Novi residents and Novi Chamber members** – Kathy McLallen, Judi Booms, Jan Cullen, Wendy Duvall-Angelocci, Joyce Fortier, Barb Greenberg, LuAnne Kozma, Allson Davies, Curt Perry, Rawland Storm, Peggy Hayes, Rob Mutch, Dan Tarrant, Melissa Place, Amy Paquette, Bill Goodaker, Clare Wilson, Rachele Follmo, Stephanie Jirasek, Brian Hartunion, Scott McPhee, Carole McPhee, Asa Smith, Roy Szalony, Robin Wagner, Nancy and Tom Marshall, Mark Avenius, Craig DeRoche, Hugh Crawford, Ed Kramer, Glen Malone, Joanne Schmitt, Angela Schmitt, Ted and Christine Mech, Don Kuhn, Judie Thomas, Mike Larson, Maria Soave, Danielle Soave, Lisa Blacker, Laura Blacker, Joe McNamara, Tim McNamara, Deborah Kay Beard, Jan Boring, Meagan Snavely, Brandon Snavely and Sharon Coste.
- **The *Novi News* staff** – Stephanie Fordyce, Jan Jeffres and Kelli Cooley.

Donations of goods came from:

- **Providence Hospital** – medical necessities and food.
- **The Novi Hilton** – food.
- **Panera Bread** – bagels.

Library lectures will suit all interests

The Novi Library Friends kick off their three program fall series with an "Introduction to Opera" on September 27th.

Opera Historian, Dr. Wallace Peace, will offer a lively and informative presentation for aspiring and experienced opera lovers. Dr. Peace will use musical excerpts from operas that can be seen in this, the 30th Michigan Opera Theater season. Dr. Peace, A music professor at Wayne County Community College and chairman of MOT's Educational and Outreach Committee, has lectured at the MOT since 1981.

"Introduction to Opera" will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fuerst Meeting Room at the library, located at 10 Mile and Taft Roads. There is no charge but seating is limited. Call 248-349-0720 to register.

The other programs in the Friends Fall series are:

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For more information about the Friends or to register for these free programs call 248-349-0720.

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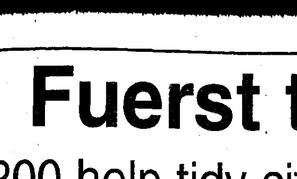

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Evan Thomas, 3, learns how they got water in the old days.

Photos by TOM HIBBELN

At center, Ashley McNamara, 90, stares down a goose at the Fuerst Farm picnic. Above, the crowd is entertained by the Chautauqua Express at the Sunday event sponsored by the Novi Historical Commission. The annual day focuses on two city-owned historic sites, the Novi Township Hall and the farm.

A bit of history, a lot of fun at picnic

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

It was a picture perfect afternoon for the third annual Novi Historical Commission's Fuerst Farm Family Picnic on Sunday.

The picnic was full of parents and their children laughing the day away with games, food, and fun.

"It's a beautiful day and we've had a great turnout," said Linda Krieger of the Novi Historical Commission.

The picnic included walk-throughs of both the Old Novi Township Hall and the Fuerst family home, as well as a variety of activities such as old-fashioned games for the kids, horse wagon rides from MSU Tollgate Farm and live music from The Chautauqua Express.

There was also a special visit from Margaret Schmidt, a.k.a. The Farm Lady, who brought along some of her animal friends for the kids to pet and the D.A.R.E. van was present, too.

"Overall, it went very well, I think people enjoyed it," said Historical Commissioner Kathleen Mutch. "The weather was great, the entertainment was fun, and I think we definitely hit our target group, which was for families with younger children."

Mutch said she is already busy planning for next year, adding that they are hoping to reroute the wagon ride next year for a more scenic tour.

While mom and dad had a chance to tour the grounds and view the photo exhibit, the kids enjoyed eating candy and ice-cream and sipping bottled root beer from Local Color.

"The root beer is so good, the (police) officers are even drinking it," said 10-year-old Jason Taylor from Commerce Elementary.

Taylor and his 8-year-old brother Vincent, both of Hickory Woods Elementary School, said they were having a great time at the picnic, especially making pictures on the sidewalk with chalk. They'll definitely be back again next year, the boys added.

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for Novi News.

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Dope delivery thwarted by cops

Novi Police were flagged down by the driver of a red Jeep Cherokee, who told police that his friend's car had just been hit by a gray Dodge that had fled eastbound on Pontiac Trail on September 15.

Police were able to track down the suspect, who was stopped near the Spring Lake apartment complex at Shorecrest Drive.

The suspect, a 20-year-old Garden City resident, admitted to police that he was fleeing because he had marijuana on him.

Police found five baggies of marijuana in the man's vehicle.

When questioned by police, the suspect said he was transporting the marijuana for sale to an individual in the Village Apartments complex in Wixom.

Police arrested the man for intent to deliver a controlled substance.

Police News

ANOTHER DOPER BUSTED

A Walled Lake man, 49, was pulled over for a minor traffic infraction and wound up arrested for possession of marijuana on September 17.

According to police reports, the man was pulled over on West Lake drive and after police were allowed inside the man's vehicle, they found seven grams of marijuana under the suspect's front driver seat.

Police said that man was initially stopped for a license plate cover that inhibited the reading of the plate numbers.

Police charged the man with possession of marijuana.

RIP-OFF ARTIST ARRESTED

Novi police caught up to a speeding theft suspect along Grand River after the new Home Depot on Grand River reported a shoplifter fleeing in an eastbound direction on September 11.

According to police reports, patrol officers caught up to the man and found the stolen merchandise sitting on the man's back seat.

The suspect denied that he stole the merchandise, saying he had receipts for the items at home.

The suspect, a 45-year-old Redford man, was taken into custody for suspected shoplifting and an outstanding parole violation.

BOUNCING CHECKS

A local floor covering company called Novi police over a case of bad checks given to them for carpeting installed last year at a local resident's home.

The business called police after they installed carpeting at the man's home in November 1999 and after six months of broken promises and bad checks.

The owner of the home, a Walled Lake businessman, would not return police phone calls. Police continue to investigate the situation.

WOMAN BUSTED FOR DRIVING

Police say the woman was driving erratically without her headlights on, down an unlit street when they pulled her over.

The 50-year-old Northville woman said she had some champagne and a wine cooler before she left the Oxford Inn on September 16.

When she was pulled over, she initially handed police her credit card instead of her license.

The woman failed all the sobriety tests and was taken into custody for drunk driving.

WHERE AM I?

Police found an 18-year old man on the steps of an apartment in the 31000 block of Wellington on September 17.

According to police reports, the teen was woken up and asked by police if he knew where he was. "Grand Valley?," the teen asked.

Try Novi, the police told him.

After a short time, the teen was able to tell police that he had been drinking excessively that evening.

The teen said that he had been at a party and went looking for his friend when he got lost and laid down to rest.

Police took the teen into custody for liquor violations.

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

Novi Briefs

TOLLGATE GARDEN SALE

The Tollgate Gardens at the MSU Tollgate Education Center will be the site for the fourth annual Fall Fair and Plant Sale on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the fair is free.

Among the activities are hayrides and the MSU "Bug House," a live bug display. The plant sale will feature perennials, ornamental grasses, hostas, and shrubs.

There will be information tables provided by MSU Extension presenting Master Gardener information, food preparation and 4-H information, RRRASOC featuring recycling and composting, and the Novi Police and Fire Departments. Free refreshments will be available.

MSU Tollgate Education Center is located at 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone P.L.C. is sponsoring a seminar titled "e-Business Symposium II – The Series Continues" on Sept. 27 at the DoubleTree Hotel from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This seminar offers new workshops and two tracks so that attendees can custom design their own program to meet their E-Business needs.

The charge for the seminar is $150. Register online at www.millercanfield.com/seminar.html or call Virginia Herrick at (313) 496-7548 or e-mail to herrick@millercanfield.com by Sept. 22.

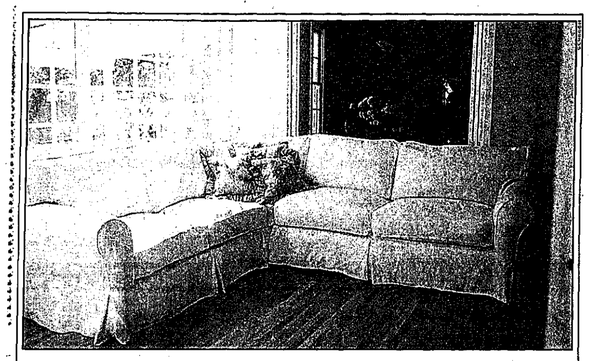
SALON HOLDS ANIMAL WELFARE BENEFIT

No. VI Salon, located in the Wonderland Music Plaza at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, will host a fundraiser Sept. 23 for the Michigan Animal Rescue League, an organization that specializes in foster care for pets until they are adopted.

Associates will donate a portion of their receipts from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the salon will donate its entire portion of receipts for any services donated by associates.

In addition, there will be a box in the salon for anyone wishing to donate items to the Animal Rescue League, such as dog and cat food, blankets, kitty litter, collars, leashes, etc.

The league will also be on hand with kittens and puppies that will be available for adoption. For more information, call (248) 348-3360.



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For 24 hours, veterans stand vigil for comrades

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Michigan Vietnam veterans stand guard at the 24-hour vigil.

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is becoming more widespread."

McClain vowed to continue coming to the vigil until every missing soldier has been returned to the U.S.

"What must be attended to is a proper accounting for these great warriors," Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield, said. "We must remember and never forget the sacrifice."

Levin spoke of the number of service men that are part of the legislature on Capitol Hill. Levin said that the country has an obligation to the American service men and women when it comes to training, pay and heath care. Levin also said that it was up to legislators in Washington to make sure the obligation to veterans and military personnel remains strong.

"When we send our men and women into harm's way, we have an obligation to be clear of purpose and that has not always been true," Levin said. "We have to make sure that is true if we are to learn the lessons of war."

Vietnam Veterans of America board member Jim Weir first came to Oakland Hills in 1985 from the Mount Clemens Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 154. Weir remembers when there was only a plaque on the wall to commemorate his missing comrades.

"And fifteen years later, we are still coming out here," Weir said. "I missed last year and there was a big void in my life. I missed my family. And until they all return, this color guard will stand vigil for those who can't."

Weir told the crowd that there must be an accounting of these soldiers by the American and Vietnamese governments.

"The senator (Levin) was talking about people in Washington and government offices that support this issue, but there is a lot that don't," Weir said. "I would like to issue this challenge to them: You can start small. You can come to Michigan and listen to the family members. You can take them in your arms and feel the pain, the anguish and the hurt, and the loneliness.

"And, by God, you'll never ask us again why we do what we do. And we will continue coming out here until the families get the closure they deserve."

Knollenberg said that throughout the United States, leaders are making strides to bring all the remains of missing service men home.

"Most of the inspiration to bring about a resolution to the MIA situation is coming from the U.S.," Knollenberg said. "The door is just beginning to open and trade is the thing that is bringing us together."

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Senator Carl Levin speaks at the Remembrance Day ceremony. Mayor Richard Clark, who also spoke, is left of the podium.

Photo by RANDAL YAKEY

A bagpipe band played in memory of the lost servicemen.

Levin: recovering remains from Vietnam, North Korea not easy

A key member in the molding of American military policy, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin (D-Michigan), came to Novi on Sept. 15 to pay his respects to military personnel and the families of fallen heroes who were lost in the Vietnam War.

Levin, who spoke at the 22nd Annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day Observance held at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, has been the ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Forces since 1997. Levin said that there was some progress in southeast Asia as far as relations with Vietnam and Korea were concerned, but that Americans should not be overly positive that information of missing service men would be coming forward anytime soon. Levin also said that patience was a necessity when dealing with Vietnam.

"They (relations) are gradually improving and we are trying every way we know how to locate the remains, the crash sites, the battlefields, and talk to the best sources, the people who live in the area," Levin said. "It takes a mighty effort go into the area and meet the people and get them to recollect where certain events took place."

Levin said that a warming of relations between North and South Korea may bring closure to missing American service men there.

"I was in North Korea a year ago and the effort to bring North and South Korea a little closer together will lead to a speedier location of remains. We still have thousands missing in Korea," he said.

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Walled Lake Briefs

SAVE A LIFE, TAKE A CLASS

Huron Valley Ambulance's Center for EMS Education is offering several American Heart Association CPR classes. A pediatric course, which covers CPR and foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO) for infants and children, will be taught on Friday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Adult HeartSaver, which covers CPR and FBAO for adults, is being held on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m.-noon. Health Care Provider Basic Life Support will be offered on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Renewal for any level of CPR is offered on Friday, Sept. 22, from noon-4 p.m.

Fees are $25 each for HeartSaver and Pediatric ($12 each for HVAPlus members and renewals) and $50 for the Health Care Provider course ($25 for renewals.) Classes are held at the Center, 2215 Hogback Road, Ann Arbor. Deadline for registration is Thursday, Sept. 21 for Sept. 22 classes and Monday, Sept. 25 for Sept. 26 classes. Call (734) 477-6331 or 477-6731.

SENIORS SOCIALIZING

• Wixom Senior Center Events

The Wixom Senior Center is putting together a bridal fashion show reflecting past to present wedding attire for the November thanksgiving catered meal. Everyone is requested to share their wedding picture as a centerpiece for the table at which they will be sitting. If you have a wedding gown or a mother of the bride or groom gown which you would be willing to wear or exhibit, please see Joan.

The Wixom Senior Trail Trekkers group is moving right along, literally. It's not too late to join our group hikes twice a month or hike on your own for a total of ten miles before the end of September. Everyone who participates will be invited to a Trekkers picnic on the last day and if the ten-mile goal is met, you will receive a Trekker's T-shirt.

We will be walking on Wednesday, Sept. 27. Our last hike will be in Gilbert Willis Park followed by a picnic lunch on the grill. Sign up with Joan.

Trips: Please plan to arrive one-half hour before the scheduled departure time and park in the back lot. Book your trip early so you are not disappointed. Many of the trips have limited capacity and fill up fast.

Sept. 22, Fiddler on the Roof at Cornwell, $59
Sept. 25, Big Bands at Soaring Eagle, $49
Sept. 29, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada Gambling Day, $14
Meal Days:
Sept. 28, Potluck Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Bring your table service and a dish to pass. The program will feature John Siller with a program on "Dementia."

• Commerce Township Seniors Club

The Commerce Township Seniors Club, which meets at 1485 Oakley Park Road across from Walled Lake Central High School, holds weekly activities: Sundays, 1-5 p.m., bingo and cards; Tuesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m., euchre; Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m., pinochle; Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., exercise and bingo; Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., exercise and pinochle; Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., exercise and line dancing. Hot lunch and Meals on Wheels are also run out of the Richardson Center. (248) 669-4510.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

• Lakes Area Youth Activity Center

The Lakes Area Youth Activity Center is offering activities for teens at $10 each. For information, please call (248) 624-2850.

• World Language for K-8

Registration is open for the fall World Language Program for K-8. Games, music and stories are a part of the weekly lesson.

Included in the fee are a book and audiotape to work both in class and at home, a binder, and all materials for projects. All students will receive a diploma and prize at the end of the program. Continuing students will receive new materials. Classes are taught throughout the district either before or after school. The program begins the week of Sept. 25 and runs through mid-May and follows the Walled Lake Schools calendar. The non-refundable tuition fee of $32 per child and is applied towards the total tuition fee of $192. Sibling tuition is $179.

For more information and how to register, call the Walled Lake Community Education office at (248) 956-5000.

• Lapsit Story Hours

Jack and Jill Lapsit Story Hours for 2-year-olds are offered at the Walled Lake City Library. It is designed to introduce stories in a group setting along with simple fingerplays, songs and activities. The first one is Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m. To preregister, call (248) 624-3772.

CHURCH NEWS

• Word Alive Christian Fellowship

Word Alive Christian Fellowship has moved from the Wixom Elementary School gym to the Stone Crest Building in Walled Lake at 207 Liberty.

Word Alive Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational spirit filled Word of Faith Church whose focus is on a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Our church enjoys a dynamic and intimate relationship with the Lord.

If you are longing for something more, then we invite you to become a part of our family and grow with us. Word Alive Christian Fellowship meets Sundays at 11 a.m. for our worship celebration and 6:30 p.m. for prayer and praise at the Stone Crest Building.

Please call the church at (248) 669-3841 for information about our other services, including Monday night Women's Bible Study and Wednesday night Family Training Hour.

• Lakes Baptist Church

The Lakes Baptist Church, 1375 Decker Road, Walled Lake, (248) 624-2900 has Sunday services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Staffed nursery is offered for Sunday and Wednesday meetings.

Ladies Bible Study is at 7 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Thursdays. Men's Bible Study is 8 a.m. Saturdays. Treasure Hunter's Club for grades one through six is held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Guest Elementary School on Decker Road. CrossTrainers, grades seven through 12, is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the church.

• St. Matthew Lutheran Church

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2040 S. Commerce, Walled Lake, (248) 624-7676, offers dinner from 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Wednesday during Lenten service. A worship service will take place at 7 p.m.

• Crossroads Presbyterian Church. 1445 Welch Road, Walled Lake has a contemporary worship service at 8:30 a.m.; Christian education classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m.; and a traditional worship service at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is open all morning. For more information, call (248) 624-3821.

SCHOOL NEWS

• Scholarships offered

Earning a college scholarship could be as easy as clicking your mouse. USdata1, a Walled Lake-based web design company, is offering a $1,000 scholarship and a summer internship to the best high school web designer in Oakland, Livingston, Macomb and Wayne counties. The scholarship contest is open to high school juniors and seniors. Web sites will be judged on originality, creativity, navigation, load time and cross compatibility.

Deadline for entries is Nov. 3. Since designing a web site is a long process, USdata1 suggests students start now.

In addition to the scholarship and internship, the recipient and his/her site will be featured on www.usdata1.com. Honorable mentions will be given to two students. All recipients will be invited to participate in a full-day training seminar.

Contact Molly Rea at (248) 668-9777.

• Foundation For Excellence Walk-a-thon

The Foundation for Excellence of Walled Lake Schools is sponsoring its second annual community Walk-a-thon on Oct. 7 at 9 a.m. at Walled Lake Western High School, 600 Beck Road. Each Walled Lake school may form teams of walkers, or participants may form their own teams.

Everyone in is welcome to take part in the event, which will benefit students and programs, including mini-grants for innovative and creative projects and to support student participation in the Anytime Anywhere Learning Program. The walk begins at Western High School's track over to the track at Walled Lake Middle School and then returns to Western.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and refreshments are included. Participants will receive a Walk-a-thon T-shirt. For more information, contact your local school office or call the Foundation for Excellence at (248) 788-5881, ext. 1.

This old historic house

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Some of the people involved in the saving of Walled Lake's Foster Farm House, with its incredible history are, from left: Roberta Falkenberg, Ruth Tuttle, Janice Leonhardt, Linda Onderko, Norma Harden, Judith Rood and Michael Willis.

Struggle to save heritage wins national kudos

By Annette Jaworski
Special Writer

Some call it a local treasure. To others, it may look like another two-story home in need of repair.

But the Foster Farmhouse in Walled Lake has a fascinating past as well as a challenging future. The former stop on the Underground Railroad has become a crusade for a dedicated group of citizens.

Linda Onderko, President of the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse, said the project has been both rewarding and frustrating, hard work and fun, enlightening and a spotlight on our ignorance.

"This is a visual symbol of all the freedom we hold dear," Onderko said.

Time and money seem to be the major stumbling blocks to the completion of their dream. The goal is long term – a historically significant piece of local history for educational purposes, as well as a community center. Lacking a large corporate base in the community, the group has relied on the small businesses, many mom and pop organizations to donate their time or money.

"We're hoping it will become like a community center with rooms to meet in for organizations. And because of its history with the underground railroad, somewhat of a tourist attraction, if you will, of local history," said Tracey White of the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority.

Onderko was a local real estate agent, who's also a skilled artist. She often did renderings of homes, which included one of the Foster Farmhouse. The rest is, as they say, history. for she became president of the effort.

"Linda has given her life in the past few years to this project," White said.

Preservation efforts began in spring of 1996, when they established the Lakes Area Community Foundation. The immediate goal was to save the home that was scheduled for demolition in August 1996, to make way for an apartment complex. A stop order was put on the project, while they attempted to raise $250,000 to purchase the land from the developer. By February 1997, they realized that the house would have to be moved, since the $40,000 they raised had fallen far short of what was needed. Local utility companies and the signal company donated their services to move the home off its foundation on May 21, when it was moved less than a mile away to Riley Park.

Within the few days that were allowed them, volunteers from the Friends, along with the Cranbrook Institute performed an excavation. Through the rain, they still managed to uncover many treasures, including a 19th Century hand-forged iron hook used for cooking pots, a button from a Union Army uniform, a 19th Century scalpel, along with a section of clay pipes, pottery and arrowheads that pre-date the house.

A new foundation had to be constructed for the building.The house remained aloft on steel rails awaiting engineering plans. Two years to the day, it was lowered on its new foundation.

The biggest complaint from detractors has been the slow and gradual progress that the project has endured. Relying on volunteers has made it difficult to see steady and obvious improvement at times. A booming economy has occupied many skilled tradespeople who might possibly volunteer their time. Funds for continued restoration are badly needed, as well as volunteers. However, the work they've accomplished so far has been monumental. "They've made tremendous strides. They've recently received a grant from the Americana Foundation," notes White.

> Efforts to save the Foster Farmhouse and its history, are included in the American Folk Life Center at the Library of Congress.

The foundation, along with MSU, owns the Tollgate Educational Center in Novi.

At $26,000, it was the largest single grant that was received for the project so far, notes Onderko. The President of the Lakes Area Community Foundation, Judy Rood, pursued the grant.

In May, Onderko attended a reception for representatives of Local Legacies Project at the newly renovated Thomas Jefferson Hall at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. It was a prestigious honor for the group. The history of the homestead and its efforts were chosen to be worthy of inclusion of the American Folk Life Center at the library. The library is in the process of digitizing the information, but a sampling can be seen at the Web site *www.loc.gov/bicentennial.*

The next immediate goal is to finish the exterior of the building and to rebuild the porches by the end of the year. A beautiful new gazebo and a handicapped accessible playstructure already enhance the park site.

What makes it such a worthwhile project to those involved?

"The present makes more sense when you understand the past," Onderko said.

"Aesthetically, they don't build houses like this any more. The architecture is unique."

Anyone wishing to help as a volunteer, skilled or unskilled is welcome, or to make a tax deductible donation, contact the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse c/o Linda Onderko, 3073 Massena in Commerce MI 48382 or call (248) 360-0310, email: londerko@worldnet.att.net. Meetings are held the first Friday of every month.

AN AMAZING HISTORY

The more you know about the Foster Farmhouse history, the Foster Farmhouse history, the more fascinating it becomes. The home, originally a log cabin, was first located on Pontiac Trail – a trail originally blazed by the native Potawatomi and Ottawa tribes. It was built by the Banks family, who acquired a 200-acre homestead from a government land grant. The log cabin was expanded to a Greek Revival style of architecture in the 1840s and included a two-story Italianate addition in the 1850s. Freeborn Henry Banks was the first born of Wesylan Methodists from Kent, England who came to search for religious freedom. His wife, Amanda Bassett descended from Captain Miles Standish of the Mayflower in 1620 and Captain William Bassett of the Fortune (1621).

The Banks family was described as active in religious and political affairs and were uncompromising in their anti-slavery sentiments. Oral histories from family descendants reveal that the family participated in the Underground Railroad. They helped runaway slaves to Port Huron, Mich., where they could cross the river to Sarnia, to freedom. Secret rooms and hidden staircases in the home corroborate these stories. Two of the Banks' son's served in the Union Army during the Civil War because of their strong conviction of the injustices of slavery. The couple had six children, one of whom was Sarah Gertrude Banks, with a compelling story of her own. At 17, she began to teach school, and later entered the University of Michigan after a special act of the state legislature allowed women to enroll. In 1873, she was one of three women graduates. She was a close friend of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and Susan B. Anthony and was particularly interested in the advancement of the Women's Suffragette Movement. The name may be familiar because of the Walled Lake Junior High School that bears her name.

– Annette Jaworski

Senior van transport ticket to ride is $1

By Dan West
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Public transportation for Walled Lake's physically impaired and senior citizens will become available next month.

City officials recently finalized a deal with Novi to give Walled Lake residents, who are older than 55 or disabled, use of the Novi Senior Transit System's "dial-a-ride" program on Mondays and Thursdays, starting Oct. 16.

"We've been working on this for the past three or four years and I think it will give a lot of people some independence they haven't had before," said Walled Lake City Manager Phil Vawter. "It's primarily designed to help people go to doctor's appointments and go shopping without relying on neighbors and friends for rides."

Utilizing Novi's fleet of 15-seat vans, eligible Walled Lake residents can order rides anytime during the two days between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The vans will take riders to any destination within Walled Lake and Novi city limits, West Bloomfield's Henry Ford Medical Center and Commerce's Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

Interested riders need to call to arrange rides 48 hours in advance at (248) 735-5617. There is no limit to the number of rides you can take and accommodations are available for wheelchairs.

Riders will be asked to make a $1 donation per ride, but it is not required, Vawter said.

"That donation would help us offset some of the costs, but it's a service we'll make available to everyone, whether they can afford it or not," Vawter said.

Walled Lake will pay Novi $21,000 in the first year of the program with some of the money the city collects from federal and state grants.

Vawter said the city will evaluate demand in future years and adjust the service volume accordingly.

Walled Lake has lacked public transportation for seniors since the mid-1990s when SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority on Regional Transportation), discontinued its dial-a-ride service in Walled Lake after city officials decided against levying a 0.25-mill increase to city property owners to subsidize SMART costs.

"They didn't offer line transportation in Walled Lake at the time, so we didn't think it was worth the $60,000 to $70,000 a year it would have cost us to stay with SMART," Vawter said.

"This way, we're paying only $21,000 and we don't have to manage it."

Unsafe for drinking?

Water boiling word didn't get out to all

BY RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

The Fourteen Mile Road water main break that caused low water pressure on Saturday turned into an advisory to boil water, causing some confusion among residents and businesses in Novi.

The three northern Novi subdivisions that were without water for nearly twenty hours were Haverhill Farm, Beachwalk Apartments and The Maples of Novi.

"We received a call from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department that they had a water main break on Fourteen Mile Road," Director of Public Services Tony Nowicki said.

According to Nowicki, the break was caused by a damaged air pressure relief valve that had a two-inch hole.

"We discussed the issue with Detroit and they said that they had to shut the main down at 1 a.m. and do the repairs," Nowicki said. "As it turned out, it wasn't until 9 a.m. that the service was turned (back) on."

The boil water advisory came after the main was repaired, Nowicki said. To make sure that there was no bacteria in the system, a water boiling advisory is issued by the city. The city's responsibility to the community is to make sure media outlets such as television and radio stations are able to broadcast the advisory to residents, Nowicki said.

But there were concerns among a number of restaurateurs over the water main break and the advisory on Saturday.

"The city contacted us about 10:30 p.m. on Friday," Red Robin Manager Jeff Housell said. "They told us about the water main break, but they didn't say anything about bacteria."

And that is where the confusion comes in, according to the city. The water boiling advisory did not take effect until Saturday morning when the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department completed the repairs.

"We were kind of panicked when we heard about it," Housell said. "But, again, we don't rely on the city or the state, but we do rely on the health department."

Housell said that he did not receive a call from the Oakland County Heath Department. According to Housell, his restaurant relies on the health department to keep them updated on possible water contamination. Health department officials did not respond to phone calls from the *Novi News* about advisory procedures in the Novi area.

According to city officials, there were no reports of any bacteria in the system and no reports of anyone becoming sick from drinking the water.

"Because of a loss of pressure, you could of had have a build up of coliform bacteria," Novi Sewer and Water Department Superintended Bruce Jerome said.

"Once you impose a boil water advisory, it takes a good two days to collect samples in order to rescind the boiled water."

The 42-inch main that was damaged services a 36-inch main that runs down Novi Road into the heart of the city. The Novi Road main supplies over 90 percent of the water that runs into the city.

When Detroit Water and Sewerage shut down the Fourteen Mile main, the city was forced to increase pressure from a booster station in the southeastern end of the city near Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

City officials acknowledged that there were calls from the Lockmoor Subdivision saying that there was no water in the system, however, city officials claim there was water later Friday evening.

"Detroit said that there would be fluctuating water pressure in the lower area of the city," Nowicki said.

Library Briefs

LIBRARY HOURS

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

STORYTIME NOTES

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INTRODUCTION TO OPERA

Michigan Opera Theater historian Dr. Wallace Peace kicks off the opera season with a lively and informative presentation for aspiring and experienced opera lovers. Sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Public Library, the free program will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. To register, please call the library at 349-0720.

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Our October selection is "The Music Lesson" by Katharine Weber. The group meets Monday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All are welcome.

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Road bond backers call meeting to inform residents

By Stephanie Fordyce
Staff Writer

Asa Smith, who helped form the Citizens For Road Improvements Committee in support of the city ballot initiative, is inviting residents to a group discussion on the upcoming $18 million road bond proposal on October 10.

The meeting, which Smith describes as a campaign rally, will be held at 7 p.m. at Novi Middle School.

"We would like to see this pass," said Smith. "And we hope that this will help in getting residents behind this proposal."

Smith said the meeting will hopefully give residents a clearer understanding of the bond and highlight the more expensive road intersection projects, such as Beck/Ten Mile Road, Meadowbrook/Ten Mile Road, Nine Mile/Haggerty Road and Fourteen Mile/Welch Road using audio and visual displays.

Smith said the meeting will be a relaxed setting primarily for the residents, no politicians.

"We really want to handle this as a grassroots operation and leave the business and politics out. Let the residents speak and discuss this issue," he said.

The $18.39 million bond proposal that will go before Novi voters this November, would cost the local taxpayer 0.5 mills over the period of five years. This means an owner of a $200,000 home would pay $50 a year.

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

Mutch ado: library recognition honors planning commissioner

Andrew Mutch has been named as the recipient of the Walter H. Kaiser Award from the Michigan Library Association.

Mutch will receive the award at the association's annual conference in Detroit on October 4 at Cobo Hall. Commendations for his work focus upon his ability to communicate computer technology issues clearly, his dedication to intellectual freedom, and his innovative ways of using Internet Web sites to enhance successful use of digital information. Mutch is a current employee of the Information Systems Department of the Charter Township of Waterford and the Waterford Township Public Library. His nomination for the award was initiated by the Howell District Library and was supported by his colleagues in libraries across the state.

A lifelong resident of Novi, Mutch is a former member of the Novi Public Library Board of Trustees and currently serves on the Novi Planning Commission. A proclamation recognizing this honor will be presented at the Novi City Council meeting on September 25.

Walter H. Kaiser, director of the Wayne County library system for 26 years, is remembered with the award, which honors an individual who has made significant improvements in library services.

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Country Epicure sold, will be a bar

By Randal Yakey
STAFF WRITER

The elegant Country Epicure is will be closing its kitchen for good after the owner announced that she has all but sealed a deal with the owners of the Post Bar group, which owns three bars in the metro Detroit area.

"One of the owners called me up on his cell phone and asked me if I wanted to sell," Epicure owner Karen Angelosante said. "I thought it was a joke at first."

Angelosante said that the new owners of the Grand River Avenue eatery would be keeping the name County Epicure for a while. They are expected to renovate the inside and add pool tables to the bar area.

"I have three children and with the employment situation, there isn't enough people to work," Angelosante said.

"Most of the kids in Novi don't want to or don't have to work. There are more businesses coming into Novi, but there aren't any workers. It's killing me."

According to Angelosante, the Post Group will try to accommodate any workers who wish to remain at the business.

Calls to the owners of the Post Bar were not returned before press-time.

The Post Bar Group has three location in Ferndale, Mt. Clemens and downtown Detroit.

The downtown location is famous for its walls covered with the signatures of visitors to the club.

The Country Epicure has been in business for 15 years. Years ago, the Country Epicure under different ownership was the Saratoga Farms Restaurant.

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

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Novi High School adds cop to staff

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ing to help them with their problems," he said, adding that being truthful to the students is a must.

"I would never lie to them because once you lose that trust, your integrity is shot. You have to be open and you have to be honest. Kids want to know the truth."

Hart said with this position he hopes to bring the students and the police community closer together.

"One of my goals here is to bridge the gap between the students and the police department," he said. "As police officers, we get involved in the community and we want to do as much as we can and this is just part of it."

Hart, who has been a citizen and police officer in Novi for nine years, said he wants the administrators and parents to know that he is here to keep kids safe.

"Providing a safe learning environment is my utmost responsibility," he said.

Hart said the high school is very secure and that the most severe occurrence has been catching smokers in the bathroom.

"This is a very safe school and an awesome school district."

> "Providing a safe learning environment is my utmost responsibility."
>
> Jarrod Hart,
> Novi High School police liaison officer

Hart said even though his position is new to him and the school, the combination seems to be working well.

"I'm learning everyday from the staff here and I think I bring some knowledge to them as well," he said.

"I think I provide them with a different twist to a situation, being someone they can get a little bit of an analogy from. It's an awesome relationship in that we can both share responsibility."

Novi High School Principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal said there have been a number of benefits to having Hart in the building such as acting as a resource for connections in the community and providing the school with a different perspective.

"It's very interesting. He brings a different dimension to the high school that we didn't have before," she said.

For example Cheal said when last week's construction on 10 Mile Road took place, Hart was able to stop the work while the school was dismissed.

"He even received a commitment from the workers that they would not start the work until we're in school and would stop when school let out," she laughed. "Now you know I couldn't have gotten that arranged."

Hart said this experience has already given him insight to the inner working of the schools.

"These people put in phenomenal hours on a daily basis to make these kids' educational experience just awesome," he said.

Hart said that because he is a resident, he feels more connected to the students.

"I've known a lot of the kids for many years, some of them are my neighbors," he said.

Hart said part of the reason the kids don't feel intimidated is because of the way he's dressed, wearing a tan shirt and black pants.

"But I have a gun and I have a (bulletproof) vest and the students are well aware of those things," he said.

Cheal said that Hart is very friendly and down to earth and the kids seem to really like him.

"He's really interested in the kids as people," she said. "I mean if you see him out in the hall, he's talking to kids, asking them about their weekend. He's part of staff. They don't see him as an outsider or as a intruder."

Hart, who lives in Novi with his wife Jolee and two children Adrian, 3, and Kyle, 4 months, said he is really happy to be a part of the school and the district.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "It's been something I've been wanting to do for awhile."

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Obituaries

EDITH E. SCHUTZE

Edith E. Schutze of Livonia died Sept. 18 in Livonia. She was 86.

Ms. Schutze was born March 28, 1914 in Detroit. A former Northville resident, Ms. Schutze lived in Plymouth for the last 50 years.

She married Leonard T. Schutze and worked as a secretary at American Motors, where she retired from in 1976. Ms. Schutze was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth and was one of the founding members of the Plymouth Symphony. She had sung in the St. John's Episcopal church choir since 1947, and had played the cello in the Symphony for more than 52 years.

Ms. Schutze had a passion for music. In addition to the cello, she played the organ and violin. She enjoyed socializing and was considered a compassionate friend to many. She volunteered her time and energy in many areas through her church and community.

Ms. Schutze was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth (William) Nick of Novi, Sarah (Eric) Anderson of Farmington Hills; son James (Cheryl) Schutze of Arizona, Roderick (Sandra) Plichta of Washington, Mich.; grandchildren Vincent, Jessica, Michael, Sarah, Matthew, Crystal and Laurie.

A memorial service for Ms. Schutze will be held Sept. 24 at 3 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Funeral arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth.

ARTURO BASHOR

Arturo (Artie) Bashor of Novi died Sept. 17 in Oak Park. He was 24.

Mr. Bashor is survived by his child, Jade, father Edward, and siblings, Edward Jr., Cindy, James, Jesse, and Brandi.

Services was held on Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi.

Memorial contributions can be made to the family in Arturo's memory.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the newly formed Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee.

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(9-14/21-00 NR/NN 997929) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 2000-16.04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2000-16.05 — AN ORDINANCE TO DELETE SECTION 35-17 FROM THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 35-51 OF SAID CODE, TO ELIMINATE THE REGULATION OF TAXICAB RATES OF FARE BY THE CITY OF NOVI.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, September 11, 2000.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

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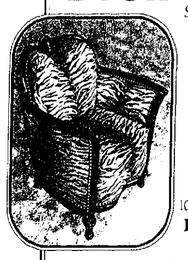
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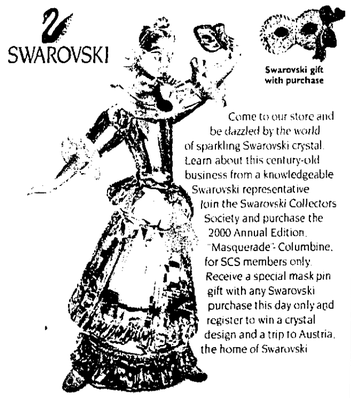
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Willard is tapped for top spot at the Mirror group

Richard Aginian, president of Hometown Communications Network, announced Monday the appointment of George Willard, Jr. to vice-president/general manager/publisher of the Mirror group of newspapers in southeast Oakland County.

Willard is currently the general manager of Hometown's Specialty Communications subsidiary, a position he will retain in addition to his duties at the Mirror.

In accepting the new position, Willard said, "The opportunity to serve the community and work with a staff that is as dedicated as the Mirror staff is truly exciting."

Willard replaces George Willard, Sr., who will continue to serve the company as a consultant.

Aginian said, "George, Sr.'s contribution to our company's success is greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to continuing that momentum with his son as he carries on that tradition in his new role."

Aginian also announced the promotion of Theresa Falzone to associate publisher of Specialty Communications. She will continue to serve as its executive editor.

The Mirror group consists of five newspapers covering the communities of Royal Oak, Clawson, Birmingham, Berkley, Huntington Woods, Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge. Specialty Communications publishes several monthly magazines, including *Home Spotlight*, *Women's Health-Style*, and *Michigan Builder*, as well as several Chamber of Commerce directories.

In the near future, Specialty Communications will move its offices from Livonia to Royal Oak, where it will share offices with the Mirror group.

Hometown Communications Network, headquartered in Livonia, publishes 70 weekly, twice-weekly and daily newspapers in Michigan, including the *Novi News*.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Orchard Hills Elementary School students including Paige Hunter, center and Nadia Romero, right, laugh at the antics of Jim Cruise. Cruise, who calls himself The Spoon Man, can find a percussion instrument in anyone's kitchen drawer. He performed at the school's first assembly of the year.

Spoonman

Golden oldies were played on silverware

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50's, heavy metal, and rap song that the kids thought was hilarious.

"That crazy wig and fake tongue hanging out of his mouth was really funny," laughed third grader Shannon Matouri referring to Cruise's 'Rock You Like A Hurricane' act.

Cruise even came out into the audience and played the spoons on each and everyone in the gym - including the teachers.

Cruise, a Jenison resident, has been playing the spoons since the age of 9. He said he picked up the knack after repeated begging for a set of drums fell short.

"One day I saw my grandpa playing the spoons and I thought that was pretty cool, so I asked him to teach me," Cruise told the student. "Now I've become the first ever rock 'n roll spoon player."

Aside from musical entertainment, Cruise stressed the importance of staying away from drugs, getting an education and listening to parental advice.

"If you follow these three things, anything is possible and you can be anything you want to be," he said.

Cruise added that respect for yourself and others is key to a happy and healthy life.

Students Austin Ericson, John Kern and Esther Hur said they had a lot of fun, but weren't sure if they would try starting a spoon playin' hillbilly band anytime soon.

If you're interested in learning how to play the spoons, Cruise has a Web site at www.getspooned.com where he sells trainer spoons and instructional videos.

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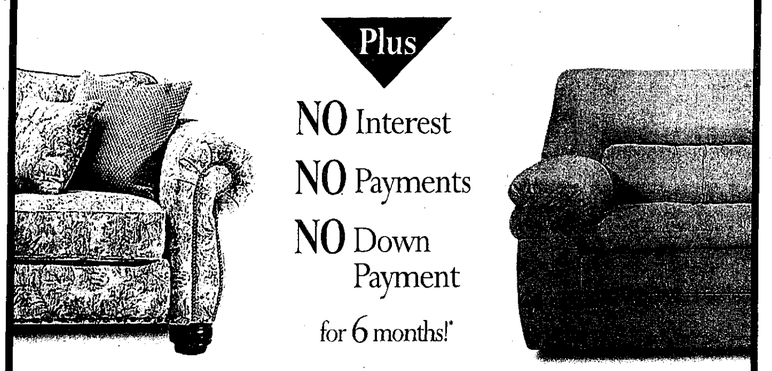
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Don't blame the victim in the Crippen case

Four years ago, something very bizarre happened in Novi and now the incident is winging its way to the Michigan Supreme Court, before the case, as a criminal charge, has ever been tried by a jury.

On Aug. 16, 1996 a woman who lived with her fiancee fell asleep on the couch in her apartment. Sometime later, she awoke and saw a man standing in the living room wearing black, fish-net thigh high stockings, shorts and a shirt, and his head and face covered with a turban-like garment.

She believed he was her fiance, as he removed her clothes and began to touch her. The man then masturbated, while he fondled her intimately.

She called out her fiancee's name, but received no response. The man left the apartment through the doorwall. And the woman heard snoring coming from her bedroom and found her fiancee asleep in his bed.

She immediately called the police to report the intruder.

The man was Daniel Crippen; the woman, as is traditional, remains anonymous. Police arrested him the following night, while he was peeking into the woman's apartment.

Crippen was originally charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct III, which involves penetration and coercion or force.

At the district court level in Novi, Judge Brian MacKenzie reduced the charge to CSC IV, finding no evidence that Crippen had used force or coercion. The prosecution then appealed MacKenzie's ruling to the Oakland County Circuit Court, where a judge there ordered the district court to bind Crippen over on charges of CSC III and to add on a charge of first degree home invasion.

Crippen's lawyer appealed this decision. But the Michigan Court of Appeals recently upheld the circuit court, finding that the woman had never agreed to have sex with Crippen. The appeals court judges found that had mistaken his identity for the man she was involved during both her waking and sleeping hours and Crippen took advantage of her confusion. That, they said, was coercion.

But forget the points of law. Here are the apparent facts. If Crippen is guilty, and remember he has never been tried yet,

A woman, who lived with a man, was sound asleep in her home. In a state of unconsciousness, when a man made advances to her, she reasonably assumed it was her fiance.

Afterwards, when she realized that was not the case, and her fiance had been asleep in another room throughout the incident, undoubtedly in a state of some shock, she immediately contacted the police.

This was clearly not a woman looking to make the acquaintance of Daniel Crippen or out for a good time. She was in the privacy and what she thought was the safety of her own home when the assault began. She was sound asleep and as she began to awaken, her mind was likely not yet fully alert, as is normal.

Now Crippen's attorney, Ralph Musilli, is fighting to have his client tried on the lesser charge and is appealing to the Michigan Supreme Court. He argues that the woman must have known the man was not her fiance, because Crippen is much shorter than her fiance.

> *"This was clearly not a woman looking to make the acquaintance of Daniel Crippen or out for a good time. She was in the privacy...of her own home."*

He argues that if using a disguise to obtain sexual favors, as Crippen did, were made illegal in a possible new state law, every man who told a woman he was a doctor or movie star in an attempt to score would be subject to prosecution. Crippen's disguise, of course, was his concealed face.

We would argue that in those cases, a fully awake woman who is silly enough to fall for a line from a man at a bar attempting to impress her is very different from an unconscious woman assaulted in her home by someone who had absolutely no business being there in the first place.

The sadness of this story, in what we thought was a more enlightened day and age, is that this woman, who is the victim, is somehow made out to be at fault. Why didn't she realize it wasn't her fiance, people ask. She must have known, Crippen's attorney contends.

Interestingly, from what Crippen's lawyer says, he is not arguing if his client engaged in sex with this woman or not, but just that coercion was not involved.

So now, the poor woman, who has been through enough, is confronted with the classic insult piled upon injury. What a nightmare, only this time , she is really awake.

But if Daniel Crippen is eventually found guilty, she is the victim of a sexual assault, plain and simple.

History's bunk? Ask 200 Fuerst Farm volunteers

Henry Ford, the guy who brought us all Greenfield Village, is famous for the quote: "History is bunk."

Tell that to some 200 Novi residents and members of the business community, who spent last Friday, Saturday and Sunday getting their hands dirty cleaning up the decaying Fuerst Farm property, the city's own little slice of Greenfield Village.

Have you driven by the southeast corner of Taft and Ten Mile road this week? What was becoming more than a bit of an eyesore now looks picturesque in the more appealing sense of the term.

The barns were cleaned, the house was painted, foliage was weeded and pruned. Inside, carpet was ripped up from the floors and rubber padding scraped off the wood, to prepare the boards for refinishing. Even the old dog houses were given a coat of white paint by a couple of young volunteers.

You can be sure that for most of them, this was their first chance to become a farm laborer. What was really exciting is not that the property looks so much better, but that so many people in the community of all ages really care about their local heritage. From elementary school-aged kids to seniors, all were finding ways to make themselves useful. Heading over from Novi High School to add their muscle to the job were members of the Interact Club, the National Honors Society and the girls' freshmen basketball team.

The whole concept was launched when the Novi Chamber of Commerce was looking for a service project and Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis suggested the Fuerst Farm.

The eventual goal is to find good uses for the buildings, whether as headquarters for the Novi Theatres, or as conference rooms or as a historical museum for Novi. But that's down the road apiece.

Meanwhile, much work remains to be done. And all these good people are rarin' to go again. An additional clean-up day has been added: Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or in case of rain, Sunday, Oct. 1.

Now that's a Fuerst class act.

Photo by John Heider

Job well done

Tom Marcus was one of the volunteers at the Fuerst Farm clean-up last weekend. He was in charge of updating old windows.

LETTERS

■ A job well done

As a 44-year resident of Novi, namely Willowbrook Subdivision, I have seen many changes take place. Some are good and some are questionable. The streets in my subdivision were recently repaved and I would like to take this opportunity to commend the city on their choice of contractors, their time schedule, and the quality of their work. Every effort was made for the convenience of the residents and the project was completed with total follow-up.

Hopefully the city will continue to do a bang-up job with their future road commitments.

I have also taken the *Novi News* for all of those 44 years. Your new staff people are doing a fine job. Keep up the good work.

Carolyn Pohlman

■ Streets okay now

As a resident of Glen Haven Condominiums which is jointly shared with Country Place, I would like to thank those members of the city government who organized and carried out the paving in our complex.

Glen Haven and Country Place are very well managed, and the residents have maintained the integrity of this area very well over the many years I have lived here. However, it was somewhat disheartening in the last three or four years to drive on pavements that were cracked and in such poor condition. Not only is the area better for driving, but in the long run, it adds to the value of our individual property and to the well-being of the community as a whole.

Thank you.

Rita Traynor

■ Another choice

Comedian Al Franken has joked that George Bush has raised the reading scores higher in Texas schools than his own reading level. While this may be a bit of levity, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the two major presidential candidates and some legislators do not have the education to deal with a "high tech" world and scientific problems such as "genetically engineered" foods. On C-Span Booknotes (Sept. 1, a Yale professor lamented that George W. admitted to never having read a book since college, nor having finished one while in college). Does this qualify him to make nuclear decisions?

On the other hand, there is the exceptional John Hagelin, the Natural Law/Reform Party candidate who is a Harvard-trained Quantum physicist. Hagelin, who is under consideration for a Noble Prize, has pointed out that most scientists say that it takes five generations to test genetically engineered foods (some of which have incorporated Roundup into their seeds.)

Besides education and a genius IQ level (165), Hagelin comes from a matrix of integrity. He refuses to accept PAC money which means that he is not owned by corporate interests. Specifically, he has no connection to Occidental Petroleum as does Gore, nor to other oil interests as do Bush and Cheney. Hagelin's language and manners are impeccable. And he is also tough enough to point out that the United States is the principal arms seller in the world, pointing out that if there is a conflict, our soldiers will be facing weapons sold by our own country.

I would hope that you would break your own denial and begin covering this and other third-party candidates with the same scope that you do the clones of corporate interest. I am confident that you have the courage and patriotism to cover Dr. John Hagelin.

Dumont F. Hixson

■ Wording unclear

Thank you Council Members Csordas, Crawford and Kramer for making your positions very clear on the upcoming Road Bond Proposal and attempting to have your intentions be reflected in the wording of the proposal. The newly proposed resolution, eliminating the ambiguity of paved neighborhood streets, would have assured the voters that there would be no policy changes with this council or future councils, as it pertains to the spending of the requested $5 million. It is a shame other council members gave it lip service, but voted to leave the resolution as it is.

Mayor Clark, through a very thorough speech, said it was not his intent to use any of the $5 million to pave neighborhood streets.

Councilman DeRoche expressed his position that while there is some ambiguity in the wording, it is not his intent to pave neighborhood streets with this $5 million. He, in fact, was disappointed that there was not even a plan as to what projects would be taken care of with this blank check, if passed by the voters.

Councilman DeRoche and Mayor Clark, an attorney by profession, are asking us to support a $5 million proposal even though it does not reflect their intent. Why would they leave "neighborhood pavement AND resurfacing" in the proposal if they don't mean it?

Future council decisions will be restricted only by the wording in the proposal. Beware.

Pat Karevich

■ Linda lauded

Linda Wickert Take a Bow!

The performers and chorus in Showstoppers received high praise from the many people attending the show. To all who missed seeing or meeting her, credit is also due to the most instrumental person responsible for putting it all together. Linda Wickert, the director is to be commended for her talent, dedication, humor and unending trust in the performers, that it would all be right before the opening show. Her spirit and vitality kept the cast coming back and looking forward to each rehearsal. Thank you Linda for a job well done!

The Senior Variety Chorus and Stars

■ Yes to road bond

I just finished reading an editorial sent in by Eleanor Thompson who has been a Novi resident for 30 years. She is trying to persuade people from voting NO on the road bond issue. I understand the fact that some people have lived in Novi much of their entire life and are sick of various bond issues. In other words, "footing the bill".

What we all need to understand, at this point, is that Novi is growing leaps and bounds and there are young families moving in. The roads need to be updated to meet current traffic needs.

Trust me, I'm previously from Troy and traffic is bumper to bumper at all times of day. Many people from Novi work in the Troy area and should know what I'm talking about.

Our city does not need to fall in this category if we act quickly. The price will only go up. Clear roadways are beneficial to you and me.

Our children s school buses should not have to sit in traffic, nor should we. I'm not sure about others but there is nothing worse than having to wait 4 or 5 lights before you can pass through an intersection.

It's food for thought, the longer you wait, the more expensive it will be.

Christine McCaffrey

■ No to taxes

I am writing on behalf of my growing family. You see folks, with my growing family, and the small house that we are in, we NEED larger living quarters. It's not that it is needed right this minute, but in the years to come, I know the present living conditions will not be adequate to accommodate us all comfortably.

Also, due to the necessity of acquiring another car, we have found that the driveway, having been constructed for a singular car, in no longer adequate to handle the two vehicles that we now have. This is where your help is needed.

The way I figure it, if I could only have all the taxpayers of Novi send me money, every year for the next 20 years. Then I could have something that I need because I moved to Novi and now you, as taxpayers, are all responsible.

What do you mean, you aren't responsible for me to remodel my house or widen my driveway? That's funny. The city grows, and my kids go to a school that's 30 years old and I have to pay to build 12 million dollar schools for new taxpayers. I'm being asked to pay for new roads that weren't needed before all the new construction. I'm being asked to pay for new fire houses, EMS services, additional police, and a new police station.

All these taxes weren't needed before the expansion of Novi, yet, I'm being asked, and in some cases, taxed, to supply stuff because some builder made money building houses, that, were sure to bring those whose appearance would require me to pay money for them. I'm just asking (not really) for the same consideration, that I am being asked to supply for them.

Why isn't it in the city's bylaws that the additional services that are going to be needed be included in the prices of the houses. Such as for roads, schools, additional fire and police protection. Why?

In closing I say the tax payers of Novi should say NO! to any new taxes for anything.

Anyone who moves here knows the area, the roads, etc. as it is and why should I, or anyone else have to PAY, PAY, PAY, to make life nicer for anyone, just as I wouldn't expect you as taxpayers to pay for me to have all the things that I need to make my life any better. NO NEW TAXES!

Thank you for your time.

John Sherwood

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OTHER OPINIONS

Hypocrisy taints entertainment media

Like most parents, I've regularly ground my teeth at astonishingly noisy, profane, sex-obsessed, women-hating and violent content that infests most pop culture today. And like most parents, I've wondered what prolonged exposure to this swill is doing to my son, Nathan.

I've shared the "I told you so" feelings of most parents at last week's Federal Trade Commission report that concluded the entertainment industry regularly, pervasively and arrogantly markets violent and obscene products to children by promoting R-rated movies during programs aimed at young people and selling toys derived from violent films.

And I've even felt some admiration as politicians of both parties lost no opportunity in jumping all over the Hollywood hypocrites who simultaneously claim their own industry's rating standards are effective in keeping inappropriate content away from children and then brazenly violate their own rules.

Phil Power

What is striking about the FTC report is that it follows on the heels of a statement from four national health associations that definitively links the violence in movies, television, video games and music to acts of violence among children.

Issued by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the statement concluded, "the effects are measurable and long-standing ... Moreover, prolonged viewing of media violence can lead to emotional desensitization toward violence in real life."

In other words, there is a demonstrated, scientific link between the slack-jawed kid on the couch watching junk on TV to the horrors of the massacre at Columbine High School. I'm not talking about decent, artistic and sensitive movies with "redeeming social value," in the words of the Supreme Court. I'm talking about the junk, especially the stuff marketed to kids.

There will be much debate, of course, about what is best to do. Defenders of the First Amendment (of which I count myself as one) will argue that letting the government set content standards is pretty scary. Clearly, the entertainment industry's claims that self-regulation works is a sad joke. Faced with confused and conflicting rating systems, tight schedules and often-rebellious kids, parents have a tough time exercising their responsibility.

> *"There is a demonstrated scientific link between the slack-jawed kid on the couch watching junk on TV to the horrors of the massacre at Columbine High School."*

What is most troubling to me about the situation, though, is the realization of what forces are now in practice defining and propagating our entire culture.

Time was, the content of a culture was a complex fabric constructed out of the panoply of history, literature, art, religious and ethical teachings — the entire range of time-tested factors that bring value, context and definition to a culture. Most certainly, the content of an entire culture was not the commercial property of enormous corporations intent on maximizing profit.

But that's exactly what we have today.

The entertainment industry is the first in history whose business model is to create icons to comprise the culture of our youth, to propagate that culture through entirely new technologies such as CDs, television and the Internet, and through advertising to stimulate a demand for the cultural products so created and propagated.

The entertainment industry is enormously profitable, pervasive and self-absorbed. It is an entire industry whose central commercial purpose is to define for its own profit the cultural environment in which we and our children live.

What gives some TV mogul the right to define the culture in which my son grows up? What legitimizes the output of some rap music producer dominating the musical tastes of an entire generation? By what right does some video game designer create a product that promotes violent behavior in the user?

And for the entertainment industry to argue self-righteously that all it's doing is "giving the market what the market wants" when it uses every modern tool of marketing to stimulate the demand it allegedly is meeting is the ultimate hypocrisy.

No wonder so many people are so very angry.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net

His heavy load is carried with courage

I met Joey Silvestri Monday night. Joey Silvestri.

I write his name twice because there are some people who meet him who seem to think it's "baldy" or "leatherhead," or some other cruelly critical epitaph that simply doesn't suit him.

His name is Joey Silvestri. Learn it, memorize it, use it. And then once you have his name down, learn all you can about the beautiful little boy behind it. Because this kid is really something. He has alopecia areata. An auto-immune disease which robbed this 7-year-old of the hair on his face, body and head at the age of four. There is no cure. There is a possibility he will grow some hair someday, only to have it fall out again. Then again, he may never have any at all.

Melanie Plenda

In a society where the media, music, television and movies define our collective worth on how we look with these jeans, those cars, that body, and this hairstyle, alopecia can be emotionally and mentally crippling for both men and women alike.

But Joey and his family don't define him by this disease. Aside from being a stellar hockey player and a cut up for his friends and family, he has more strength and courage at seven than most adults I've met.

Joey won't die from his disease. But his disease causes millions of little deaths along the way with every cruel word or stare that lasts a little too long.

He did tell me that although it hurt his feelings, he reasoned they did it because they were curious. He realizes at his age that the world puts a high price on looks, but he puts a high price on being a good person.

His disease had him getting treatments at 4 years old. Treatments which included 100 cortisone shots to his scalp over a period of two to three months. Sometimes the countless cremes and salves and shots would even give him countless minutes of false hope when a little hair would grow and quickly fall out.

> *"He realizes that at his age the world puts a high price on looks, but he puts a high price on being a good person."*

But Joey doesn't dwell on this. In a tiny voice, he simply said it was painful but he tried to be brave.

This logic comes from a 7-year-old who has experienced physical pain early on in life and the cruelty of ignorance, all of which is staggering to me. He has determined he has this disease for a reason. That the pain and ridicule he has had to endure will not be in vain. He will not be a victim of this disease. Joey, along with his second grade class, decided they are going to raise money for alopecia research.

Joey told me he hopes this money will help researchers find a cure. But when he speaks of a cure, there is something universal in what he is saying. As if to say he wouldn't want anyone else to have to go through what he has gone through and is personally going to make sure they don't.

His class at Our Lady of Victory school is holding a can drive Sept. 25, with all proceeds going to fund Alopecia research. I would encourage the community to help this cause. Joey is joined by tens of thousands of people who have to endure treatments which don't work and give them false hope.

People who are forced by society to hide under wigs and hats so as not to offend our delicate sensibilities. We as a community have a chance with this can drive to tell Joey and the many others like him, that this community only champions people who stand out from the pack.

If nothing else, we need to tell Joey Silvestri, who has a name and beauty and heart, he never has to hide his brilliance from anyone.

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LETTERS

■ No word on water

City of Novi Government:

Why is it that during the drought of 1988 city employees came through our subdivisions with bullhorns to announce we could no longer use outside water, but this past weekend when a water main broke we had to rely on inconsistent information from our local television stations to get the news out? It seems the health and safety of hundreds, if not thousands, of our citizens should rate the same door-to-door measures as did the drought of '88.

I know in my neighborhood the majority of families had not heard about the break until we mentioned it to them. All weekend long I checked the local cable channel, city web site, called the city office, and watched the local news stations trying to get updated information, but there was none to be had. The least the city could have done is to occasionally post an updated time on the web site and cable channel so we knew the boil water advisory/mandate was still current.

Let's hope the next time a situation like this arises, the city does a better job of informing and updating their citizens.

Jan Less

■ Thanks for help in Fuerst Farm clean-up

Last weekend the City of Novi and The Novi Chamber of Commerce partnered together to restore and preserve the Fuerst Farm property on Taft Rd. and Ten Mile Rd. With nearly 50 volunteers each day, the project was a huge success!

The dedication of our team leaders and hard work of our volunteers turned the property into a sight to see! Throughout the weekend, the volunteers pulled weeds, trimmed trees, scrubbed floors and walls of the inside of the house and painted the outside of the house. The difference from beginning to end is tremendous and all the volunteers should be proud of the accomplishments!

We would like to personally like to thank the following volunteers for taking the time out of their weekend to work on the Fuerst Farm property:

• All of the team leaders: Ruth Ann Jirasek, Kathy Mutch, Tom Marcus, Diane & Marc Davies, Linda Krieger and Maureen Malone. • The *Novi News* staff: Stephanie Fordyce, Jan Jeffres and Kelli Cooley.

• The Parks & Recreation staff: Jack Lewis, Steve Tillman and Chuck Fritz.

• The Novi Hilton for their volunteers and food donation: Julie Emerson, Kathy Sabell, Debbie Schultz and Dawn Georgio. • Providence Hospital for supplying medical necessities and food donations: Marie Baloga and Lou Martin.

• Panera Bread for their morning bagel donation.

• The Novi High School Interact Club: Jenny Thomson, Anna Cynar, Rene Schmitt, Marta Filipoasla, Solomon Zheng, Prachi Shah, Kerry Morrison, Lindsay Janitens, Tracy Kwang, Asha Radhamshan, Shaun Calulin, Melissa Shively, Anna Rickard, Emily Coffield, Carl Yiu, Eric Hansen, Suray Ramachandran, Chelsea Bennett, Niraj Shah, Kimberly Storm and Eric Liao.

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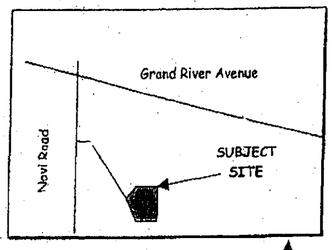
We could never have accomplished as much as we did without these volunteers!

The volunteers were such an integral part of this past weekend, successfully preserving the Fuerst Farm into a beautiful piece of property that Novi should be extremely proud of!

Stacey B. DeRoche
Novi Chamber of Commerce Director

CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 4, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider TRANS-X INDUSTRIAL BUILDING SP 00-32, located on Trans-X Drive, southeast of Grand River and Novi Roads, for PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WETLAND PERMIT APPROVALS. The applicant is proposing a 29,632 square foot light industrial building.



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, October 4, 2000.

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Seniors gotta sing, gotta dance at show

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along to tunes such as Shirley MacLaine's "Hey Big Spender" sung by Helene Mackris, Patsy Cline's "Crazy" by Peggy Steinbebel, and George Giese who sang Sinatra's "My Way." The Senior Variety Series' Chorus directed by Giese, uplifted the crowd with hits like "One" from "A Chorus Line," "The Music Man's" "Seventy-six Trombones," and "Hello Dolly."

The entertainment didn't stop there as the show was packed with tons of dance numbers such as "Hair's" "Aquarius," "All That Jazz" from "Chicago," and a Fred and Ginger routine by John and Joan Lanzon.

Other sketches and acts in the production included "Who's On First" by seniors Len Kaminski and Gene Drafta and show opener "Willkommen" from Cabaret.

And the seniors didn't stop there. This young at heart group had the audience in stitches with a Beatles lip sync to "She loves you" by Iris Rehmland, Laurie Thompson, Caroline Giese, and Marion Cowan, a drag queen rendition of "I Enjoy Being A Girl," and a remake of "Summer Nights" from "Grease."

"My husband and I have really enjoyed the show. It's been wonderful," said Novi resident Ann Haewski during intermission. "They're doing a fabulous job."

Music for the energetic production was provided by pianist Sheri Sansom, Stacey Becker on the synthesizer and Gary Becker on drums. Routines for the show were choreographed by Carrie Wickert and costumes were done by Laurie Thompson. Roger Wilfong acted as Technical Director and Lighting Designer for the show was Kristeen Crosser.

"Because we do have people doing the professional lighting, set, and music, it really does allow the show to go the extra mile," Wickert said. "They really help make the shows a success."

The high energy afternoon even began with a luncheon where show-goers enjoyed food and raffled prizes.

"Everything went really well. We had a great show," Wickert said. "People are already asking when tickets for the next show are going on sale."

> "It's been wonderful. They're doing a fabulous job."
>
> Anne Haewski
> Audience member

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at (248) 349-1700.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Carolyn Giese portrays Mae West in "Showstoppers."

Kriewall calls it quits, fest reviews futures

BY RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

He resigned last year as city manager and now "Mr. Novi," Ed Kriewall, has resigned as board member of the Music & Motor Fest.

Kriewall, who is considered the "father" of the former Michigan 50s Festival, had been a board member since the festival's inception in 1988.

Meanwhile, the festival board is reviewing its options for next year.

Jane Thomas, director of the festival, said that Kriewall had informed the board last week that he wanted to more on and try "other things."

"He's getting more involved with his consulting and retirement," Thomas said. "He felt he needed to focus on that."

Kriewall, who last spring took a consulting position with the $100 million Main Street development company Evergreen III, had been Novi city manager for 30 years before retiring last February.

"We'll have to have a vote to accept his resignation and we'll look for a replacement," Thomas said.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 23, but Thomas said she did not know if the vote would be taken that day.

"He's made a great contribution to the festival but he just has more things going on in his life," said festival president Robert McCann.

Kriewall was not available for comment by press-time.

This past summer's festival was called a "disaster" by numerous vendors who, several of whom said that they lost money on the venture.

Thomas, who blamed the poor turnout on the weather, said that the festival board is looking at the festival critically and could make changes next year.

"We're listening to all the parties involved," Thomas said. "We're in the process of talking to some new media people and all our sponsors. We're also listening to what the public has told us."

Thomas said that there are no plans to change the festival's name back to the Michigan 50s Festival.

"We had sponsors tell us that concept was dated," Thomas said. "So, we are looking to the future."

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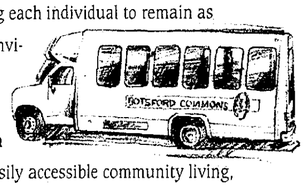

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Child suffered stomach damage from chemical

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and Principal Jacqueline Lawrence for the victim's pain, suffering, mental anguish, and medical expenses for care, treatment and management. Damages of $5 million, in addition to attorney's fees are sought.

"We are obviously very concerned about the safety and well-being of all our students, but since we haven't been served with the lawsuit yet and we haven't had the opportunity to see the allegations, it would be inappropriate to comment at this time," said Executive Director of Personnel for Novi Public Schools Robert Schram said on Tuesday.

According to a school incident report from the school's third grade teacher Nancy Bain dated April 13, as part of a science experiment in her classroom she and Novi Middle School science instructor Maggie Gonzalez-Sheeran had the students make crystals from a solution of copper sulfate. Bain said in the report that "as with any scientific process using solutions or powders, I stressed the importance of never sniffing or tasting these."

The experiment, designed to show the scientific method, involved having students tie dental floss to sticks, placing the dental floss into clear plastic cups and then pouring copper sulfate into the cups. The cups were placed on a shelf in the classroom for several weeks until the solution had hardened into dime-sized, shiny blue crystals around the dental floss.

According to her statement, Bain gave the experiment to 16 of her third grade students to take home.

"As a mother and a teacher's helper, I think it was very inappropriate for (Bain) to let the kids take home this chemical," said Paul's mother Karen Ghannam. "I believe the students should do experiments, but it served no purpose to allow them to bring it home."

Ghannam, believing the copper sulfate crystals were rock candy, swallowed the poison after one of Bain's students offered it on the bus ride home from school that day, according to a Novi police report dated April 23. Ghannam then became nauseous roughly four minutes afterwards and went up to the front of the bus to vomit in a wastebasket.

"Paul was suddenly very ill on the bus and I called him to the front while he vomited in a garbage can," stated bus driver Mitch Gallo, in an incident report made on the day of the occurrence. "He didn't seem to be any better so I dropped him off at his home and explained to his parents."

Karen Ghannam said when her son got off the bus he told her he had eaten some candy and that he felt sick.

"He was screaming with pain, doubled over," and he spent most of his time in the bathroom until we found out what happened," she said.

Ghannam said roughly ten minutes later, she received a call from the third grader's mother, who told her that Ghannam's son had eaten an unknown substance from a science experiment at school.

> "We have never had a problem with any of the teachers in our experience...That's why this is so surprising."
>
> Karen Ghannam,
> Mother of injured child

Karen and Fred Ghannam immediately drove their son to Providence Hospital in Novi. After the third grader's mother went to the school to inquire about the substance, she called the hospital to tell the doctors that the matter was copper sulfate.

Paul Ghannam was later transferred to St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac, where he underwent two endoscopic examinations, which revealed severe ulceration of the child's stomach lining, according to his mother. She also said that her son received two months of medical treatment and a strict diet, with no solid food for a month.

"It was devastating. I still can't believe this happened to him," Karen Ghannam said. "I just hope no child, or anyone for that matter has to go through this."

While he is better now, she said they are still monitoring him and he "still sometimes has stomach pain."

Novi Detective Kevin Hebert said that the incident was not of a criminal matter, but he did investigate the incident.

"We were told it was copper sulfate and one of the school officials confirmed that with us," Hebert said. " As far as it being criminal, no. But it was dangerous and it was clearly an accident. We feel there was no intention to harm anybody. It was just some kids being kids."

According to an incident report by Novi Woods Principal Jackie Lawrence dated April 13, Lawrence received a listing of the students who had taken the crystals home from Bain and had the school secretary make contact with those parents requesting that the experiment thrown out. She also stated that she issued instructions to her staff through e-mail, telling them not to discuss the incident with anyone.

"The district was overly concerned with their own interests which they placed ahead of the childrens' welfare, as is evident by the e-mail instructing the staff not to communicate and the weak attempt to collect the poisonous substances," said Grande-Cassell. "The ultimate recovery of the copper sulfate was really the work of the Novi Police Department and their outstanding efforts to ensure the safety of the children in Ms. Bain's class."

The response, according to Grande-Cassell and the Ghannam family, was inadequate.

"Ultimately, we want people to know that this did happen and that the copper sulfate was not retrieved properly or adequately. The school only called parents and told them to dispose of it when they should have collected it," Karen Ghannam said.

Two weeks after the incident, Novi police were able to secure a number of samples. Those samples are in the Novi police evidence lock-up according to Grande-Cassell.

Ghannam said while she did receive a call from Lawrence the day after the incident inquiring about her son's condition, she never received an apology from the district.

On May 31, Schram issued a written reprimand to Bain in which he stated, "It appears you protected students from the chemicals in the classroom by keeping them on a shelf out of reach; however, to allow the students to take these crystals home was not a responsible or well-thought out decision."

Schram added that: "We view you as a very dedicated teacher who is concerned about the health and safety of each one of your students; however, in the future we would expect you to be very aware and knowledgeable about any chemical substances used during your class experiments."

She had earlier been given an oral reprimand.

According to Grande-Cassell, the school district was uncooperative and handed over the case over to their insurance company instead of handling it internally.

"The school district not only circled the wagons on this, but they also put their (insurance) carrier on notice," Grande-Cassell said. "It seems to me they were more concerned with their exposure than they were with the kids."

The boy's mother said that until this happened, their experience with Novi teachers had been very positive.

"We have never had a problem with any of the (Novi) teachers in our experience. They have all been completely devoted and fabulous to all the children," Karen Ghannam said. "That's why this is so surprising."

The Ghannam family said they will not seek criminal charges against the third grader. They said they recognize the immediate, helpful actions by the third grader's family in identifying the poisonous chemical and the inability of an 8-year-old to recognize the serious consequences of what the youngster believed to be a childish prank.

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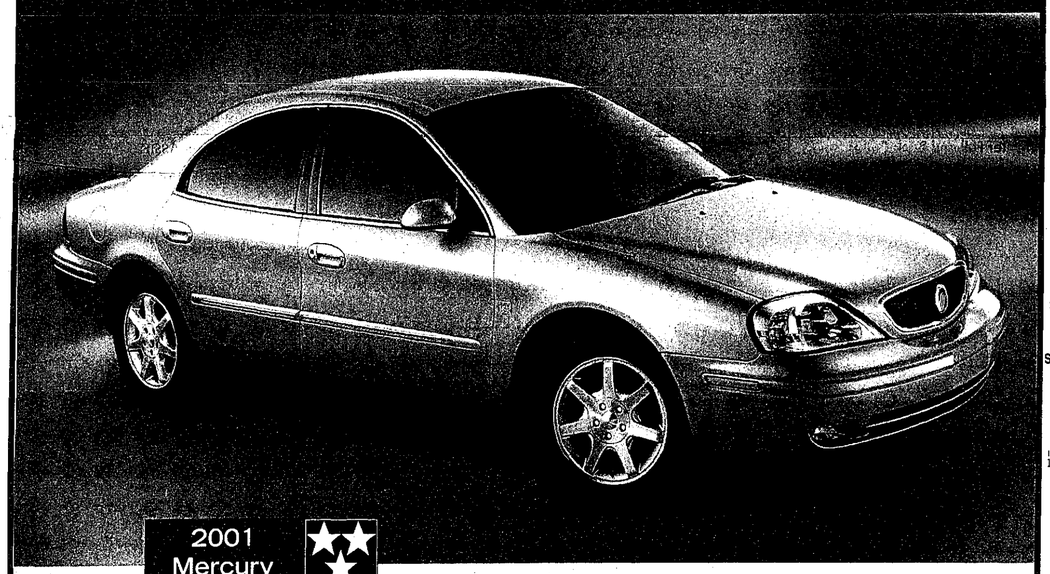

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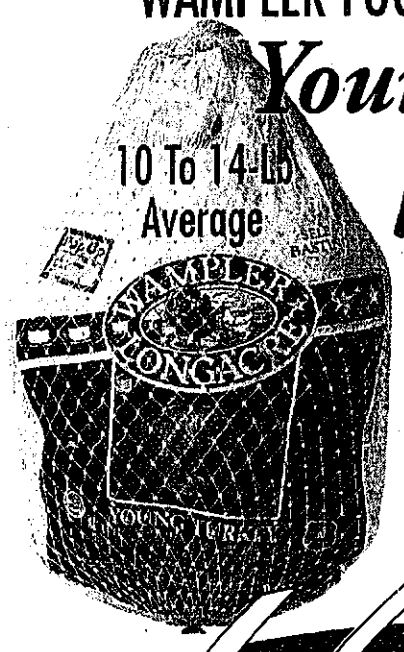

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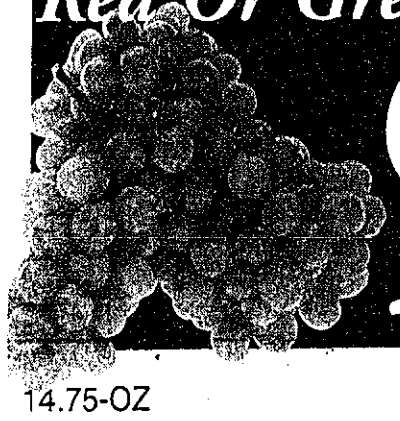

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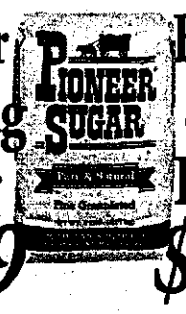

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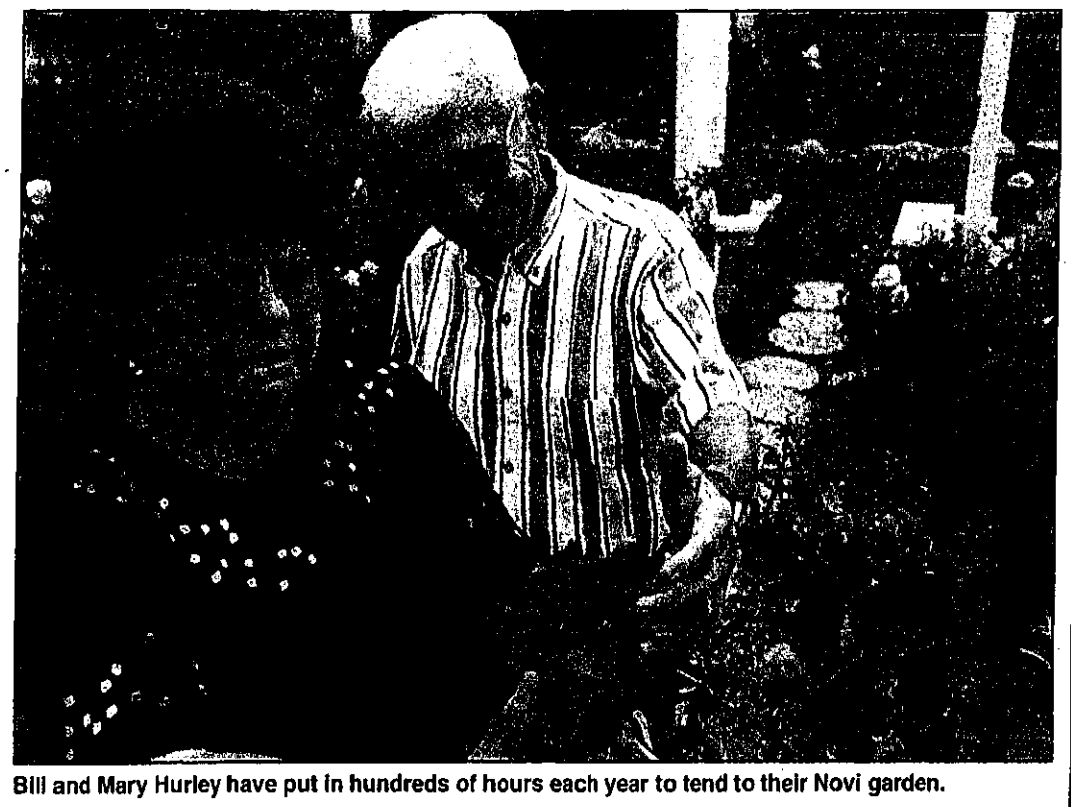

Bill and Mary Hurley have put in hundreds of hours each year to tend to their Novi garden.

A butterfly rests on one of the Hurleys' flowering bushes.

Not so secret garden

Novi residents bring love of flowers alive

Construction workers heading to the job each morning to resurface the roads in Meadowbrook Glen subdivision know they will spend the day laboring over less than fragrant building materials.

Therefore, many of them are grateful to two Novi residents who also get their hands dirty with hard, gritty work - Mary Ann and Bill Hurley.

But for the Hurleys it is, as the saying goes, a labor of love.

This is because they've taken an ordinary suburban quarter-acre backyard and created a parti-colored island of floral beauty surrounded by a white picket fence. And if you are so preoccupied as to not notice their Hampton Hill home as you drive by, get out of your car and you can, quite literally, smell the roses, several hundred of them.

"The men who are working here say they enjoy coming by the area because the scent is really strong," Mary Ann Hurley said.

The Hurleys estimated they've planted 225 rose plants – including a miniature rose garden – plus anything else lovely they can get into the soil. Rose varieties include hybrid teas, Floribunda, climbers and Rugosas.

"The rose is such an old flower, it speaks for itself," Bill Hurley said.

While the peak season is in July, the garden action lingers

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>
> Mary Ann Hurley

far longer than you'd expect in Michigan's climate.

"We've been eating Thanksgiving dinner and there's roses out there, not the greatest, but they're out there. I've got something blooming at all times," Mary Ann Hurley said. "It starts early and it goes from one thing to another. Usually, the really showy ones are annuals."

But roses aren't the only thing that blooms in the back and side yards of the Hurley home. Begonias wind around the trunk of a long-gone tree. A huge hibiscus lends a tropical note. Black-eyed Susans spring up and grow like Topsy. For Mary Ann Hurley, anything can be a planter for her garden, including her son's work boot, which she filled with hens and chickens.

"He came home and said 'where's my boots?' He found one in the attic. I forgot that I had put flowers in the other," Mary Ann Hurley said.

The Hurleys have grown roses for as long as 25 years, but in 1986, the garden really became a passion for the couple.

Many of the plants come from catalogs or Glenda's Market, but Bill Hurley also enjoys doing some experimentation.

"We'll grow our own with a cutting. We'll take it and nurse it along," he said.

The neighbors love their garden, but it's also popular with other visitors – butterflies. And these guests schedule their dinner hour.

"It's very interesting to see them come every day. It seems they come at the same time, 2 p.m.," Mary Ann Hurley said.

But those who are not in search of nectar are welcome here, too. Garden clubs have toured the yard; the neighborhood's mail carrier brought his wife. Anyone is free to walk through, as long as the family is home.

The Hurleys swear by organic gardening and avoid insecticides that are harmful to animals.

"I do my own composting. A lot of the dirt comes from an old horse farm at Eight Mile and Beck Road," Bill Hurley said.

Bit by bit the Hurleys have put together their little bit of paradise. But while others see perfection, like most perfectionists, the Hurleys look at their garden and see what remains to be done. Recent additions include a new trellis with seats.

For the Hurleys, there is no such thing as a summer vacation. Who'd take care of the garden? But the dividend comes in the peace and relaxation they find looking at their creation.

"I like creating things and seeing what happens," Mary Ann Hurley said.

The gloomiest time of the year for them is when the frost hits and bit by bit their garden falls dormant

"It's certainly a sad time for me, when I see everything die here, because my whole family died in November," Mary Ann Hurley said.

Among the ornaments mingled in with the greenery in their yard is a stone bearing the inscription, "Old gardeners never die, they just spade away."

But then, there is the spring to anticipate and beginning all over again.

"Then, you start planning for the following year. There's a lot I want to do yet," Bill Hurley said.

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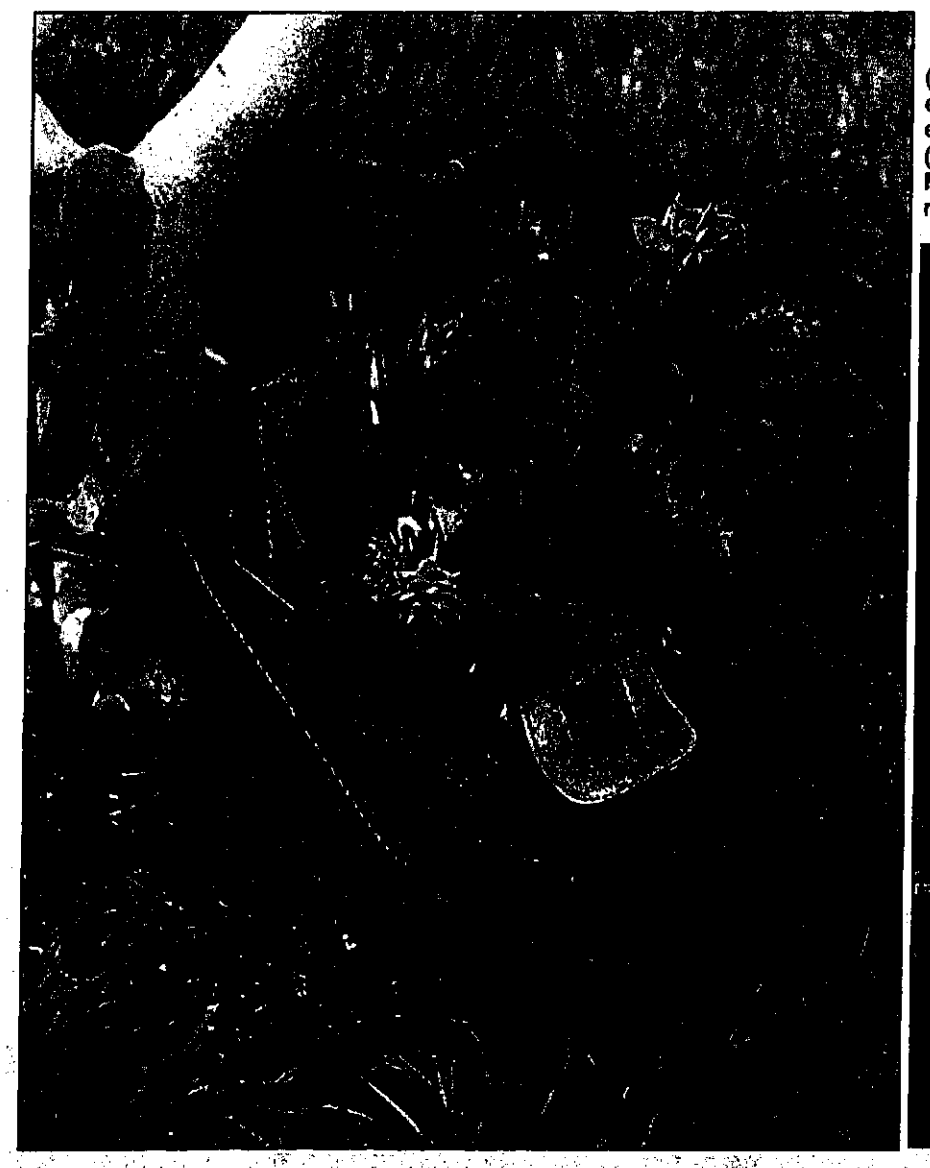
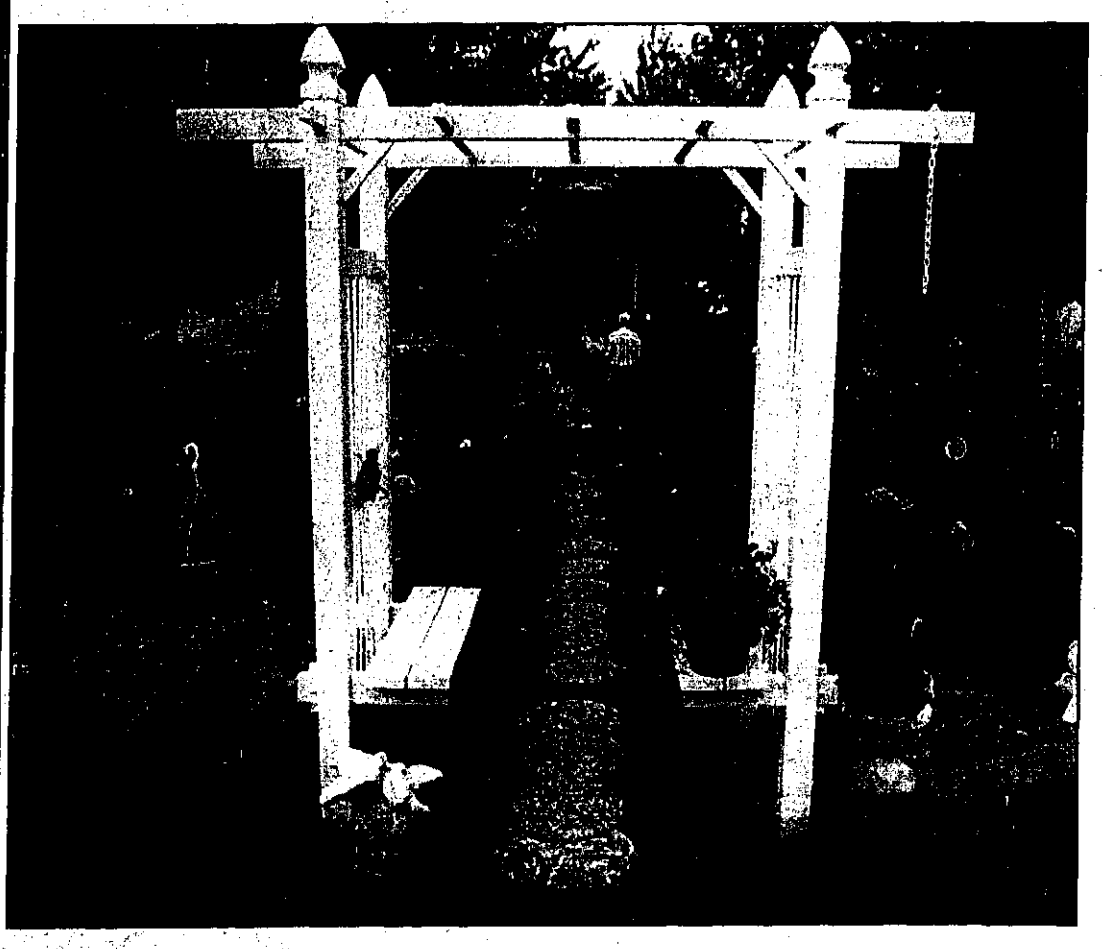


(Left) The Hurleys have found an interesting use for an old boot; they've planted Hens and Chicks in it.
(Below) The garden in Novi's Meadowbrook Glen subdivision has a new addition: a trellis.



Novi Highlights

PET A PET CLUB

Volunteers, both human and animal, are invited to join the Pet-A-Pet Club which is an award winning animal visitation group based in not only the Detroit metropolitan area but also locally at both Charter House and also at Whitehall Health Center. Mrs. Ruth Curry, President, is looking into establishing another group to visit CourtYard located at 48578 Pontiac Trail in Wixom. It will be an evening program during the week with coordinator, Tom Robinson, who can be reached at 248-380-8208. Pet-A-Pet was featured in a new book about animal therapy, entitled "You Have a Visitor," by California author Renee Esorth. She describes Pet-A-Pet as a "large family brought together by their love for animals, their need to help others and a desire to improve themselves." Mrs. Curry indicates that many studies have shown the positive influence animals can have on physical and mental health. Pet-A-Pet volunteers see these effects first hand in their monthly visits to patients at nursing homes, hospitals, rehab centers, schools and psychiatric facilities. Volunteers also tell stories of children who never speak except to a favorite pet visitor, patients whose motor skills are improved by stroking a furry dog, and troubled youth who drop their defenses and become open and friendly when animals are around. The Pet-A-Pet program is always open to people and their family pets who would like to share in this special way of helping others. There are currently nearly 100 monthly programs in place, day, evening and weekend. No special training for pets is required, however, they must be friendly, gentle and get along well with people and other animals. Current vaccination records are required and there is a $5.00 registration fee. Anyone interested in more information in the Novi area can call Sue Durance at 349-3913, Sharron Disbro at 734-449-8379, or Ruth Curry at 313-535-0410.

ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER

The mission of this program is to reach out to those facing unplanned pregnancies, offering counseling and also providing material resources such as clothing and baby furniture. In addition, where needed, they also provide spiritual help, emotional support and lay counseling. They provide resources to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, age, marital status or income level. Center statistics for April thru July of this year indicate there were 356 contacts with clients, and volunteers contributed 433 hours. In addition, pregnancy tests were given with 20 positive and 68 negative. Public Relations Director is Julie Nordberg, who is available to come to a group and present their program. One of the needs is lay counselors and there is training coming up on September 28-30, with classes usually in the evening on two evenings and concluding with a session on Saturday when lunch is provided. Classes will be at their new location in Farmington at 33100 Grand River Avenue. You might feel you would be able to help in this ministry, or want to learn how to help a friend in crisis, etc. Topics will include special training in listening skills, information on the crisis pregnancy center, the reproductive system and sexually transmitted diseases, abortion techniques and post abortion syndrome. Attending the training does not obligate you to volunteer. Other needs are diapers, sizes newborn to 3, cribs, high chairs and strollers in good condition, and conference table and chairs. Your gift is tax deductible. For further information, call Laurie at 248-451-5858.

NOVI JAYCEES

Plans are being made for the annual Distinguished Service Awards Brunch, that is always sponsored by the Novi Jaycees to recognize outstanding citizens, and also they usually recognize outstanding members of the Police Department, Fire Department and other city departments. The date is October 21 and more information is available by calling 348-4063. Vic's Market on Grand River has been selected for this year's occasion and applications for the awards will be available in the near future. The next General Membership meeting will be October 9 and final plans will be made. This year for a fundraiser, they will be running the Christmas wrapping for the Michigan Christmas Show at the Novi Expo Center from November 30-December 3rd. They will be accepting canned food donations, wrapping packages and the money will go towards the needy families at Christmas. For more information, call President Lisa Biasiola at 374-9703.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The church has started their fall schedule for Sunday services with two each Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. The annual Rally Day was September 10 and was the Sunday School Kick-off. Sunday, September 17, was Bible Sunday, when third graders receive their Bibles and the same day was a "Logos Picnic" for the children, families and Logos staff at 4:30 p.m. and ending with the official Youth Program Start from 6:00-9:00. The weekly programs will include Bible Study, a variety of spiritual disciplines, dinner, recreation and crafts with a development of worship skills explored. This coming Sunday, September 24, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. will be Sacrament Orientation. This program is offered the week before World Communion Sunday to help prepare children to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are interested are invited to attend and there will be an "Agape Meal" *before the rest of the program.* The Prime Timers, which is a program for senior citizens, has been busy during the summer and this month, they met at the Country Epicure for lunch. The church will again be participating in the annual CROP WALK, scheduled for October 1, starting at 2 p.m. Call the church at 349-5666, for more information.

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

Business

Brant Engel of Farmington Hills has joined the Park Jarrett III Agency of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), Livonia as district representative.

Engel will serve Lutherans and their families in Farmington Hills, Novi and West Bloomfield.

AAL is a fraternal benefit society for insurance education and volunteer opportunities.

David J. Boyd, the Northville investment representative for the financial-services firm Edward Jones, was one of the 40 representatives honored at a business management forum in St. Louis, Mo.

Boyd was recognized for the excellent business-management skills he has demonstrated. In addition to being honored, Boyd met with other Edward Jones investment representatives to share ideas for increasing office efficiency, improving client service, increasing investment knowledge, and expanding his knowledge in the areas of retirement and estate planning.

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites all working women to its Fall Network Mingle, Oct. 16 at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Novi. Networking is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by guest speaker Janet Matlock of "The Productivity Coach." Refreshments and Hors d'ouvres will be served. No fee to attend.

Please RSVP by Oct. 6 to Betty at (248) 349-3113. If you are a business owner who wishes to display their products or literature, you must make arrangements for table space by Oct. 6.

Business Network International (BNI) will have its regular meetings at the following times:

• Greater Novi chapter - Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, 7-8:30 a.m. on Sept. 27.

• Wixom chapter - Leon's Restaurant, 29710 S. Wixom Road between Pontiac Trail and I-96, 7-8:30 a.m. on Sept. 29.

Sen. Mike Rogers sets up Website for Ameritech complaints

The telephone repair service horror stories Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Rogers has been hearing and reading in recent weeks prompted him to launch a new Website today.

"FixMyPhoneNow.Com is one way phone customers can be heard," said Rogers, (R-Brighton.) "The horror stories that people are telling me when I encounter them on the street, and the e-mail messages we have been receiving at my office are frustrating.

"E-mails from the new Webpage will be forwarded to the state legislators who represent the individuals having phone service problems, and we will report a summary of the information to the Public Service Commission. We are asking phone customers to tell us their own experiences and also to voice their support for the legislation I will be introducing next week."

Rogers is drafting legislation to give the PSC power to levy stiff fines on phone companies that fail for an extended period of time to respond to service needs in a timely manner. The measure also requires phone companies to credit the customer triple the cost of missed service.

"Customers who have no other alternative to Ameritech feel helpless against this corporate giant," Rogers said. "Now we'll give them a place to join with other customers to be heard in unison: 'Fix Our Phones Now, not next week or next month, but now.'" Rogers said, *www.fixmyphonenow.com,* in addition to allowing phone customers to report their experiences with delays in customer service and repair to his Senate office and to the PSC, provides a link to the listing of PSC hearings on repair delays and to other information regarding the mounting repair problems around the state.

"I encourage phone customers to tell us their stories, but also to speak out in support of the legislation that will put some teeth into the PSC's ability to hold the phone companies accountable for prompt service," Rogers said.

"Ameritech and other phone companies are basically unregulated monopolies that hold phone customers hostage," Rogers said. "Until there is true competition in the local phone service market, government has a responsibility to protect the families who have come to rely on the phone for many reasons; the most important being their own personal safety.

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September and October is the time of year many employers are looking to hire new people. January through March is another busy time for hiring new employees. So, if your company has "restructured" and you are without employment, if you are unhappy in your current job situation, or if you are just entering the job market, now is the time to update your resume, polish up your interviewing skills and begin a job search.

Conducting an effective job search can be extraordinarily taxing – scouring classifieds, searching the Web and mass-mailing your resume can produce unsatisfactory results, despite the intense time and personal effort.

The issue may not be the amount of work you put into your job hunt, but the type of work you put into it. Now, there isn't an easy way to find a job – you are still going to have to work hard at it. But the following principles of an aggressive job search can lead you to bypass the classifieds and HR departments and get your resume and yourself in front of prospective employers.

• You alone are accountable for your success.

Let's face it, jobs don't just fall into your lap. Accepting ownership for your career and the progress of your job search is instrumental to finding a position that meets your personal and professional goals, and positioning yourself for potential employers. During a job search, regularly assessing your progress will help you to measure your results and avoid the trap of being busy but unproductive. Make a plan and begin to work your plan.

• You are in control.

An aggressive job hunt works on the basis that you are in complete control. You are choosing your target companies, not just settling on those that happen to have some job posting up. Start off by actively researching as much as you can about your target companies. This means reading the business press and industry journals specific to those companies. Try to find out what expansion plans the company has. Is management refocusing its target market? What companies is it partnering with? The challenge then will be to ferret out the potential jobs and find out who can get you in the door.

• You know the people.

News articles, corporate Websites, press releases and personal contacts can lead you to the people you really want to talk to at your target company. Also, talking with vendors, customers and employees of your target company will – directly or indirectly – lead you to upcoming jobs and opportunities.

Learn all you can about your area of interest, including names of relevant managers. Once you've found them, call them and (here's the key) don't ask for a job. Tell them that you're researching companies in your industry and mention who referred them to you. Ask for insight into their work and advice about your resume and about what type of work you want to do. If they can't help out, they will surely be able to point you to someone who will (either at that company or another one.) The advantage? While other job seekers are busy e-mailing resumes, you're developing relationships with people who can actually help you.

• You make the move.

Finally, it is time to call your target manager or recruiter. Explain who you are, who referred you, and what you know about the company. Ask for an informational interview, or if you have the manager on the line, a short meeting in which you will demonstrate your ability to contribute to his bottom line. This step will probably be the hardest. You must be prepared to offer ideas and solutions the manager needs, and you will only have one chance to do so.

Although these tactics are very aggressive, each step can take awhile. So, as with any job search, you will have to give yourself time to find your ideal job.

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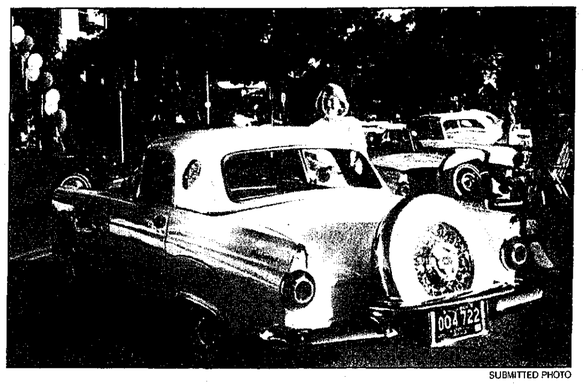

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Northville resident Joan Noonan with her "baby," A 1956 T-Bird at the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Love of cars runs deep for local woman

Dreams that span years, ones made of dazzling chrome and mirrors, these are the things that the Woodward Dream Cruise is made of.

These dreams have put smiles on Northville resident Joan Noonan's face for years.

The life long resident attended the 2000 Dream Cruise in her 1956 Classic two seater, white Thunderbird with other members of the American Road Thunderbird Club.

Ford, Thunderbirds and Noonan go way back. Noonan retired from the Ford Motor Co. in 1993 after 39 years of service. She worked in the Racing Division, Finance, Advertising and Promotion, Design Center and lastly as an Executive Secretary in Latin American Automotive Operations at the World Headquarters.

"I've had a lot of marvelous experiences at Ford. There were so many wonderful, interesting people I got to work with," she said.

Of course, with that much background in the automotive industry, there will always be cars in Noonan's life.

"Thunderbirds, I love them! I guess I always have. They're such a beautiful car and so much fun to drive," Noonan said.

Her first car, an Ice Blue 1959 Thunderbird, was cherished because it took her years to save enough money to buy it.

She said her 1956 "Bird" however, is her baby. A friend, Howard Voight, an Executive Engineer at Ford, knew of Noonan's passion for Thunderbirds. Being an avid car enthusiast himself, Voigt came across the '56 "Bird" in West Lake, La. in 1990 and called to tell Noonan it was a "solid '56...a keeper."

Along with her husband, the late Patrick Noonan, the couple drove the car in several parades, attended club functions and have shown it at the Ford Yacht Club in Grosse Isle.

This was the second Dream Cruise for Noonan, who said each year she learns a little more.

"I've learned so much from so many of the other car owners and I'm always trying to learn more. It is so much fun. Everyone always has a story about their car," she said.

Noonan is looking forward to continuing her car's story with additional restoration, more Dream Cruises and possibly another Thunderbird when the new line by Ford comes out in 2002.

"I've got money down on one. I think it's going to be another classic," she said.

This article was written by Michele Harris.

Birth

Megan Gall

Greg and Kim Gall of South Lyon are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Lynn, born May 28 at 10:20 a.m. in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Megan was welcomed into the family by sister, Melissa.

The proud grandparents are Lynn Gall of Northville and Peter and Sally Ann Lehr, also of Northville. Great-grandmothers are Sally Ortwein of Bethlehem, Pa., and Frances Lehr of Nazareth, Pa.

Engagement

John and Karen Swanson of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn, to Michael Howie, son of Jim and Tina Howie of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Northville High School. She was awarded a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1998, and is currently employed at Ford Motor Co.

The groom-elect graduated in 1989 from Northville School. He also majored in mechanical engineering and graduated from the University of Detroit-Mercy with a bachelor's degree in 1995. He is currently employed at Visteon Corp.

Their wedding will be held Oct. 14.

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Community Events

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS FOR CIVIC CHORUS

The Livonia Civic Chorus is looking for "a few good men" – and women, too. The 60-voiced chorus, under the direction of Jim Whitten, will be holding auditions for all voice parts on Tuesday, Sept. 19 and 26, 7:30 p.m. at Frost Middle School located in Livonia on Stark Road, just north of I-96.

A pleasant singing voice and the ability to sing in tune is all that's required. It is not necessary to have music-reading ability. Auditions are open to anyone 18 years and older. Livonia residency is not required.

The LCC performs two yearly concerts at Christmas and springtime, as well as at events. Recently the chorus participated in the "50th anniversary of the city of Livonia," the "Welcome Home" of Olympic swimmer Sheila Taormina, the Christmas Walk and Scottish Games, both held at Livonia's historic site, Greenmead. The chorus also performs mini concerts at Livonia Mall, Wonderland Mall, Laurel Park Mall, Presbyterian Village-Redford, Knights of Columbus, and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

GRIEF SERIES FOR TEENS

Feelings of isolation, confusion, depression, and lack of energy often accompany the death of a loved one. New Hope center for Grief Support is sponsoring a six-session series on "Issues of Grief" for teens, ages 13-19, which have experienced the death of a relative or a friend.

This series is free of charge and is open to the community of bereaved teens trying to cope with the loss of a loved one. The group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 3 and 17, Nov. 7 and 21, Dec. 5 and 19. The group will meet at Risen Christ Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road (one-half east of Beck Road at the corner of McClumph and Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth.

To register or for more information on this series, contact New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115.

CROP WALK

The Novi-Northville CROP Walk will happen Oct. 1. Registration is at 1 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile, Novi; CROP Walk begins at 2 p.m.

USS REEVES AND DONNELL REUNION

Join the joint reunion at the Holiday Inn Fairlane in Dearborn on Sept. 21-25. Hosted by Dick Aja and Joe Allen.

RECREATIONAL BATTLE OF BANDS

The Northville Recreation Center will be rockin' on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 7-11 p.m. with several local bands scheduled to perform during the evening. Local favorites include the music of "Kummdrum," "Downtown Brown," "House Hold Punx," "Broke In," and "Northern Light." Refreshments will be available by the coffee shop, OPC Perks.

Cost is only $5 per person for ages 13-18, payable at the door. No need to preregister; just come and be prepared to party while you judge the Battle of the Bands.

For more information, call (248) 349-0203; there will be a "no re-admittance policy" enforced this night.

HOSPICE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring, dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families. A free comprehensive training is provided for all volunteers. Call Michelle Windling at 1-800-770-9859 for information on the next training in your area.

STRESS REDUCTION CLASS

Exercises and Techniques in Stress Reduction, a lecture/participation class designed to enlighten symptoms and effects of stress, will be held Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at Providence Park Medical Center.

Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and, if available, bring an exercise mat.

There is no charge for this class, however, a RSVP by phone if you plan to attend is required. For further information or to RSVP, please contact Oakland Physical Therapy P.C. at (248) 380-3550.

The class location is as follows: Oakland Physical Therapy P.C., Providence Park Medical Center, Physician Office Building, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Novi, (Grand River and Beck Road, please enter at the Beck Road side of the building.)

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

American Cancer Society is looking for individuals interested in the fight against cancer to volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Holiday Cards program. This wonderful holiday effort begins in September and continues through December. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available. Interested individuals can contact Fred Planck at (248) 557-5353.

NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors will be holding their annual kickoff at 6:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Novi on Sept. 21. There will be dinner, a fashion show, and raffle. Members and non-members are welcome. Newcomers and Neighbors is a social civic group open to all residents of Novi and the surrounding areas. For more information please call (248) 374-0792 or (248) 349-6317.

SCHOOLCRAFT'S CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

Good food of the kind that not only keeps us alive, but makes that living a distinct pleasure awaits patrons of Schoolcraft College's ninth annual Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. About 50 of the finest restaurants in Southeastern Michigan will be on hand in the Waterman Campus Center with samples of their most exciting dishes. The event is the principal for the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which grants student scholarships and supports instructional initiatives.

In addition to the gourmet food, Culinary Extravaganza will include a raffle with two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S.; 30-minute cooking demonstrations in the Culinary Arts classroom; a wine-tasting session with Madeline Triffon, master sommelier and wine director of Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corp.; and a live auction featuring combination prizes.

GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

"Grandparents Raising Grandchildren," Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. at Northville Senior Center.

This is the first support group meeting for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. For additional information or to register for the meeting, please call the Senior Center at (248) 349-4140.

OUTDOOR PROGRAMS FROM REI

REI of Northville, 17559 Haggerty Road (Farmer Jack strip mall) offers the following programs:

• Sept. 20, "Exploring: The Wind River Range of Wyoming"

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• Sept. 27, "Fall Color Tours in Michigan"

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• Oct. 4, "Winter 2000 Adventure Clothing Preview"

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Appointment is required. For more information, call West Oakland Walled Lake, (248) 926-3341.

WARD SINGLE MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES

Single Adult Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville offers various programs of interest. For more information, call the SPM (Single Point Ministries) office at (248) 374-5920.

• Single Point Ministries (30 years and older)

Meets every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness. Refreshments.

• Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, New Start (for widows and widowers), PACS (People Active in Christian Study) Bible study group and many more ministries for singles.

• Lighthouse Cafe (Coffee House) held the fourth Friday of every month, 7-10 p.m. in Knox Hall. Cost is $5. Free child care.

• Single Parents and Kids. Wednesday dinners throughout the year at a reduced rate: $2 per person, $6 max per family. Make your reservations through the main church (248) 374-5988 by noon on the Tuesday prior to dinner. A reservation is necessary. Dinners begin at 6 p.m. Call for more information.

• Divorce Recovery Workshop. In progress, last day Oct. 26. Thursdays, from 7-9:30 p.m. Cost is $25 preregistration, $30 at the door. Free child care provided.

• Biking events on Saturdays. Call the SPM office for a schedule of biking locations. (248) 374-5920.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR BLENDED FAMILIES

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church is offering an informal, drop-in, support group for those struggling with the issues of being in a blended family.

The group meets the second Tuesday of every month in Room G724/726, from 7-8:30 p.m. There is no cost and registration is not necessary.

For further information, contact Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

NORTHVILLE CONCERT CHORALE TO HOLD AUDITIONS

The Northville Concert Chorale will hold auditions for its performance of Handel's "Messiah" at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville on Monday, Sept. 25, from 7:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon. To schedule your audition, contact Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-0911.

The performance of the "Messiah" is scheduled for Dec. 3.

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Call (734) 459-6243 for more information.

NORTHVILLE ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

The 21st Annual Northville Alumni Golf Outing will be held at Bogie Lake Golf Course in White Lake on September 23 starting at 10:15 a.m. A maximum of 80 golfers will be accepted. To sign up or for more questions, call Rick Bingley at (248) 348-3851.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

The Stroke Support Group meets the first Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m. at Providence Park in Novi. If a legal holiday falls on that day, the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month. For information, call Carol Charnley at (248) 380-4190.

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Community Activities

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Local family members made their annual trek up north to walk the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day. It was the 23rd time Mary Catherine Hill (left) of Novi has walked the Mackinac Bridge. She was accompanied by her son, 53-year-old Terry Hill of Novi, her daughter, 58-year-old Barbara Speranza (center) and 27-year-old granddaughter Stephanie Speranza (right). Barbara lives in Farmington and Stephanie resides in Chicago.

Four Generations

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A surprise 80th birthday party was given for Jim Preuett on August 20 and three other generations were able to attend the event. The family included his daughter Sandra (Harold) Borsvold from Novi, granddaughter Cindi (Ray) Sailus from Commerce Township and their children Jordan and Marisa, granddaughter Krista (Tom) Geyer from Muskegon with their children Nathan and Jacob, grandson Duane Borsvold and Tracy Fritz from Redford, his mother, Grace who is 98 from Tenn. and son James (Carol) from Traverse City.

Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES

• Newsletter

The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of $7.

• Nutrition

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• Focus: HOPE

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• Blood Pressure Screening

Come get your blood pressure checked by a nurse from St. Mary's Hospital nursing staff, free of charge. Held at the Senior Center on the second Monday of the month, from 1:30-3 p.m. and the fourth Monday of the month, 12-2 p.m.

• Senior Services Directory

The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance, and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. (Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development Block Grant Program.)

TRANSPORTATION

• Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips

Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.

Fridays: Farmer Jack/Hiller's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays.)

Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is $2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

• Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month

The senior bus goes to Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of each month. Pick-up will begin from your home (11 a.m.) or the MAGS parking lot (11:30 a.m.) Cost is $2. Please call to make reservations.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

• Card Playing

Join us for cards at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just $1. The schedule is as follows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 to 3:30 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

• Pot Luck Luncheons

Held on the third Tuesday of every month at the Senior Center. Meet at noon, bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and $1. Afterwards, there will be a movie on the big screen T.V. at 1:30 p.m.

• Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are $28 for residents and $35 for non-residents. Upcoming concerts include: All Mozart, Sept. 29; Beethoven's Fifth, Oct. 6; and Tchaikovsky's Fourth, Oct. 20.

Tickets to Pops Concerts are $34 for residents, $41 for non-residents. Future concerts include Halloween Horrors, Oct. 26; and the Broadway Concert, Nov. 6.

Departure time is 9 a.m. from MAGS for all concerts. Registration is necessary.

• "The Beach Grill"

Dinner at The Beach Grill in St. Clair Shores on Thursday, Sept. 28. The bus will depart from MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is $4 payable to the driver. Please call the Senior Center to register.

SENIOR FITNESS

• Line Dancing

Line dancing on Wednesdays, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. starting Sept. 27. Drop-in fee, $4. Classes will be held at the Parks and Recreation Meeting Room.

• Fit For Life Exercise Class

This class provides a safe and effective workout created with the senior in mind. Experience exercise with rhythmic, easy-to-follow movements that help your body regain strength and range of motion. This six-week session will begin Sept. 20 and meet Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center. Cost is $25. Stop by the Senior Center to register.

• Massage Therapy

Treat yourself to a well deserved hour massage by a certified therapist at the Senior Center. Call the center to register.

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

• Sept. 25, In the Mood at Soaring Eagle Casino

Depart at 7:30 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. Cost is $55 resident; $61 non-resident.

• Sept. 26-28, Grand Traverse Train

Cost is $345 per person, double occupancy.

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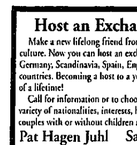

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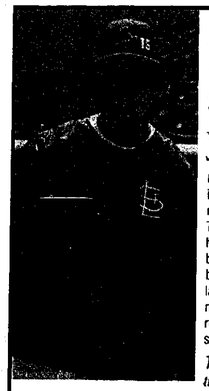

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MOVIES

Gwyneth Paltrow (left) and Ben Affleck (right) star in "Bound".

Plane crash binds Affleck, Paltrow

As a partner in LA's hippest advertising agency, Buddy Amaral (BEN AFFLECK) makes things happen. Fearlessly confident and wildly charming, his clients love him, and thanks to his killer good looks, so does every woman he meets. Life smiles on Buddy... that is until the December night he's stranded in a major snowstorm at Chicago's O'Hare airport.

There, Buddy meets Greg Jenello (Tony Goldwyn), who is trying to make it home in time to celebrate Christmas with his family, and beautiful business woman Mimi Praeger (Natasha Henstridge). When Buddy's connections get him a seat on the only flight out that night, he's faced with the choice of either getting on the plane or enjoying a one-night tryst in the windy city. Buddy picks the sexier option and generously offers Greg his seat.

But the next morning, Buddy learns that the plane he should have been on has crashed, and for the first time in his life the guy with all the answers is at a loss.

Compelled to make things right, Buddy sets out to find the wife (Gwyneth Paltrow) of the man who took his seat. It's a bold move that will change the lives of two people who never in a million years would have met, in very surprising, unpredictable and ultimately unforgettable ways.

Jackie Chan takes to the big screen this fall in the martial arts-comedy "The Legend of Drunken Master".

Chan is a master drunk

From a land where honor and tradition reign, comes the legend of a martial-arts hero unlike any other — the "drunken Master" — who can turn just one drink into devastation and humiliation for his enemies. His technique is fast, furious . . . and powerfully funny.

Jackie Chan, the world's biggest action star, mixes high-proof action with a twist of his trademark humor as the renowned Wong Fei-hong, the young master of the "drunken" fighting style. When Chan mixes up his luggage during a train trip, he finds himself at odds with evil foreigners trying to steal sacred imperial treasures.

"The Legend of Drunken Master" showcases some of the most elaborate, amazing, acrobatic fight sequences ever seen. As Jackie fights to save China's imperial past, he faces hundreds of ax-wielding villains, dodges fires, endures scalding coals - all with the charismatic style that made him famous.

"The Legend of Drunken Master" opens nationwide on October 20.

Are deaths real or just urban legends?

Amy (Jennifer Morrison), Travis (Matthew Davis) and Graham (Joseph Lawrence) are student filmmakers who would love to make it big in Hollywood. But first they've got to survive their last semester at Alpine University, a renowned film school where the competition is killer - and someone is killing the competition.

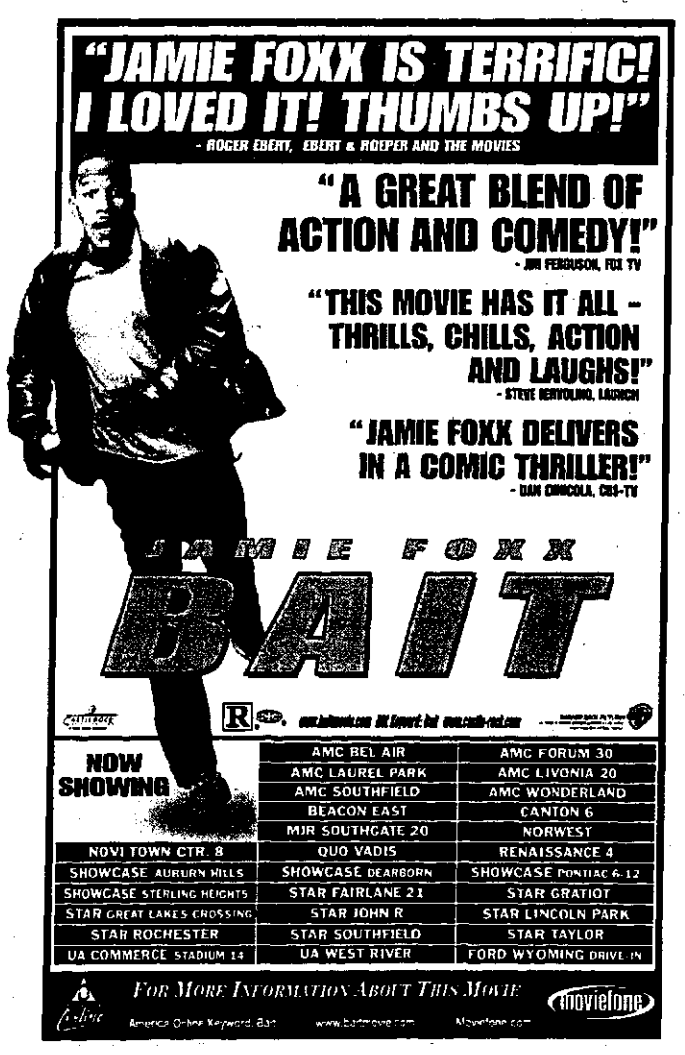
At Alpine, one senior student will be awarded the prestigious Hitchcock Award for best thesis film, virtually guaranteeing the winner a film career in Hollywood. Down-to-earth documentary film student Amy Mayfield wants to take a crack at the Hitchcock. During a chance meeting with Reese (Loretta Devine), the new campus security guard, Amy is inspired by the story of an urban legend at Pendleton University, Reese's former place of employment.

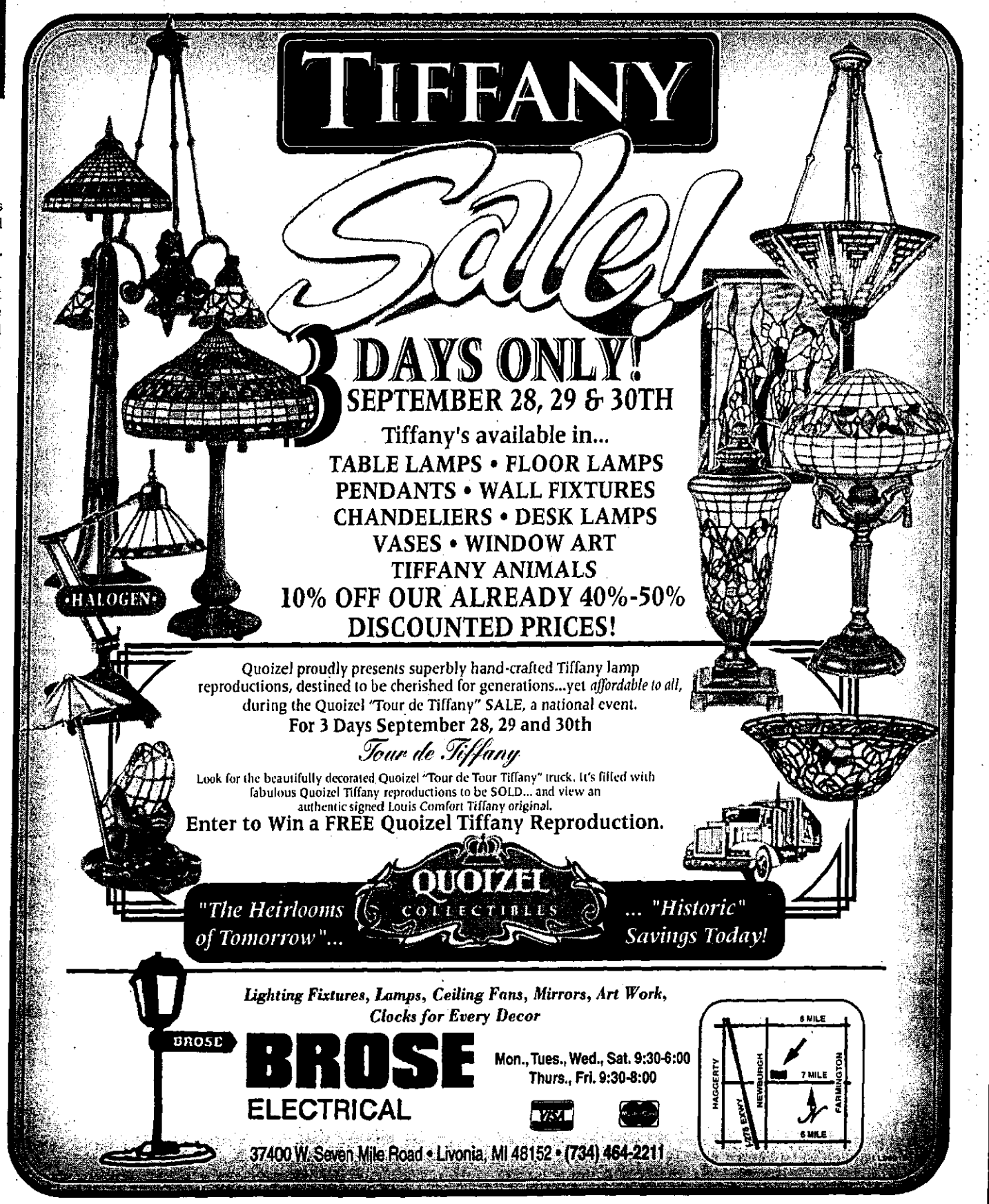
Taking a break from documentaries, Amy decides her thesis film will be a fictional, psychological thriller about those contemporary tall tales known as urban legends. After writing the script, storyboarding the shots and casting her actors, Amy and her crew of fellow students prepare to roll the camera - even though Vanessa (Eva Mendes), Amy's boom operator, is more interested in girls than rolling sound; Simon (Marco Hofschneider), her cameraman, is a womanizing, chain-smoking European; and Stan (Anthony Anderson) and Dirk (Michael Bacall), her two special-effects geeks, live for latex and pray to Lucas (George, that is).

The competition is fierce. Toby (Anson Mount), an aggressive, neurotic student filmmaker, is shooting a horror film that takes place on an airplane. His lead actress, Sandra (Jessica Cauffiel), gives new meaning to the term 'over the top.' Meanwhile, the handsome, artistic Travis (Matthew Davis) is putting the final touches on his film, "The Gods of Men," and Graham (Joseph Lawrence), the son of a Hollywood mogul, has deals of his own brewing.

When Amy's film crew starts falling prey to fatal 'accidents,' she questions where fiction ends and truth begins. When all the dots start to connect back to her, she realizes she must unmask the killer before she, too, becomes an urban legend.

Amy (Jennifer Morrison, right) and her boom operator Vanessa (Eva Mendes) are chased by the killer in Urban Legends: Final Cut.





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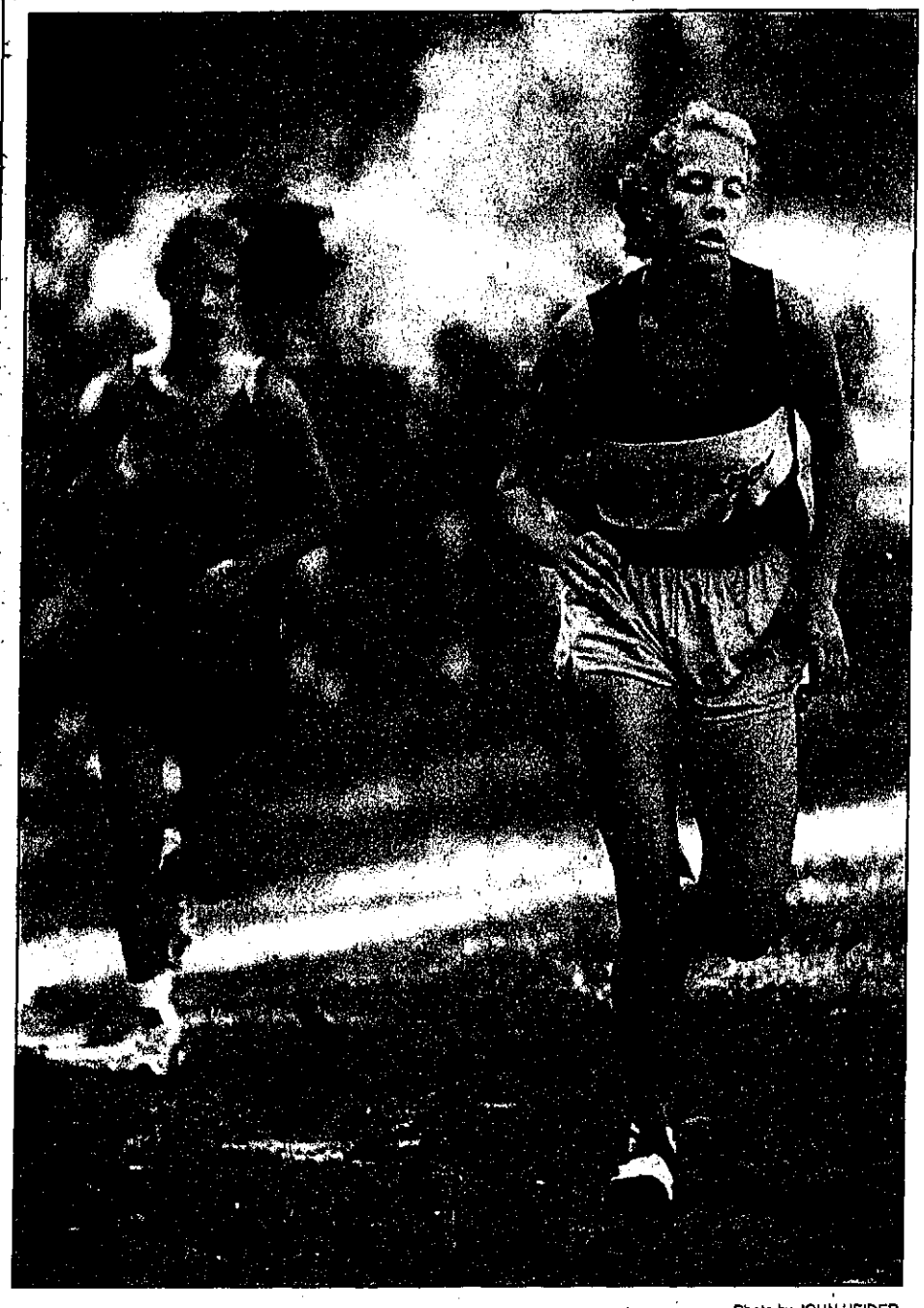

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Nina Schmitt leads the pack at the Brighton meet early last week.

Lady harriers win titles

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Young and old came to race last Saturday, leading the Novi girls' cross country team to victories at the Walled Lake Western Invitational at Willis Park.

The juniors and seniors, led by Vidya Mahadevan, won their race with a team total of 41 points. Walled Lake Central was runnerup with 60 and Northville came in third at 79.

Mahadevan, a senior, finished the race third overall in a time of 21:44.

"Vidya has worked tremendously hard, but she's had so many injuries over the past couple years," coach Norm Norgren said. "Here we got to see what Vidya can do. She always puts up a supreme effort."

Bethany Kittle was next up for Novi, and sixth overall in a time of 22:03. Brittany Albright followed her in seventh in a time of 22:40. Amanda Noworyta Was 12th overall (23:24) and Emily Cross concluded Novi's scoring by taking 13th

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Novi comes back, tops South Lyon 25-22

Football

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

In what was almost Deja Vu in a bad way for Novi turned out just fine last Friday night at South Lyon.

The Wildcats converted on a fourth and one at the goal line as tailback Fred Napier found his way into the end zone with 34 seconds left to give Novi a 25-22 win over South Lyon and keep its playoff hopes very-much alive.

"A lot of our thinking was that we felt we could get in the end zone because on the previous play (3rd and 1) we were able to move it forward some," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said.

Just a year ago it was a fourth-down stop of South Lyon's Marcus Schulmeister in the waning seconds which helped Novi hold on for a 13-7 win in last year's game. Both team's went on to make the playoffs last season, but the loss drops South Lyon to 0-4 on the season after the school had to forfeit its first three wins because of the use of ineligible players.

Novi moves to 3-1 with the win and is now 2-1 in league play.

The Wildcats looked to have the game in hand early on, building up a 19-0 halftime lead thanks in part to a pair of juniors and a hard-working senior. Novi scored twice in its first five plays from scrimmage.

Blake Meyers scored from 36 yards out in Novi's first possession. Following a nice punt by the Lions, which pinned Novi back on its own one yard line, the 'Cats struck again.

Junior quarterback Matt Gorman scored out of the option, faking the pitch to Meyers and racing his way down the field for a 99-yard touchdown.

"I think they really wanted some revenge on Meyers because everyone was pinched right on the goal line," Kellepourey said. "Gorman saw some light and took off. He was almost caught around midfield, but avoided the tackler and went in for the score."

The touchdown gave Novi a 13-0 lead and the momentum of the game.

After South Lyon punted back to Novi, the Wildcats decided to take some time off the clock with a long drive. It took them 10 plays, but Gorman found wideout Jake Ray open for a 35-yard touchdown.

"We were moving the ball like we wanted to," the coach said.

But after the score, the momentum started to shift in the way of the Lions, who moved the ball well late in the second quarter. They took that momentum into the locker room and brought it back out with them.

"First and foremost, we knew that this was a very good South Lyon team," Kellepourey said. "I knew those kids were gonna be dog-gone mad coming out. And they really put us on our heels."

South Lyon scored three times throughout the second half. The last score and two-point conversion gave the Lions their first lead of the game at 22-19. Novi, not having moved the ball well in that second half, had one last chance.

Behind the blocking of Matt Polcyn, Jeff Dunwell and Andy Becker, Ray returned the kickoff back to the South Lyon 47 yard line. That's where Novi began their final scoring drive from.

Gorman finished the game with 16 carries for 178 yards and the touchdown on the ground. He completed 4 of 9 passes for 86 yards and the touchdown to Ray. Meyers finished with 18 carries for 97 yards.

The loss devastates South Lyon's hopes for a playoff berth. Teams must have six wins to automatically qualify for the state playoffs. Select teams with five wins may make the playoffs if they have enough cumulated playoff points.

"We knew how good they really are and their backs were against the wall," Kellepourey said of his team facing a hungry South Lyon ballclub. "We just felt we didn't have any control over our opponents, just the way we went out and played. I challenged the kids to go out there and play the best they could."

NOVI HOSTS KELLEPOUREY'S OLD TEAM

It's not too often that a KVC coach gets to play two-consecutive home games in a particular series, but Kellepourey is special. As the coach of Hartland a year ago, Kellepourey coached his home team to a win over the Wildcats.

This year he's now in Novi, and will be hosting his former team in a crucial game for Novi. A win and Novi would only have to win two of their remaining four games to qualify for the playoffs. A loss and the team must win three of four.

Hartland comes into the game with an identical 2-1 conference record and is 2-2 overall. One of those wins came by virtue of the South Lyon forfeitures.

"We see our opponents as being very good opponents," Novi's coach said. "This league is still very, very tough. We're just looking to our next game and not to our other opponents. I don't think our team sees this game as being any different than any other on our schedule."

The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

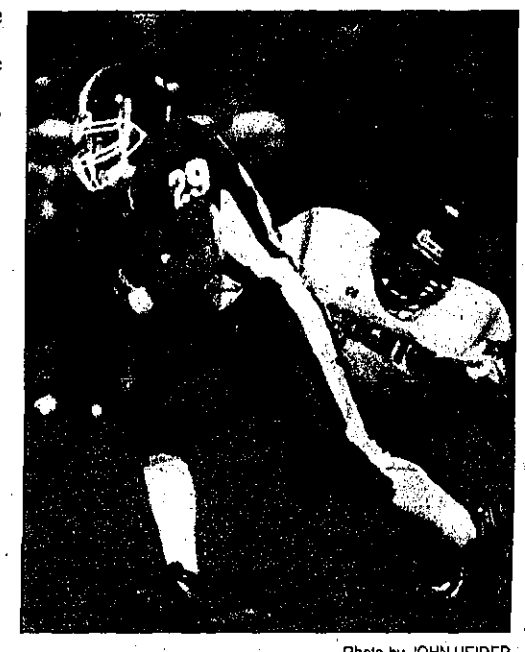

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi senior Blake Meyers (above) opened up Friday night's game with a 36-yard touchdown run. He finished with 97 yards in the game.

'Cats hold on for win

Soccer

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Hartland soccer coach Andrew Kartsounes has been waiting for his team to play the type of soccer game it did on Thursday.

But, unfortunately for the Eagles, that kind of game doesn't always work against a state-ranked team like Novi. Hartland dropped a close Kensington Valley Conference match to the Wildcats 3-1 on a rain-soaked Novi field.

"This was by far the best 80 minutes of soccer we've put together this season," Kartsounes said. "So far, this season we've had a lot of lackluster performances. This was the game we've been waiting to play."

Kartsounes' team battled toe-to-toe with the Wildcats, ranked No. 8 in Division I this week, cutting Novi's two-goal lead in half with 33:32 left in the game on a goal by senior forward Kyle Rutkowski. With Novi's all-state goalie Nick Slovan pulled out of goal to make a save, Rutkowski cut inside and punched the ball in the open net. The goal not only put his team on the board, but swayed the momentum of the game back in the favor of Hartland.

"I was really happy that our team was able to create so many chances out here. The goal was the first we've scored against Novi in two years," Kartsounes said.

Novi coach Brian O'Leary said Hartland always plays his team tough.

"Their game plan has always been to, above all else, play aggressive, so we were prepared for that," the coach said. "I was proud of the fact that we did not lose our composure like they did in a few situations."

The game was scoreless at halftime as Novi controlled much of the play in their end of the field. The Wildcats outshot Hartland 10-4 for the game, including 4-1 in the first half.

Novi struck for two early second-half goals to give them the cushion they would need. With 37:25 remaining in the game, junior midfielder Mike Crawford headed in a pass from teammate Sean Thompson to give his team an early lead. A short time later, at the 36:53 mark, Crawford tallied his second of the game off a pass from Vince Slovan to up Novi's lead to 2-0.

For the next 30 minutes of the game, the two teams battled back and forth with Slovan and Hartland keeper Ben Malecki making

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Submitted Photo

Members of the Novi equestrian team take time out for a picture at last Sunday's meet up in Milford

New team to finish up season

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Despite competing among some of the area's best equestrian teams, the first-year Novi squad has fit in very well in the sports' first two weeks of competition.

Coach Nancy Burtka and her 10-member team scored 27 and 31 points in the first two Sunday competitions in Milford. Both of the first two meets were incomplete due to inclement weather and time restrictions. Teams will be finishing both meets Saturday morning.

The final competition of the 2000 fall season will be this Sunday, beginning at 8 a.m. at Milford High School. Twelve schools in three different divisions will be represented at the meet. Novi is competing in Division A, the largest of the three divisions.

For many first-year schools competing in these equestrian competitions, scoring does not come easy. Novi has kept up with some of the best schools in this district. In fact, seven of the team's 10 members have already scored points.

"I'm absolutely delighted that they were able to maintain the high level of sportsmanship to be able to score," Burtka said of her relatively young team. "I'm so proud of all our riders. They all performed well and did the best they could."

Among those girls who scored for the team were Sarah Traub (8th place), Nicole Doss (1st and 3rd), Megan Goodman (1st), Brandy Lokar (6th) and Kellyn Burtka (8th and honorable mention).

The team, whose formation was approved back in the spring of 1999, competes as a member of the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemen Association. The winning team in each of the three divisions (A, B, C) will advance onto the state finals at the Michigan State Fairgrounds the first week of October.

The season's first meet was held back on Sept. 10, but the rain and soaked grounds forced competition to be postponed. The riders came back last weekend and completed some events and doubled up on others to try and complete both meets. But due to darkness, both meets will be concluded Saturday morning.

Other team members who competed in the competitions include Lesley Cartwright, Amanda Church, Liz Dean, Sara Goodman and Emily Modick.

Cagers get win over Eagles

Basketball

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi bounced back from a disappointing performance in the Novi Tournament to knock off conference foe Lakeland 40-39 last Tuesday night.

The Wildcats held a 10-point lead, but had to hold on for the victory. Lakeland applied a tight press in the second half and its guards came through with a a pair of three-point baskets.

"I thought we'd be able to build off our 10-point lead," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said. "But we had a few turnovers and they were able to close the gap."

Lakeland's halfcourt trapping defense caused several Novi turnovers, but the 'Cats full-court press provided Lakeland with numerous problems as well.

"We were finally able to make some proper adjustments and push our lead back up," Cichonski said.

Megan Colligan led the team with 10 points and Jaime Jo Sabol and Mickie Rzepka had nine and eight.

The win moved Novi to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the league. The team played Brighton Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline). They'll host Walled Lake Western tonight at Novi High School.

Farmington tops Colts

Colts Football

All three undefeated Southfield Falcons football teams took on the Northville/Novi Colts last Sunday and walked away with their undefeated seasons unblemished.

The **junior varsity** game was the closest contest of the day as the Falcons barely pulled out a 15-12 victory. The hard-fought junior varsity game went right down to the wire. A defensive struggle from the start, the Colts trailed 7-6 at halftime. The Colts got their first touchdown from David Bandy.

In the second half the Colts fed the Falcons a steady diet of Brandon Carnegie and Bandy, until Carnegie finally broke free for a 33-yard touchdown run. Carnegie's touchdown gave the team a 12-7 lead. But two possessions later the Falcons scored on a 35-yard touchdown run and converted the two-point conversion to take a 15-12 lead.

The game ended when Zack Elker dropped back to pass and was sacked on his own 20-yard line. The JV record is now 2-2.

The **freshmen** Colts put forth a valiant effort against the Falcons, but couldn't match their firepower in a 41-0 loss. The Falcons jumped out to a quick lead and the young Colts were unable to play catch up. The defense was led by Trevor O'Connor, Tommy Storch, Colin Maresh and Kevin Quinn.

On the offensive side of the ball, Keenan Hart, Nicholas Gatt and Bobby Thomas were held in check by a tough Southfield defense which refused to give up a point.

The story was much the same for the **varsity** unit as the Colts attempted to get back in the win column after a tough loss to Brighton last weekend. But the Falcons overpowered the Colts 42-0, leaving the varsity record at 1-3 for the season.

Doug Reed, Jeremy Baber, David Cox and Cory Patterson all played well for the Colts on the defensive side of the ball. Meanwhile, the offense was led by the hard-nosed ball carrying of Ryan Murphy and Daniel Thomas. Lineman Jonathan Pace, Michael Burke and Matt Hartman had their hands full with the defensive line. Next week the Colts will travel to Lake Orion.

Kickers knock off Hartland

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several key stops.

"Nick made a great one-handed save while laying on his back," O'Leary said. "Otherwise, it would have been like the Churchill game, we dominate then they score and the whole game changes."

Novi's last goal came off a nice shot by Daisuke Matsuura with 3:30 left in the game. The ball was shot from 20 yards out and was just out of Maleckl's reach.

The game was a battle of unbeaten KVC squads, and Novi moved to a perfect 4-0 with the win. The loss dropped Hartland to 2-1-1 and to second place in the league. The 'Cats played Milford Tuesday (after *the News'* deadline) and will welcome KVC newcomer Pinckney into the league tonight at home. That game is scheduled to begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Schmitt takes second at WLW

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(23:39). Sowyka Rangarajan and Kim Thompson were Novi's sixth and seventh runners, respectively.

In the freshmen/sophomore race, Nina Schmitt was second overall and led the younger Wildcats to an easy win. Schmitt's time of 20:57 paced Novi, which scored a meet low 37 points. Milford was runnerup with 83 and Walled Lake Central was third at 88.

Fellow sophomores Jenny Thomson, Tae Kono and Margo Wolowiec were 7th, 8th and 9th overall in the race. All three finished within nine seconds of each other. Laine Williams was Novi's fifth, placing 11th at the meet.

Novi's other runners were Angela Bourchard and Anna Cynar.

"One of the reasons we go there is to allow our younger runners the chance to see the type of competition they'll be up against in the future," Norgren said. "Sometimes these girls have a fear of the older runners. So this lets them see other girls their age."

Novi faced South Lyon Tuesday afternoon (after the Novi News' deadline) and next take on Hartland at home this upcoming Tuesday.

Hot Picks

The third season of football picks is underway, and everyone will be trying to top the two-time defending champion, Jason Schmitt. The coin flip is back this year, so hopefully everyone has at least a 50 percent chance of finishing out of last place... we hope!

	Jason Schmitt	Bob Jackson	Chris Davis	John Heider	Kelli Cooley	Randal Yakey	Kevin Meoak	The Flip of the Coin
Northville at Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Northville	Harrison	Northville	Harrison
Hartland at Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Hartland
Pinckney at Milford	Pinckney	Pinckney	Milford	Pinckney	Pinckney	Pinckney	Pinckney	Milford
Stevenson at Salem	Stevenson	Salem	Salem	Salem	Stevenson	Stevenson	Stevenson	Salem
Michigan at Illinois	Michigan	Michigan	Illinois	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Illinois
Notre Dame at MSU	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	MSU	Notre Dame	MSU	Notre Dame	MSU	Notre Dame
Penn St. at Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
Detroit at Chicago (NFL)	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Detroit	Detroit	Chicago	Detroit	Chicago
Jacksonville at Indy (NFL)	Jacksonville	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Jacksonville
Kansas City at Denver (NFL)	Denver	Denver	Denver	Kansas City	Kansas City	Denver	Denver	Kansas City
Last Week	5-5	5-5	7-3	3-7	8-2	6-4	5-5	5-5
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Swimmers knock off Chargers

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Swimming

Up until Tuesday's late swim meet against Brighton, the Novi girls have had their way with the competition this season. The closest meet they've had was a 112-80 win over Fenton earlier this month.

Last week the Wildcats trounced Livonia Churchill 124-62 for their fourth win of the season. Novi won 10 events and swept several of them en route to the win.

The 200 medley relay team of Trisha Hurches, Andrea Yocum, Blair Tyler and Amanda Gee started things off with a relay win to open up the meet. Their winning time was 2:06.72.

Amanda Smith and Melissa Schneider kept things going with a 1-2 finish in the 200 freestyle. Tyler won the 200 individual medley and Yocum and Gee were 1-2 in the 50 freestyle, while Kristine Elrod, Brittany Bradfuehrer and Tiffany Kelly swept the 100 free event.

Yocum came back to win the 500 free and Tyler and Adrianne Mitchell were first and second in the 100 backstroke. Elrod won the 100 breast and her teammates Alex Oliveira and Erica Hartland swept that competition.

Both of the team's free relay teams finished second in their events. Oliveira, Emily Hepburn, Hartland and Andrea Morabito were runnerup in the 200 free relay while Becky Roemer, Jennifer Barry, Alexandria Carlin and Morabito were next best in the 400 relay.

"We were hoping to beef up the middle of our lineup and some of the youngsters are doing that for us," Novi coach Bill McCord said.

Novi has met four state cuts to date. Yocum has qualified in the IM and Amanda Smith in the 100 freestyle. Both the medley and 400 free relay teams are also qualified.

Results of the Novi/Brighton swim meet will be in next week's edition of the Novi News.

Submitted photo

Heat end successful summer season...

The 2000 Novi Heat 16-year old travel baseball team recently completed another successful season. The team placed second out of 36 teams from 15 states in the July 4 "Beast of the East" tournament in West Virginia. They also won the competitive Little Caesar's Select Division league title as well as the AABC Grand Rapids District and finished fourth in the AABC North-Central US Regional.

Members of the Heat include James Slack, Craig Reynolds, Dan Treharne, Nick Drazic, Jake Ray, Brandon Cisio, Matt Gorman, Adam Haberman, Brandon Davis, Trey Simpson, Kyle Major, Drew Herpich and Tyler Mohr. The team was coached by head coach Dave Ray and assistant coaches Gorman, Major, Slater, Haberman and Davis.

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Goodman 6th at nationals...

Megan Goodman, 16, of Novi recently placed sixth at the junior exhibitor five-gaited at the American Saddlebred Horse Association 2000 World Championship Horseshow in Louisville.

Goodman is a junior at Novi High School and also a member of the first-year Novi equestrian team, which will conclude its season Sunday.

JV RESULTS

NOVI JV SOCCER (4-1 record)
The Novi JV soccer team shut out Hartland, 5-0, last Thursday. Adam Southworth and Matt Kumpf scored two goals each and Sam McCollister earned the shutout in goal. For the season, Southworth leads goals and three assists lead the team.

NOVI JV FOOTBALL (2-2)
The JV team defeated South Lyon, 6-0, last Thursday. Adam Haberman scored the game's lone touchdown in the first quarter. Brian Jones intercepted a South Lyon pass to halt a drive late in the game and of the first half Novi's defense, led by George Porter and Nick Mainella, played a strong game to post the shutout.

NOVI FROSH FOOTBALL (1-3)
The freshmen Wildcats fought a great game against Farmington on Tuesday, but fell short, 22-20. Novi's defense was strong and close to a tough South Lyon team, 20-0, last week.

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The team will play about 60 games during the 2001 summer, participating in 6-8 weekend tournaments and returning to a week-long national tournament in Cooperstown, NY.
If you have an interest in playing travel baseball and have questions about these tryouts or the Bronco program, please call coach Bill Jenney at (248) 348-5857 or e-mail Jenney at billjenney@cs.com

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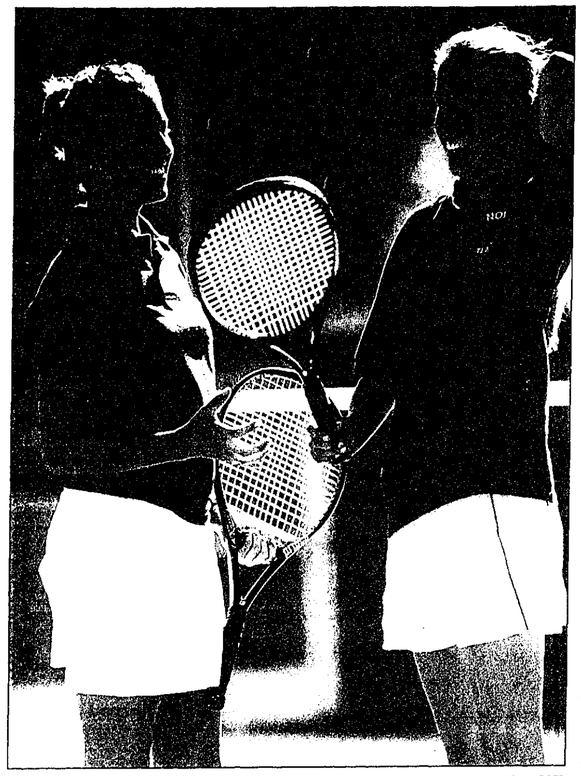

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Emily Dinsmore (left) and Karen Andrews have formed a solid duo at No. 2 dubs for Novi.

Netters continue hot streak

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Playing perhaps its best tennis in years, Novi breezed to an important 7-1 win over Brighton Monday afternoon.

The win was the second in two weeks over the Bulldogs, but it was the first to count towards the league standings. The first meeting, which Novi won 5-3, was considered a non-league contest.

Ashley Glover, who lost a close three-set match to Brighton's Ashley Beach the first time around, came back this time to win 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. The rest of the singles lineup had little problems dispelling their Bulldog opponents.

Melissa Roemer topped Liz Doby 6-0, 6-1 at second singles. Carolyn Vermeulen defeated Megan Fisher 6-1, 6-0 at three and Gabi Frask beat Laura Hite at fourth. The sweep of Brighton's singles lineup was Novi's first in several seasons.

The doubles corps also had its upside against Brighton. Christina Cypher and Colene Brockman outlasted Kelly Wallace and Erika Shankland 6-3, 6-4 at the top spot. Karen Andrews and Emily Dinsmore crushed Lauren Belles and Andrea Bellotto at second dubs and Lauren Carosio and Laura Vaughn continued their perfect season by beating Katie Collins and Katie Ray at third.

Holly Graziano and Megha Vadula battled hard, but lost to Kate Barry and Megan Ray 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (4) at fourth doubles.

The team also played well this past weekend at the Warren Mott Invitational. Novi scored 28.5 points, beating out runnerup Troy Athens (21.5) for the top spot. Plymouth Salem and Utica Eisenhower were third and fourth with 18 and 17 points, Plymouth Canton (15.5) was sixth and Warren Mott and Harper Woods Regina rounded out the seven-team field.

Five different flights brought home first-place medals for Novi, including two singles players and three doubles tandems. Roemer and Vermeulen were both successful in singles action. Roemer defeated Lindsay Pyle of Plymouth Salem 6-3, 6-4 in the championship match. She beat Warren Mott and Utica Eisenhower players in her first two of the day.

Vermeulen topped Salem's Jacqui Slebodnick 6-4, 6-3 in the finals at third singles. She had earlier defeated Warren Mott and Plymouth Canton, losing just one game total, to get to the finals.

"Both of them are playing really well right now," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "They both played singles for us last year and that experience is now paying off."

Cypher, who also has loads of experience along with Brockman, defeated Salem in straight sets to capture their title at No. 1 dubs. They beat Eisenhower and Troy Athens in their first two matches. The Athens win came in three sets.

Andrews and Dinsmore beat Eisenhower's Carolyn Bochenek and Monica Pilarski 6-2, 6-1 to win their title. The duo had a rough match against Athens in the semis, winning 7-6 (6), 6-4. Their first win came against Mott.

Carosio and Vaughn didn't drop a set in capturing the third doubles title. The pair topped Canton 6-2, 6-3 in the championship match. They beat Eisenhower and Warren Mott in their first two matches of the day.

Both the fourth doubles team of Graziano and Vadula, along with Glover at one singles lost their finals' matchups with Troy Athens. Graziano and Vadula dropped a close 3-6, 7-6 (10), 5-7 match in their finals, while Glover fell 5-7, 4-6.

Frask ran into Troy Athens in the semifinals and lost 0-6, 3-6. She came back to beat Eisenhower's Georgia Mikopauloos 6-2, 6-0 for third place.

The Wildcats played Saline Tuesday and South Lyon yesterday (both after the *Novi News'* deadline) and will take on Hartland Monday at home.

Scoreboard

RUSHING YARDS
Langston (Northville) 927
Gorman (Novi) 333
Anolick (Northville) 298

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
Langston (Northville) 8
Robertson (South Lyon) 6
Gorman (Novi) 4
Anolick (Northville) 2
Meyers (Novi) 2

PASSING YARDS
Gorman (Novi) 296
Herpich (Northville) 290

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
Herpich (Northville) 5
Gorman (Novi) 3

RECEPTIONS
Redden (Northville) 10
Ray (Novi) 5

RECEVING YARDS
Redden (Northville) 180
Ray (Novi) 124

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS
Redden (Northville) 3
Adkins (Northville) 2
Ray (Novi) 2
Frantz (Novi) 1

TOTAL POINTS
Langston (Northville) 54
Robertson (South Lyon) 36
Gorman (Novi) 30
Redden (Northville) 18

SCORING
Tanski (Northville) 17.5
Cox (Northville) 9.5
Mallinson (Milford) 8.4
Robinson (Milford) 8.4
Anderson (Northville) 7.7
Colligan (Novi) 6.8
Anderson (Milford) 6.0

REBOUNDS
Tanski (Northville) 7.5
Colligan (Novi) 6.8
Johnson (Milford) 5.6
Charles (Milford) 5.4
Rose (Novi) 5.2
Ott (Northville) 4.7
Cox (Northville) 4.3

ASSISTS
Carbott (Northville) 6.0
Anderson (Milford) 2.6
Cauzillo (Northville) 2.2

STEALS
Carbott (Northville) 3.8
Tanski (Northville) 2.5
Cox (Northville) 2.2
Rose (Novi) 2.0
Rzepka (Novi) 2.0

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE
Johnson (Milford) 80.0
Charles (Milford) 68.0
Tanski (Northville) 67.7

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE
Anderson (Northville) 48.7
Charles (Milford) 48.0
Tanski (Northville) 47.2
Ott (Northville) 46.7

Veterans win Western Invite

Boys' Cross Country

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Another invitational, another Novi cross country victory.

The boy's squad won the junior/senior heat of the Walled Lake Western Invitational this past weekend, taking three of the top four spots en route to a dominating performance. The Wildcats finished with 28 points, well ahead of second-place Northville (73). Brother Rice was third with 92 points and the host school was fourth with 105.

Chris Toloff won the race in a time of 16:40, finishing alongside teammate Tim Moore (16:41). Mark Avenius was a solid fourth (17:09) and Mitch Erickson (10th in 17:42) and Todd Foren (11th in 17:43) rounded out the scoring five for Novi. Steve Szwast and Eric Saurer were 17th and 19th to round out the top seven.

The 'Cats finished fourth out of nine teams in the 9/10 portion of the race. Tim Kava ran a time of 18:32 on the Willis Park course, good for seventh in his race. But there was a large gap after that.

Eric Joseph was 23rd overall in 19:52, followed closely by Scott Bergeson (24th in 20:08). Marc Kalina and Nick Preketes were the team's final scorers, coming in at 38th and 47th.

"I knew going in we weren't really deep with our freshmen and sophomores, so I really didn't know how we would react," coach Bob Smith said. "Tim (Kava) ran a good race, but it was a little difficult for him to know where he stood because he is used to running with Mitch (Erickson), Steve (Szwast) and Todd (Foren). But I think he'll learn from this."

Novi finished with a team total of 139 points. Milford's youngsters ran away with the meet (26) with Northville coming in an impressive second (49). Walled Lake Western finished just above Novi with 120 points.

NOVI 17, BRIGHTON 42

Toloff, Moore and Avenius all crossed the finish line together, leading Novi to this easy Kensington Valley Conference win over Brighton last week.

Bulldog Eric Malkowski broke up a five-member Novi pack, which also included Erickson (5th) and Kava (6th). Foren ran a solid race, finishing in a season-best time of 17:50 for eighth place.

Szwast, Saurer, Dan Stevens, Matt Harsha-Strong and Derek BuWalda finished 11-15 in the race.

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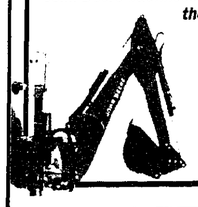

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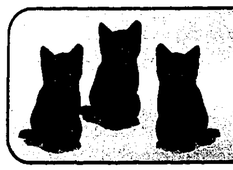

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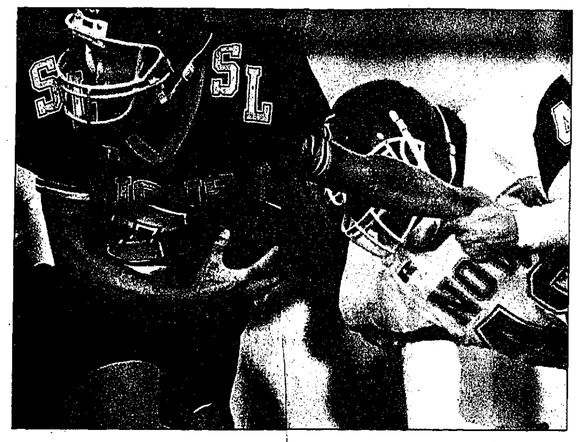

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South Lyon quarterback Jamie Gasparella is shown the way down by a Novi defender.

South Lyon player not the only ineligible on team

By STEPHEN BELL
South Lyon Sports Editor

As South Lyon High School's football coach, Bob Scheloske watches a lot of game tape. Reliving the losses, and the mistakes that led to them, could be galling. But surely not as upsetting as watching tape of games that the Lions had won ... only to realize they hadn't.

That was scenario last Monday, when Scheloske and South Lyon Community Schools Athletic Director Curt Ellis reviewed victories over Lansing Sexton, Hartland and Milford after having discovered that one player -- and then three more -- had been academically ineligible.

"We looked on the film to make sure they played," Ellis said. "The first kid had played in all three games. We called the [Michigan High School Athletic Association] and told them."

As a result, South Lyon forfeited its first three victories. That was followed by a home loss to Novi on Friday, effectively eliminating the Lions from playoff contention.

The first ineligible player was discovered by chance. That player's father had gone to the high school that Monday to give Scheloske a "pay-to-play" check. He mentioned to the coach that his son, a junior, had never received a report card from the spring semester. Scheloske, who is also a guidance counselor, brought up the boy's grades, only to discover that he had failed four classes due to excessive absences. This was news to the father.

"He played junior varsity baseball in the spring and had an eligibility sheet signed by Coach [Roger] Jackson every week," the father said. "He apparently had too many absences at the end of the year and they took his credits. But no one knew."

From there Scheloske and Ellis did some more investigating, only to discover that three other players were not eligible.

"The circumstances were a little different for all four," Ellis said.

The first player's father said he resents that his son has been scapegoated, as the only one mentioned in the initial media reports, then as the target of ridicule at school. He said the family has hired a lawyer in case anything happens to the boy at school.

"This kid's guilty of missing too many classes," the father said. "I feel bad, especially for the seniors on the team that don't have another chance. But you can't blame my son. How come they're not beating up on the other three? No one has stood up for [my son]. He was always considered such a team player, and now no one is sticking up for him. Not even the boys on the team."

The father said in his dealings with the school, no one had stepped up to accept responsibility.

"There were four or five levels where the problem could have been discovered," Ellis said. "But as athletic director, player eligibility is my responsibility. It was human error ... ultimately mine."

Stephen Bell is the sports editor for the South Lyon Herald and Milford Times. He can be reached at (248) 685-1507.

Welcome to the conference

If this page looks unfamiliar to you readers, well, it should.

Jason Schmitt

I was recently named sports coordinator for the Oakland Division of Home-Town Newspapers and one of my responsibilities was to not only improve the sports pages for our six newspapers, but to create additional coverage and special products for our readers.

I've always wanted to create a page where my readers could find out the latest information on the Kensington Valley Conference. So one of my first endeavors was to give my readers just that.

The "Inside the KVC" page may vary from week to week. It may include game coverage, feature stories or the latest gossip around the league (see South Lyon football story on this page). I'll try to include the most up-to-date conference standings, along with our "KVC ins and outs" feature. Hopefully you readers will have more insight as to what is going on in the surrounding communities as well. With Northville and Novi sharing Baseline Road, I'm sure my Novi readers would be interested in what's going on across its southern border.

With the expanding conference should come expanded coverage and that's what this page is for. So enjoy this new coverage, and drop me a line if there's anything you'd like to see appear on this page in the future.

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KVC ins and outs...

Brighton *Tough to check* The basketball team looked for real in its KVC opener, beating Milford 58-4. "It was over at halftime," Redskins coach Don Palmer said. The Bulldogs' senior post tandem of Kari Murphy and Brittany Henson overwhelmed Milford inside. While Murphy was the game's high scorer with 18 points, the real match-up problem was Henson. She stands 6'0", but Palmer said Henson was still quicker than anyone on his team save junior guard Connie Mallinson.

Hartland *Not Good Enough* Despite playing its best game of the season, the Hartland soccer squad lost a tough 3-1 match to Novi last Thursday. "This was by far the best 80 minutes of soccer we've put together this season," coach Andrew Kartsounes said. "So far this season we've had a lot of lackluster performances. This was the game we've been waiting to play." Hartland's only goal of the game cut Novi's 2-0 lead in half and was the Eagles' first goal against the Wildcats in two years.

Howell *KVC opener, take five* The Highlanders were the pre-season conference favorite in hoops. But it's a long season. Heck, it was a long league opener. Howell and Pinckney went to *five overtimes* before the Pirates finally won, 84-80. "It was the weirdest thing I have ever experienced," Howell's Ashley Larsen said. "It was like, 'Are we going to score 100 points this game?' It was fun, though. Those tight, intense games are fun ... we had our chance to win and didn't capitalize. But we'll get them next time."

Lakeland *Redemption* A week before, Lakeland cross country runner Kristyn Kern finished a disappointing 24th at the West Bloomfield Invitational. The Eagles senior, a two-time state finals participant, came correct Saturday at the Holly Invitational. She fought off a strong challenge from Pinckney's frontrunner, Katherine Seiter, to win the race with a time of 20:28. "We were elated for Kristyn," Lakeland coach John Kababik said ... The Eagles are slowly becoming a legitimate tennis team under the tutelage of veteran coach Gerhard Schubert. After getting their first KVC win, 7-1 against Howell, they won all three matches at the Shamrock Invitational, winning seven of the eight flights.

Milford *Futurespeak* Milford cross country, both sexes, will only get better, if this past weekend is any indication. At the big-time Spartan Invitational, the Redskins boys were third, the girls sixth. Both were running split squads, with most of the younger kids at the Walled Lake Invitational. There, the boys dominated, taking six of the top 11 spots. They were led by the overall winner, freshman Dan DeRusha. The girls were second, with freshmen Lisa Canty and Tiffany Kaid taking first and third, respectively.

Novi *Playoffs?* Just a week after a 40-0 loss to Brighton, the Novi football team got back on the playoff track by defeating South Lyon 25-22 on the road. The end of the game was eerily similar to last year's barnburner. Novi held South Lyon on a fourth and one with seconds remaining to hold on for a 13-7 win a year ago. This past Friday South Lyon had a 22-19 lead with under a minute remaining. But unlike Novi of last year, the Lions could not keep the 'Cats out of the end zone. Novi's Fred Napier crossed the goal line and gave his team a 25-22 win. Novi is now 3-1 with games remaining with Hartland, Milford, Howell and Northville.

Pinckney *Fitting In* A newcomer to the Kensington Valley Conference, the Pirates are making themselves right at home in league play. The team is 3-0 in the conference football race, sharing first place with the mighty Brighton Bulldogs. Much of their success can be attributed to their quarterback Pat Doyle. The junior had two touchdown passes and another on the ground...The girls' basketball team suffered its first loss of the season last Thursday, 55-45 against Ann Arbor Huron. The Pirates held Tabatha Poole, an early-season favorite for Miss Basketball, to just 18 points, but were burned by the rest of the Hurons. The loss drops Pinckney to 4-1 overall.

South Lyon *Sign of the times* It was a rough week for anyone associated with the Lions football program. After it was discovered that four ineligible players were used in the team's first three victories, South Lyon went from a state title contender to a team which won't make the playoffs. This football-mad community, its Friday nights now less fulfilling, is angry. A downtown marquee read "Good job, Curt Ellis." Ellis is the South Lyon athletic director. "It's been a tough 10 days," he said.

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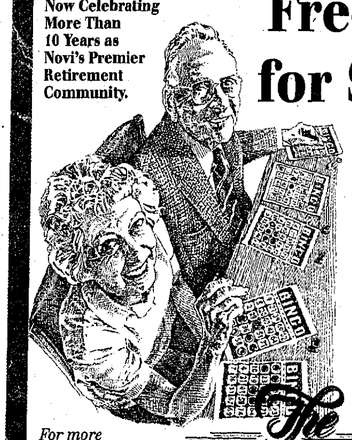

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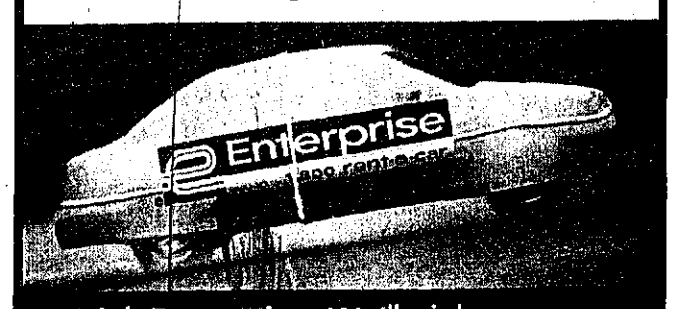

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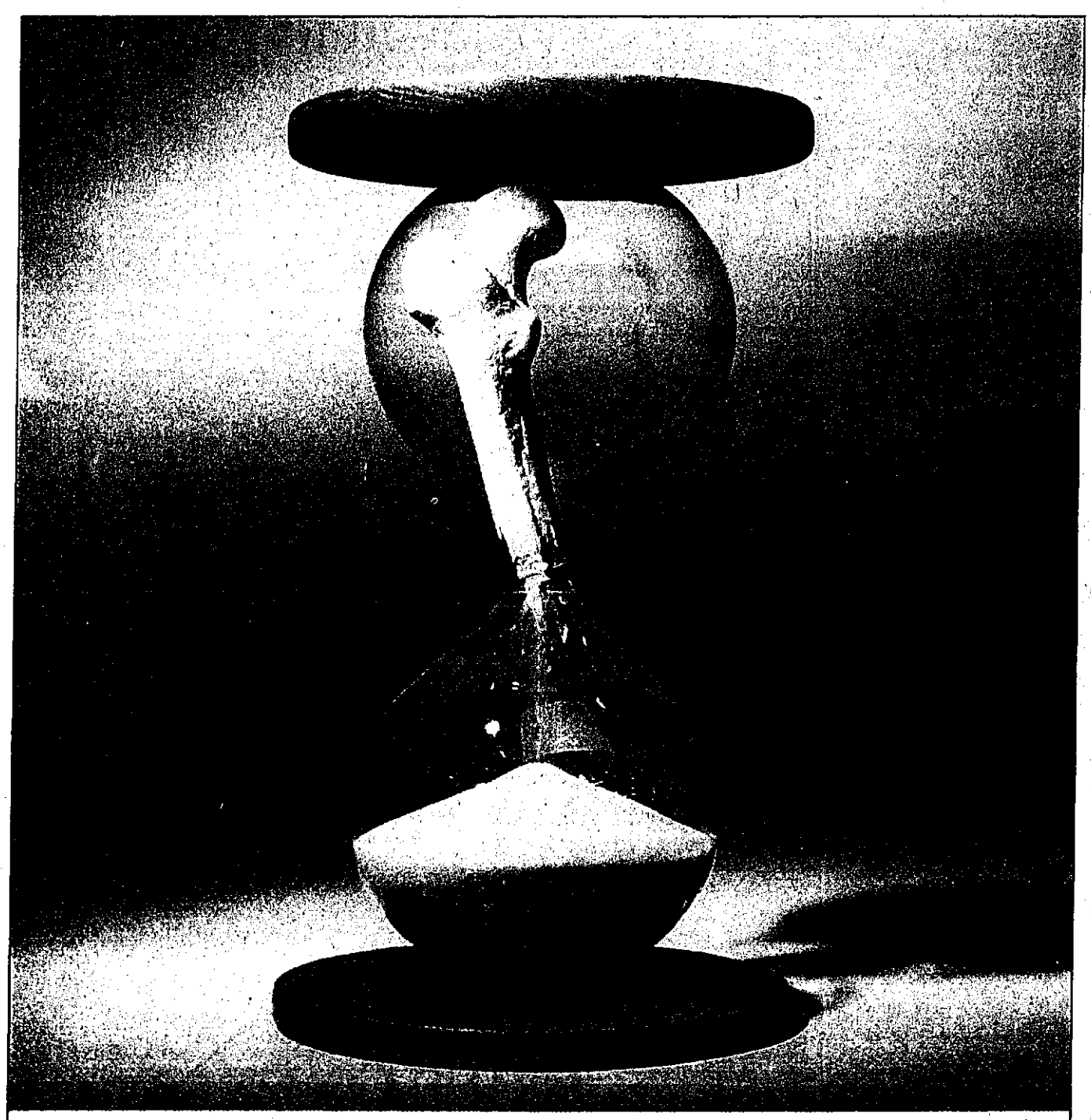

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