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Remembered

Korean War vets honored by city

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

Sandwiched between the unlimited enthusiasm and patriotism of the second World War and the unpopular Vietnam conflict was the police action known as the "Forgotten War."

This past Sunday, Novi Mayor Richard Clark and dignitaries from Pontiac to Washington D.C. thanked the "unsung heroes" of a war that most Americans know very little about.

"We honor our friends who gave up their lives for America," Redford Catholic Central President Father Richard Elmer told the crowd during the invocation.

"With the horrors of World War II still fresh in their minds," Clark said. "We were once again at war. Not a declared war, but only a police action. Once the "police action" was over, a million and a half Americans would serve in Korea."

"And though some will refer to Korea as the forgotten war, your sacrifices are not forgotten," Clark continued. "No man or woman is ever free while his neighbor is enslaved."

Howard J. Lynn was aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin during the Korean War and was "ecstatic" about what the city and the mayor has done in saluting the veterans.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Pat Faming and son Jake, 3, take a look at displays of photos and medals of veterans during Sunday's Korean War Veterans' Recognition Day at the Novi Civic Center.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Lang Shuker, left, Ron Hennin and other members of a Canadian Armed Forces contingent salutes during the National Anthem at Sunday's Korean War Veterans' Recognition Day ceremony at the Novi Civic Center.

"It was absolutely fantastic about what they have done," Lynn said, who related one of his most memorable moments of his tour of duty.

"I took Ann Blythe's hand as she left the stage," Lynn said, with a laugh. "The movie actress. She got a sunburn so bad."

"I think we stopped the communist aggression," Lynn continued. "I think that if we didn't stop them, they would have went on to take Japan and all those other countries (as well)."

Clark also invited four members of the South Korean military, as well as allied member of the Canadian forces to be honored. And Clark reminded the crowd that the Korean conflict was a collaborative effort.

"The Korean War was a United Nations effort," Clark told the crowd of 200 plus. "It helped a small republic maintain its freedom. It was a long, costly and brutal war. Many of us do not know about the Korean War. The Republic of Korea, by the early days of the fighting, lost one third of their army. Today with us, are members of Korea's army, who fought alongside American forces during those three terrible years."

Among those invited to the ceremony was Vice President of the Korean-American Community of Metro Detroit Dr. Changhee Kim who spoke behalf of the organization.

"The Korean War is still alive in the hearts of Americans and Koreans," Lee said. "Because of your dedication, your sacrifice, your blood, your devotion and your courage, it made (South) Korea one of the fastest growing countries today. On behalf of all Korean Americans in Metro Detroit, Korean War veterans, because of you, I am here. With all my heart - god bless you."

Jung Bae Kim was one of four members of the South Korean soldiers honored by the city.

"He is more honored," Kim said through interpreter J.P. Song, a

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Police station almost finished

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

Within the next month, or so, there will be an unveiling at the revamped Novi Police station.

"We're planning on a grand opening," Novi Police chief Doug Shaeffer said. "In about four weeks, we'll have the public in to view the new facility."

Inside the Novi Police administration offices, the carpeting has been replaced and downstairs the new lobby has been constructed. Outside, the entrance way has been reconfigured to allow easier access for the handicapped.

Behind the police station, where workers are putting the finishing touches on the new lock-up that would provide a safe environment for officers and prisoners alike, they are putting on the final coats of paint.

"We'll be able to separate prisoners and partners in crime," Shaeffer said. "So they are not able speak to each other and cook up alibis."

According to Shaeffer, the

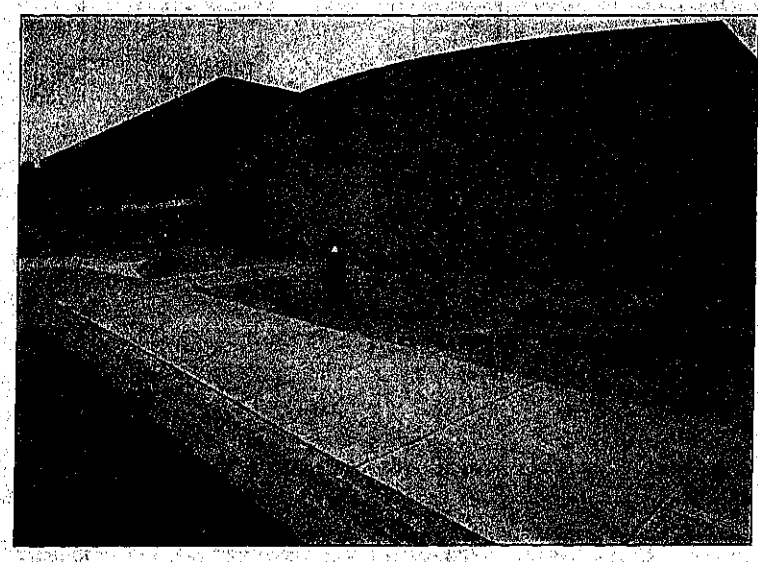

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The new Training Center part of the Novi Police Department building is just about ready for occupancy.

city needed an expanded jail area to keep male and female inmates separated. Shaeffer said the department had difficulty housing female prisoners because there was not enough space for them.

Shaeffer did say, while work on the outside of the building had been behind schedule, workers continue to work on the inside renovations.

Novi City Council approved the $1.9 million expansion modifications to the project last summer after a citizens committee determined several modifications and renovations were necessary. A 1998 bond issue approved the original funding for the project.

The project, which was originally scheduled for completion sometime in early April, was pushed back because of the significant snowfall in December. The project is now expected to be finished by the end of the month.

City officials did say the project would come in on budget and there would be no cost overruns due to the winter slow down.

The original plan also calls for the station to be made handicapped accessible, have additional storage space and gain a training center for officers. There will also be an expansion of the vehicle repair garage.

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Novi will finally get new fire station

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

After six years of waiting for a new fire station to be constructed, the wait is over after Greystone Construction was awarded the contract to build the new $1.9 million facility, earlier this month.

Novi City Manger Richard Helwig said that he hopes to break ground on the new facility this summer.

The city has four fire stations and may transform the fire station at 11 Mile and Beck Road to other uses after the new station is constructed at the corner of Ten Mile and Wixom Roads.

"We could use them for a parks facility," Helwig said. "The overall budgets for the project is $2.5 million will all the land acquisition."

Voters approved the funding for the fire station in 1995 but it took six years for the project to come before councils. Delays in construction came from where the station should go and how large the structure should be.

Helwig said the cost of the construction and land acquisition doesn't include supplying the station with equipment.

The new 10,000 sq. foot facility is expected to have, at least, twelve paid on call fire fighters (POC) and five full time fire fighters in residence. The station will also have a training center for fire fighters, offices and a three story tower used to simulate rescue and small fires.

"We expect to break ground soon," Helwig said. "We have some land acquisitions that need to be done but we do expect to open by the summer of 2002."

Novi Fire Department wanted the new facility to keep up with the ever expanding needs of the city. The new station was first discussed by city officials over ten years ago.

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Realizing a dream; Kitchens by Design

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Creating the right kitchen means following the right recipe, according to Mike George of Novi's new Kitchens By Design.

A recent addition to the new downtown on Main Street, Kitchens By Design is a full service kitchen company that can handle any sized renovation - start to finish.

"Our motto is: from concept to completion," George said, "which essentially means we design, create, and construct everything from the beginning to the end of the job."

No matter what type of project you have in mind, KBD has the resources to fit your dream kitchen needs.

With an eye for detail, KBD has the ability to create custom cabinets, countertops, special woodwork, lighting and flooring.

KBD's showroom includes a number of design possibilities, from contemporary to traditional, and in terms of "what's hot" for kitchens today, George said the latter is more popular.

"Right now people are going back to more traditional styles," the designer said. "Old World, which is the distressed look, is also big right now."

> "People essentially want something their neighbor doesn't have."
>
> Mike George
> manager, KBD

Other trends, George said, include concrete countertops and wine storage compartments.

"People essentially want something their neighbor doesn't have," he joked.

George, who has been designing kitchens and baths for the past seven years, said what makes KBD unique is that they are one company able to do the job of many.

"We do all the work and never rely on another company to finish the job for us," he said. "We do all the electrical, plumbing, drywall... we have our own contractors, plumbers, electricians, and architects."

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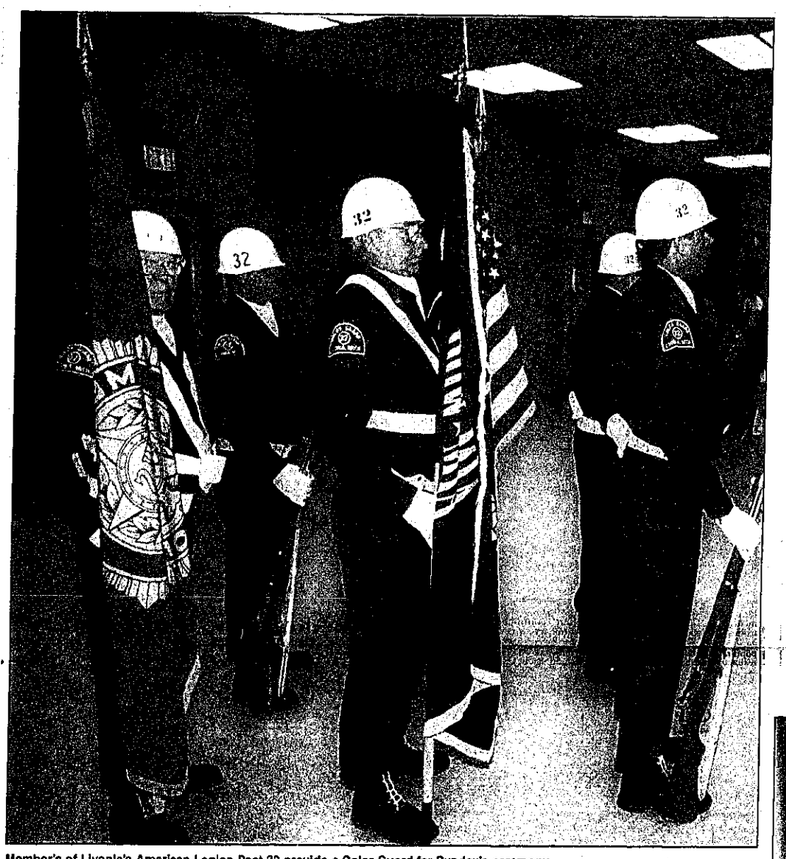
Korean War Remembrance Day

A Korean War Veteran receives a handshake from Mayor Richard Clark during Sunday's ceremony.

Photos by John Heider

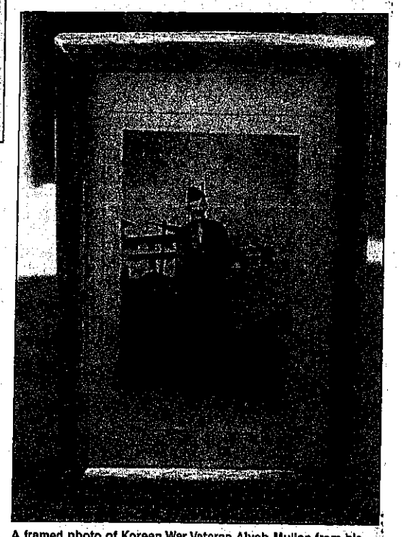
A bullet and shrapnel-riddled sweetheart's photo owned by Ed Napierkowski shows the damage that occured when the Korean War Veteran had it displayed in his tent (lower left photo) overseas. The photos were part of a display during Sunday's Korean War Veterans' Recognition Day at the Novi Civic Center.



Member's of Livonia's American Legion Post 32 provide a Color Guard for Sunday's ceremony.

As veterans receive recognition in the background, the American Flag is displayed at the Novi Civic Center last Sunday afternoon.

Korean War Veteran Sangsu Kim receives a commendation and a thankful handshake from Diane Clark during Sunday's ceremony.



A framed photo of Korean War Veteran Alvah Mullen from his service years is displayed in the lobby of the Novi Civic Center Sunday afternoon.

A group sings the Korean National Anthem during Sunday's ceremony.

Man banned for life from mall reappears

Police News

A Oak Park man, 47, who had been banned from Twelve Oaks mall 'for life' was cited for disorderly conduct after security found the man in the child play area "rubbing himself" on June 30 around 5:30 p.m.

The police report states the man had his hands "deep in his crotch rubbing himself" while leering at children.

According to the police report, the man had been kicked out of the mall on several occasions for disorderly conduct.

The man will go in front of a judge on July 25 for a hearing on the incident at the 52-1 district court in Novi.

VEHICLES BURNED

Two residents on Woodside Street in the vicinity of Westgate and Gateway may have been the victims of arson on June 26 at around 3 a.m.

According to the police report, two vehicles were burned and a flammable accelerate may have been used to start the fire.

Witnesses at the scene reported to police that a male subject, possibly in his teens, was seen standing near the fire trucks at the time of the incident.

POLICE ARREST TWO; RECOVER STOLEN JEWELRY

Police were called to a home in the Chateau Estate Trailer Park after a woman reported she saw some men hanging around the home she was renting on June 28.

When police arrived at the home around 11:37 a.m., they found an Ann Arbor man, 36, and a Ypsilanti man, 29, at the residence.

After police were granted permission to search their vehicle, they found jewelry reported to be missing from the home.

The Ann Arbor man was taken into custody for larceny from a building and the Ypsilanti man was taken into custody for outstanding warrants issued by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

All the jewelry, except a $3,700 ring, was recovered by police.

VEHICLES VANDALIZED

At least five vehicles were vandalized along Christina Street after someone shot out windows with either a BB Gun or a small metal projectile, according to police.

The indecent happened just after midnight on July 1 and was reported by one of the residents in the area who said he heard a crashing noise and reported the incident to police.

No further information was given on the incident.

MAN ATTACKED

A 47-year-old Montana man was arrested for assault and battery after police say he attacked a man on Blakeston Street after the two argued over money on June 28.

Police reports indicate that the victim was in his kitchen when the attacker came to the door and demanded cash. When the victim refused, the attacker struck him several times knocking him to the floor. When police arrived at the scene, the victim was lying on the floor.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) was called to the scene, however the man did not need to be transported to the hospital. The victim said that he was going to file assault and battery charges.

WALLED LAKE

VIOLENCE IN THE HOME

A 44-year-old Walled Lake man was arrested for domestic assault on June 28 after he dragged his girlfriend's 14-year-old daughter across the house in the 1100 block of Quinif.

The man was missing when police arrived at the residence. He had run across the street toward Hawk Lake Apartments before he was eventually arrested at S. Commerce and Quinif.

The 37-year-old woman said her boyfriend grabbed her daughter by the wrists and tried dragging her to the bedroom.

She told police that she was scared and her wrists hurt.

She told police that the man was drunk and he told her to get off of the computer. He then turned off the computer and that's when the incident occurred.

He was scheduled to be arraigned the next day on domestic violence charges.

THREATENED

A 38-year-old Walled Lake woman came to the Walled Lake Police Department June 26 to report that she had been getting threatening phone calls for the past year.

The woman said she would answer the telephone and no one would say anything on the other end. The phone company, AT&T, was able to trace the calls but they needed a police report to follow-up and send their own report out.

The case was turned over to investigations.

JOY RIDE

A 16-year-old Novi boy was arrested and released after he led police on a chase after he borrowed a car without a friend's knowledge.

Police saw the youth slam on his brakes, start to move forward and then back up. The officer made a U-turn and the youth floored the accelerator and drove off at 60 mph through Eagle Pond.

When he reached Hawk Drive, he attempted to turn into the driveway but he ran over the curb and hit a stop sign instead.

He turned off the lights, got out of the car and started to walk away. The officer asked for his license, registration and insurance. He said he didn't have them due to his age.

He said a friend of his father owned the car. He said it was hot in the apartment and the owner of the car was staying in, therefore, he decided to take the keys without the driver's knowledge and take a drive.

When the officer knocked on the door of owner's house, no one answered.

The case is still open pending juvenile court action.

WIXOM

STOLEN FOUNTAINS

A $4,500 water fountain was stolen from a local business on June 25.

The building manager of Clover Communications in Wixom discovered the fountain missing the following day. He suspects that someone had cut the power cords and ropes which had secured it in the pond, then removed it.

The fountain, a 3HP Water Aerator by Offerbine, is approximately 2' in diameter and floats in the water.

Two water fountains from yet another local Wixom business were stolen on the eve of June 29.

A facility manager from Newbright Industries discovered that someone removed their two pond fountain pumps located in front of the property.

Each fountain is valued at approximately $2,500 each.

CELLMATE FRAUD

A 32-year-old Wixom man states that he is a victim of credit card fraud suspecting his former bunk mate from jail as the thief.

The complainant stated that someone stole the numbers off his Master Card and has been ordering items over the internet.

The complainant who is on work release from the Oakland County Jail believes his bunk mate is the one placing the orders, which has totaled over $150.

The bunk mate is lodged for numerous credit card frauds and has access to a computer at his place of work - The Salvation Army in Pontiac.

The credit card has been canceled and an investigation is in progress.

DINSER'S ROBBED

Over $1,500 worth of plants and flowers was stolen from Dinsers Greenhouse in Wixom on June 25.

During the evening hours, 19 rosebushes and 59 hanging plants were stolen from the business located at Pontiac Trail and Wixom Roads.

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Kitchens by Design owner, Michael George, Bob Royston, Jr., Designer, and Michelle Hsu, Designer, Kitchens by Design look over some plans for a future kitchen.

Custom kitchen designs just for the buyer

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George, a graduate from Lawrence Tech, said one thing he enjoys about his work is helping his clients discover their home's capabilities.

"For example they don't realize that we can move a wall, add a window - totally recreate the look, feel and function of their kitchen," he said. "They become totally amazed when introduced to a 'what if' scenario."

KBD also assists in interior design and providing unique kitchen particulars like the gourmet appliances.

Style-wise, George said a kitchen may match or contrast with the rest of the house; design-wise, it should function as you need it to.

"Kitchens are the biggest selling point of the home and perhaps the most-used and hardest-working area," George said. "For those reasons a kitchen should be efficient and comfortable."

Depending on the size of the job, time frames for completing the work vary, but on an average George said most jobs take 6-8 weeks to complete.

Although KBD is primarily a kitchen company, the group also does work on wet bars and baths.

"Basically, we can do anything that requires a cabinet," George said.

Whether your project may be a small upgrade or a total remodeling concept or addition, George said KBD is your one-stop shop for your kitchen needs.

"Whatever the case may be, we will do whatever it takes to provide our clients with the most beautiful and functional kitchen possible at a reasonable price," he said.

Kitchens By Design is located at 43155 Main St. in Novi in the new downtown district. For more information please call their office at (248) 344-4432.

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Veterans honored for service in Korean War

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Novi resident and member of the Wayne State University staff.

Through Song, Kim said, he thought that the North and South should be reunited some time in the future.

"He yearns for reunification but because of such a great gap in ideologies, it will take a long time for him to see a reunified Korean," Song said.

David Parent, part of the Canadian contingent of eight, came over from Windsor to be part of the ceremony with his friend and fellow veteran Jack Carroll, who was with the first Royal Canadian Horse Artillery attached to the Infantry.

"I was in the Canadian navy," Parent said. "I'm grateful to be here. The fact that the county of Oakland and the city of Novi recognized us is overwhelming. This is something that I will cherish forever."

A presentation was made by the chief of staff for Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield). Clark thanked the congressman's staff for helping to make sure the veterans received the medals they so rightly deserve.

Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Novi) and Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) also spoke on half of the state legislature.

Cassis also spoke of the United States' need to build cooperation between nations as well as a need for improved American defenses.

"Let us build a defense system so mighty that it will deter and affirm our desire for peace as a model for cooperation between nations," Cassis told the crowd.

Next year, the city will salute the Vietnam War veterans. Clark said he hoped the Vietnam veteran salute would be just as successful as the World War II and Korean ceremonies. Clark said the Vietnam War salute may be more difficult because of the controversy that surrounded the Vietnam veterans after they returned from overseas.

"They didn't let us down," Clark said of the Vietnam veterans. "But we let them down."

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Northville saves money from fireworks

By LON HUHMAN
STAFF WRITER

The only thing lighting up the skies over Northville on Fourth of July were the stars and the moon.

Going to a fireworks show is a traditional activity for families around the nation in early July, but residents in Northville had to see a show somewhere else this year. In the past the show has been held at Hillside Middle School and recently at Arbor Hills Landfill, formerly BFI waste Systems. The Northville show was canceled this year after decision made by the Northville township board of trustees, which also made the decision to donate $3,000 to the Northville July 4 parade.

"I made a recommendation to the board of trustees to not support a fireworks show for several reasons," Northville township manager Chip Snider said. "I don't think a fireworks show is good use of residents' tax dollars."

Snider said the primary reason for not having a show this year is all of the behind-the-scenes work it takes to have show that will only last 30 to 45 minutes. He also said the show is very expensive.

"We have to have the available manpower and that includes canceling all public safety vacation days," Snider said. "Our fire department would also have to arrive early at the show location and conduct the proper safety precautions such as watering down the igniting area. The show is very labor-intensive."

Snider also said that because Arbor Hills resides on Napier Road in Salem township there are some jurisdiction issues. In the past, Northville Township police have been able to ensure the safety of showgoers by having a Washtenaw County deputy sheriff on hand. According to Snider, because of a millage vote that eliminated road patrol in Washtenaw County for the sheriff's department, there would be no deputy sheriff available for the show. Snider also cited traffic problems that could make other residents not seeing the show angry as another reason.

"It was not our decision to cancel the fireworks show this year. Northville Township has decided not to do it," Arbor Hills general manager Dave Relail said. "We would be more than willing to have them here next year."

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Haggerty: the future looks like traffic jams

By LON HUHMAN
STAFF WRITER

There's a future traffic jam on Haggerty Road and it goes on for miles.

That's the scenario if the Northville planning commission's joint traffic study with Plymouth township of the primary artery doesn't deliver future solutions.

As the population in Northville Township rises alongside the addition of new developments, the traffic along the Haggerty Road corridor is expected to increase immensely in the next decade. In order to prevent future headaches for drivers, Northville administrators initiated a traffic study conducted by Detroit-based Parsons Brinckerhoff Michigan, Inc.

"Originally, a traffic study was required because of the large office complex proposed on Haggerty Road in Northville Township and an even larger office complex in Plymouth Township on the southeast corner of Five Mile Road and Haggerty," Northville township planning commission vice-chairperson Richard Allen said. "The developers in both townships performed their own traffic studies and the data raised many questions."

According to Allen, the questions prompted the planning commission to request that a joint traffic study with Plymouth township be conducted to look at the entire Haggerty corridor with respect to the two office parks. The developments are Northville Greens and Plymouth Lakes. Northville Greens, which will be located on Haggerty north of Five Mile, is proposed to be 239,000 square feet office development and Plymouth Lakes is proposed to be a 635,000 square feet.

Allen said the approval of the Northville Greens development was held up until the study was completed and reviewed by all affected parties so they could generate a cost effective solutions to the increased traffic. A preliminary plan with traffic solutions has been developed by Parsons Brinckerhoff. Allen said the Northville Greens project has been approved.

"It was a good thing the joint study was done because the solution for the entire affected area was different than that proposed by each developer's traffic study," Allen said.

Allen said Wayne County has tentatively committed to making the required road improvements in 2003-2004. He said as a result of the joint study the Northville Greens project was approved and believed 2003 would arrive before there would be significant occupancy to either of the office complexes.

The study stated that the core challenges are to facilitate access to and from Interstate 275 via Six Mile Road as well as I-96 via Schoolcraft Road, enhance capacity of Haggerty and to minimize driver inconvenience. The preliminary solutions are being developed with the goals of addressing the core challenges, being cost effective and providing an improvement plan in phases to address growth up to and beyond 2006.

The most far reaching solution has Haggerty being converted into a six-lane divided boulevard in the vicinity of Six Mile Road, according to the study plan.

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'Sincerely Yours' offers plenty to write home about

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

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At Novi's new Sincerely Yours, you're sure to find a variety of sophisticated and original invitations, cards, stationery, and gifts to make the "write" impression.

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From the very trendy to the traditionally classic, Sincerely Yours carries a huge selection of wedding announcements, programs, shower invitations, and place cards designed to capture the spirit of your relationship.

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Brides or moms-to-be can experiment on their own - using card stock or handmade paper such as linen or flower embedded sheets and adding a touch of whimsy with fabrics like velvet and burlap.

"Just about everything is possible," Zendejas said.

The shop has over 20 invitation and announcement albums to choose from including collections from William Arthur and designer Stacy Clair Boyd.

"If for some reason we don't have what the customer is looking for, we can order it or I'll help them find it at another store," Zendejas said.

The store provides experienced guidance in selection and wording and also assists in referrals for florists and other planning needs.

"This is why I love what I do," Zendejas said. "This job allows me to help others plan a monumental moment in their lives and make it successful. It's wonderful to be a part of it."

Sincerely Yours also carries a huge selection of beautifully handcrafted greeting cards for practically every occasion including birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and first communions.

"I've had people just buy the cards and frame them," Zendejas said on her many cards draped with trinkets and art pieces.

The shop bears a number of gift ideas as well, from baby items like hooded bath towels and boo boo bunnies, to journals, hand-painted picture frames, fragrant bath crystals, stationery and exquisite table and wall decorations.

"I want my customers to be able to discover new items, things they're not going to find anywhere else," Zendejas said. "This is the perfect place to find something unique and different and really make an impression."

Zendejas, who is also a roller skating instructor, said she has always been interested in stationary and after four years working for a similar business, decided to pursue her own dream of opening a one-of-a-kind gift shop.

"It's really been a dream come true," she said.

Sincerely Yours is located in the new downtown at 43155 Main Street in Novi, near Mesquite Creek restaurant. Hours are Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call (248) 449-9020.

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Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

Tiffany Zendejas of Sincerely Yours a card and invitation shop in downtown Novi has opened recently.

Creditors look to force bankruptcy on Fife Electric

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

Fife Electric could be forced to look hard at its assets and the possibility of closing its doors after creditors filed involuntary bankruptcy against the company in court last week.

In May, amid reports that Fife Electric has closed its doors, the president of the company Doug Venable said the company is still open. But last week David Murphy, attorney with the Detroit office of Pepper Hamilton L.L.P., representing Osram Sylvania Products of Mass., said the creditors were only trying to get back some of their investment. Murphy refuted Venable's stance that the company can bounce back.

"Stick a fork in them, they're done," Murphy said. "The creditors are only looking get back 5 to 10 cents on the dollar, if that."

Murphy said the creditors would get more back from United States Bankruptcy Court, under U.S. Chapter 11. The creditors, including Georgia-based Lithonia Lighting, Georgia-based GE Supply Company, a division of GE Electric, and Illinoi- based Advance Transformer Company, filed in U.S. Bankruptcy court on June 11.

According to creditors, the action is an attempt to pay down on the estimated $9 million in debt Fife amassed in the last two years.

Venable would not confirm if the company is $9 million in debt or if the company is behind on its rent.

In April, Venable said the company was looking for a "strategic fit" for his company to liquidate a large amount of their inventory.

Venable did confirm that the company filed an "assignment for the benefit of creditors" as a means to pay off creditors through a third party.

Fife, which makes electrical products for MGM Grand Detroit and Greektown Casino, had recently been involved with the midfield Terminal project at the Metro Detroit Airport in Romulus.

Fife, located at 42860 Nine Mile Road, also supplies electrical products to industrial contractors.

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Novi Christian celebrates 25 years with reunion

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

There are more than 1,000 students who carry memories of Novi Christian School but many of them cannot be found for a reunion to celebrate the school's first 25 years.

A reunion for all former attendees will begin at 4 p.m. on July 28. It will be a casual get together and a catered banquet will follow at 6 p.m.

Gary Elfner, pastor of First Baptist Church of Novi, said they have been able to locate a good number of former students, however, there are many more that need to be found.

"We are trying to reach people that just went here," Elfner said. "They don't need to have graduated."

Becki Smith, who attended the school from 1977 until 1979, is helping organize the reunion and hopes to meet up with old friends again.

Smith attended Novi High School as a freshman and then attended Novi Christian School the following two years. Her father worked for General Motors and he was transferred to a border town in Mexico. Therefore, the family moved to El Paso, Texas her senior year.

Last year she attended a reunion with Novi High School and she wanted to attend a Novi Christian School reunion as well.

"It was great to see people again and rekindle friendships with people who we shared good and bad times with in high school," Smith said. "High school is a special time."

Former students will have a great evening.

"They can expect a good dinner and meet old friends from the school," Elfner said. "There will be lots of history and nostalgia."

Former students can put their names and addresses into the school website, so they can be contacted for the reunion.

The school started in 1976 when the pastor of the church, Richard Burgess, had a dream to have a Christian school.

"So they started the school in the fall of 1976 in the basement of the church," Elfner said. "It very quickly expanded to have its own building with a gymnasium."

When Elfner started leading the church, he added a home school program in 1990 to the curriculum and then a day care in 1994.

"Now we have the potential to help people with their children from the crib through high school," Elfner said.

He said it's a goal of the school to help students achieve goals that they set and to build good Christian character.

"Every year we've had students receive academic scholarships and they go on to colleges and into technical fields and become very successful," Elfner said.

School leaders can help students achieve success in many different academic interests while they are still in school. One student had an interest in mechanical drawing and they were able to have him take a Computer Aided Design course to achieve his academic goals.

"We can take almost any career and help that child get to that career even in high school," Elfner said. "We can sit down with the parent(s) and student and develop a specific curriculum that will help them toward their particular career."

Elfner is pleased with the school's long history of educating young people. Many of the former students are probably still living in the Novi area, while others are scattered throughout the country, he said.

"The people we are trying to reach are part of the history of the school," Elfner said. "The rich history of the school is attributed to the hundreds of wonderful students who have attended here over the years."

Anyone who has ever attended the school can put their information into the school website at *www.novichristianoutreach.org* or they can contact Gail Pollock at *gailp@smi.net* or Becki Smith at *smithbecki@hotmail.com*.

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Wixom city manager receives contract renewal

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

City Manager Phil Vawter is marking 10 years of service to Walled Lake by renewing his contract for the next five years and he said he is ready to take on future city challenges.

"It has been a distinct privilege to serve the Walled Lake community over the last 10 years as city manager," Vawter recently stated to the council. "The combined efforts of our elected and appointed officials and staff have resulted in numerous positive improvements to our community."

The contract begins July1 and allows the council to terminate the agreement by providing four-months severance pay. Vawter may also terminate the contract at any time by providing 45 days notice to city council members.

"It's flexible on both sides," Vawter said. "Which I like. It's very fair. I didn't ask for anything new. We left it as it was."

The only changes in the contract were updates to the benefit package that all city employees received.

City attorney John Donahue drafted the contract.

"I have revised its format to match the recent contracts issued to department heads and other non-unionized employees, in which the benefits are outlined in an attachment," Donahue said.

Vawter receives an automobile allowance of $300 a month and earns $84,149 per year, which was a 3.25 percent increase from last year.

He is content to have served the city for the last 10 years while many city managers are mobile and only stay in a community for less than a decade.

"It's a great place to live and work," Vawter said. "I was pleased that the council agreed to extend the contract."

The city was facing some difficulty when he began his career with Walled Lake.

"The economy was not in great shape," Vawter said and added that bigger retail chains such as Home Depot and Target in the surrounding areas were hurting local businesses.

With the help of the Downtown Development Authority, city officials were able to take an aggressive, proactive approach to mending the local economy, he said.

One of the major projects that Vawter enjoyed working on took eight years to complete. He was responsible for acquiring land and getting approval for the Maple Road extension project.

Many times in a project of that magnitude, conflicts arise and they need to be resolved in court, he said. However, the Maple Road extension project went smoothly without having to resolve any major obstacles in court.

"We're very proud of that fact," Vawter said.

He has also enjoyed working on other projects during his time with the city. He led the way for road widening on portions of Pontiac Trail and East West Maple Road. Adding decorative street lights and landscaping in the city was also a pleasant task, he said.

The city is moving forward and Vawter plans to be a part of the changes.

It's a trend to redevelop the lakefront by tearing down old buildings and constructing new buildings.

"It's interesting to see how it will evolve," Vawter said.

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Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS
The Novi Public Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft, is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed Sundays during the summer. For more information, call 349-0720.

READING ROAD TRIP
Sign-up is now underway for the 2001 Summer Reading Program, "Reading Road Trip USA." The program is for children in grade four and under.

CRUISIN' WITH BOOKS
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TIE DYE EXTRAVAGANZA
Kids going into fifth grade and up can make their own tie-dyed clothing on Monday, July 9 at 1 p.m. Wear old clothes and bring a 100 percent cotton T-shirt or other item to dye. There is a $1 fee for this project. Register in advance at the Cruisin' With Books table.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Novi library Board of Directors meets Monday, July 9 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

CRAFT PROGRAMS
We have two craft programs scheduled for Tuesday, July 10. Crafts for children ages 5-6 will be at 1 p.m.; crafts for children age 7 and up will be at 2 p.m. There is a $1 materials fee for each 40-minute program. No registration is necessary, but space is limited.

CHRIS LINN, MAGICAL ENTERTAINER
Magical entertainer Chris Linn will amaze you with cool tricks and other fun stuff on Wednesday, July 11. There will be a 1 p.m. show for children age 4 and up, and a 7 p.m. show for children of all ages. No registration is required for the 50-minute program.

DROP-IN STORYTIMES
Storytime for children ages 4 to 7 will be held Thursday, July 12; storytime for two- and three-year-olds will be held Friday, July 13. Each 30-minute session starts at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary.

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Hillsdale resident named Wixom DPW director

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Michael Pilarski will lead the way for Wixom residents to enjoy a clean, safe and well maintained community when he begins his position as the Department of Public Works director.

Pilarski, who has been the director of Public Services for Hillsdale for the last 10 years, will be starting his position in the city July 16.

He is looking forward to joining the Wixom community.

"I like the community," Pilarski said. "From what I've seen, it seems to be a nice, friendly community."

Pilarski had a myriad of duties in Hillsdale, which is a half hour southwest of Jackson.

"I'm in charge of two cemeteries as well as the maintenance of the park system, which includes a very large lake," Pilarski said. "I am in charge of all street maintenance, storm drains, traffic permits and I do a lot of grant writing. That's just some of the responsibilities that I have here. Being in a little smaller of a community, I had to wear many different hats."

He also went to Michigan Tech and then later graduated from Michigan State University where he studied urban forestry.

Pilarski, who is the father of five adult children and grandfather of four, grew up in Trenton. He graduated from Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview.

After working in the private industry, he began working as the grounds and maintenance supervisor in Battle Creek. He later took the position in Hillsdale.

Pilarski has a background in road maintenance and construction. He has been responsible for everything from snow removal to sidewalk repair and he has also been in charge of forestry.

"In city forestry, I was responsible for managing and maintaining all of the city's trees in Hillsdale's cemeteries," Pilarski said.

He also was responsible for planting, trimming, insect control, and participating in Arbor Day programs and garden clubs.

"For the residents, I offered suggestions and I was a consultant for the people in the city," Pilarski said.

Pilarski said he wants to become active in Wixom. Hewas involved in the Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce in Hillsdale.

"I stay very active in the community where I am at," Pilarski said. "I was a trolley guide for their fall festival. I've done that for years. I'm the only one who has done that. I don't know what they will do this year."

City leaders are looking forward to his arrival in the community.

"He brings to us 23 years of experience in public works," Wixom assistant city manager Frank Sheriden said.

Many qualified people applied for the position but after several interviews, a group of city leaders narrowed it down to Pilarski, he said. City manager Michael Dornan made the final decision.

Sheriden said he believes Pilarski will fit well into the community.

"I think he will be able to provide the good, quality customer service that the citizens of Wixom expect," Sheriden said. "They are used to it and they expect to receive quality service."

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Justices let CCW law stand, toss out referendum vote

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The Michigan Supreme Court ruled Friday afternoon, in a split 4-3 decision, to uphold the state's new "shall issue" concealed weapons law.

In doing so, the court's action allows the law to take effect this Sunday as scheduled and eliminates any possibility of a referendum election in 2002.

The People Who Care About Kids Committee, the group that gathered signatures to put the law to a vote, immediately promised to launch a second petition drive for an initiative to rewrite that law.

"This issue will be on the ballot for November 2002," David Fink, Oakland County coordinator for the committee, said.

Supreme Court Justices concluded that a $1 million appropriation added to the bill protected it from referendum. Supreme Court Justices Clifford Taylor, Maura Corrigan, Robert Young and Stephen Markman concurred in that ruling. Justices Michael Cavanagh, Elizabeth Weaver and Marilyn Kelly dissented.

The $1 million appropriation was tacked on to the bill in conference committee last December. Critics charged its only purpose was to evade a challenge at the ballot box.

Corrigan took up that point directly. "This argument is misplaced," she stated. "This Court has repeatedly held that courts must not be concerned with the alleged motives of a legislative body in enacting a law, but only with the end result — the actual language of the legislation."

In dissenting, Justice Kelly wrote that the majority ruling would be a "disemboweiment of the public's constitutionally guaranteed right to referendum."

Fink said not only did the ruling put the CCW law into effect, it "eviscerated the people's right to referendum. If legislators want to take away our right to referendum, all they have to do now is tack on an irrelevant appropriation."

The ruling will allow the new "shall issue" CCW law to take effect July 1. Applications for permits to carry concealed weapons are expected to be available Monday. The law requires county gun boards to issue permits as long as applicants meet certain requirements, including that they are over 21, have a clean record, have no history of mental illness, and have received the proper training. The law does create gun-free zones, including schools, churches, daycares and sports arenas.

Fink said the initiative, which will require collection of 242,000 signatures in 180 days, will seek to revamp the law, not simply overturn it, keeping improvements while tossing out the shall issue standard.

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Stewart breaks ranks with GOP on redistricting

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As lawmakers voted to send their redistricting bill to conference committee Thursday, where a final version can be hammered out, one Republican representative said he might just attempt to derail the plan that has been on the fast track in Lansing.

Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, said he may break ranks with his caucus over the way the district boundaries are drawn.

The loss of just two more Republican votes in the state House would doom the plan, which Democrats strongly oppose.

"Apparently there are several others who have raised objections and they said we better send this back to a conference committee," Steward explained, although no other Republicans have stated publicly their objections to the GOP plan.

Stewart's immediate concern is the way the 20th House District has been drawn.

"I haven't found one person in my district who thinks this is good common sense to lump Northville, Plymouth together down a 14-mile dog leg to the city of Wayne. It is possibly even more winnable for me ... but this district, on its face, just looks bad. This would come back and haunt the Republican party. It would just look like gerrymandering."

He believes that shape violates the "compactness" standard, one of several criteria in the law for legislative district boundaries.

"John Stewart is wrong," Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, said. "John Stewart's (district) is far more compact than any number of people around the state because 'compact' suggests to me that it is a certain size ... Compactness is not necessarily square. I would ask him to give you the definition of compactness."

"Compactness does not equal a 14-mile dog leg," Stewart responded.

Actually, according to apportionment laws passed last year, "compactness shall be determined by circumscribing each district within a circle of minimum radius and measuring the area ... inside the circle but not inside the district."

But the 20th is not the only district where compactness is an issue. Stewart also noted that GOP designers split the communities of Trenton and Grosse Ile downriver. Democrats have pointed out that the 65th district in Jackson County meanders from Lenawee County to Eaton County. The 81st district in St. Clair County includes the north section of that county and a southern portion, but the sections are connected by only a sliver of land.

The new district boundaries for both the state House and Senate will go into effect in 2002 if lawmakers eventually settle on a plan in the once-a-decade process of reapportionment. The plan is contained in House Bill 4965 by Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park.

Representatives adopted their districts last week. Senators added their districts into the bill Tuesday, June 26, in a strictly party-line vote.

Democrats have been vocal in their opposition to the plan, claiming Republicans are rushing it through.

"Republicans have again demonstrated that their guiding intent in this process has been to draw a politically gerrymandered plan to protect their own political self interest," Rep. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, said. "Shamefully, the abuse of power by the Republicans in this process comes at a high cost to the people of the state of Michigan, who deserve to have a legitimate, representational system of government and a voice in the workings of it."

"It is wrong that the Republicans excluded the public out of the process. It is not known why the process was accelerated ... by the Republican leadership," Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield, said.

Patterson, on the other hand, said he is satisfied with the way the process is proceeding.

"It is a highly technical, very expertise-oriented discussion and you could have hearings from now to the general election date in 2002 and real people aren't going to be able to contribute to the discussion to make sure that there is an abiding to the legal standards unless they do an awful lot of research, legal research," Patterson said. "I have done an enormous amount of reading — cases, manuals, statutes" in preparation for redistricting, he said.

As drawn in the Senate, districts would include: In Oakland, the 15th District would include West Bloomfield, Novi and South Lyon, extending north to Rose and White Lake. In the House: Novi, Wixom and Lyon Township would be drawn together.

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Monday, June 25
Fire alarm, 25750 Novi Road, 2:53 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 22843 Renford, 3:24 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24685 Venice, 7:47 a.m., Squad 4.
Personal injury accident, Grand River/Novi Road, 10:35 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25549 Taft Road, 10:51 a.m., Squad 4.
Gas leak, 24560 Knollwood, 12:27 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 27414 Novi Road, 1 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41268 Llewelyn Court, 5:09 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24802 Apple Crest, 8:52 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25634 Manor, 10:31 p.m., Squad 1.

Tuesday, June 26
Vehicle fire, 31051 Woodstone, 3:07 a.m., Engine 2.
Dumpster fire, 45017 Pontiac Trail, 3:21 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 3:49 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 8:54 a.m., Squad 2.
Service, 25627 Lincoln, 1:18 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 247 Wainright, 5:17 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Grand River/Wixom, 5:42 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 44490 Eleven Mile Road, 6:38 p.m., Squad 1.
Building fire, 21091 Haggerty, 7:46 p.m., Engines 3, 1.
Investigation, 42726 Wimbleton, 10:14 p.m., Engine 2.

Wednesday, June 27
Fire alarm, 43055 Crescent, 2:06 a.m., Engines 2, 1.
Personal injury accident, Ten Mile/Meadowbrook, 7:56 a.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, Twelve Mile/M-5, 8:08 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 40750 Grand River, 10:19 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 27000 Sheraton, 11:05 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 24814 Old Orchard, 1:26 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 40800 Thirteen Mile Road, 1:30 p.m., Engines 2, 1.
Medical, 2206 Novi Road, 2:15 p.m., Squad 2.
Personal injury accident, Thirteen Mile/M-5, 2:48 p.m., Squad 2.
Gas leak, 27500 Novi Road, 5:15 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24425 Old Orchard, 8:09 p.m., Squad 1.
Trash fire, 131 Meadowbrook, 8:43 p.m., Engine 2.
Vehicle fire, Westbound I-96/Novi Road, 9:37 p.m., Engine 1.
Brush fire, Orchard Hill School, 10:50 p.m., Engine 3.

Thursday, June 28
Medical, 41331 Llorac, 12:40 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 43100 Nine Mile Road, 7:22 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
Fuel spill, Grand River/Meadowbrook, 8:22 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Twelve Oaks/West Lot, 10:43 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 47950 Grand River, 12:54 p.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 22450 Tower, 2:47 p.m., Squad 3.
Service, 45182 W. Park, 3:48 p.m., Squad 2.
Personal injury accident, Vincent/Meadowbrook, 8:09 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 31115 Wellington, 10:54 p.m., Squad 2.

Friday, June 29
Medical, Ten Mile/Meadowbrook, 10:12 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, I-96/Novi Road, 11:11 a.m., Squad 1.
Tree fire, Deer Run Court, 2:38 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 3:38 p.m., Squad 1.

Saturday, June 30
Medical, 31016 Beachwalk, 3:47 a.m., Squad 2.
Mutual aid, Livonia Fire Department, 8:47 a.m., Response 506.
Investigation, 43106 Ashbury, 11:08 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 43455 Ten Mile, 11:14 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22249 Solomon, 12:52 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 6:35 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43801 Grand River, 9:11 p.m., Squad 1.

Sunday, July 1
Medical, 24111 Meadowbrook, 7:03 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 8:07 a.m., Squad 2.
Service, 22450 Tower, 10:04 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Eleven Mile/Crescent, 10:22 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 20980 Woodland Glen, 10:23 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
Fire alarm, 21353 Glen Haven, 10:37 a.m., Squad 3.
Personal injury accident, I-96/Beck Road, 1:37 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39560 Blakeston, 1:50 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 44801 N. Hills Drive, 2:43 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45743 Lakeview, 2:55 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 26401 Novi Road, 3:18 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 25711 Arcadia, 7:11 p.m., Engine 4.
Wires down, Ten Mile/Beck, 7:14 p.m., Engine 4.
Investigation, 44552 Williams, 8:45 p.m., Engine 1.

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Novi Schools Say Good-bye to 191 Years of Service

NOVI MIDDLE SCHOOL

JAMES NEWBOLD

Algebra teacher James Newbold has graded his last test and calculated his last problem. After 28 years of teaching in the school district, the mathematician will say good-bye.

The former master toolmaker from GM, who started the middle school algebra program in 1973, said he'll likely be remembered as "the old bear who made you do the work and steps his way."

He said he'll miss watching his students grow and that his biggest reward has been "seeing the kids I taught algebra to come back and see me after graduation and say, Hey, I still have the notes you insisted we keep in your class.'"

Newbold is looking forward to improving his golf game, building his 1937 Ford convertible, and spending time with his three grandchildren.

Famous last words: "Kids are fun, kids matter, kids keep you young... despite my hair loss."

NANCY MOYES

After bringing the gift of music to the children of Novi for 20 years, teacher Nancy Moyes is taking a final bow.

"It is going to be impossible to replace Nancy and the continued excellence she has established and maintained for our vocal music program," said Novi Middle School principal Milan Obrenovich.

Serving 25 years total in education, Moyes said she will always cherish the friends she's made and the many musical performances.

"I feel very fortunate to have been able to do what I love most for so many years," she said.

Moyes is looking forward to moving into to her new home in Sutton's Bay and spending time with her family.

"Nancy has always had high expectation for herself and for her students," he said. "We will miss her very much."

JOANNE KOCH
(not pictured)
Retired in December of 2001.

The secretary had dedicated 25 years of her life to the Novi school district.

Photo By JOHN HEIDER

Novi Meadows' counselor Bob Van Every and teacher Joy Kolm wrap up their last days with a few students.

NOVI WOODS

JULIE LASSILA

Retiring teacher Julie Lassila says goodbye, after instilling the love of learning for over 32 years.

Lassila came to Novi in 1971 when she began teaching at Village Oaks.

Novi Woods principal Pam Quitiquit wrote of Lassila: "In just the short time I have known her, I have observed a woman who is not only a great teacher, but a person of great integrity."

Photo By JOHN HEIDER

Retired Novi Woods teacher Julie Lassila congradulates on of her fourth gradeers who is movin up to Novi Meadow next fall.

NOVI MEADOWS

JOY KOLM

After 17 years with the school district, sixth grade teacher Joy Kolm is bidding farewell to a career that has meant the world to her.

With over 25 years in education, the dedicated mentor says she hopes to be remembered as a teacher who cared and taught from her heart, viewing "each student as special (people) with special talents, to be encouraged, nurtured and developed."

The retiree said the most rewarding thing about her job was watching her students become excited about learning, and being a part of their improved achievement throughout the year.

"I can't tell you how much we're going to miss Joy," said Novi Meadows principal Tim Falls.

"She's been an outstanding teacher, who is loved by all."

Kolm said the biggest change she has seen since she started teaching 25 years ago, has been the high quality of individuals in education and their commitment to enhancing child learning.

Famous last words: "You must like and understand students more than your content are because successful teachers teach students not content."

ROBERT VAN EVERY

For 22 years, counselor Robert Van Every has provided his love, support, and guidance to the children of the Novi school district.

"Whether is was a new student frightened about coming to a new school, or a parent 'at wits end' with their child's behavior, or a teacher who was concerned about what a student wrote in their journal, I always enjoyed the challenge of assisting that person whatever way i could," he said.

Van Every said the benefit of counseling at an elementary level is that it provides "support for students as they develop emotionally, socially, and intellectually."

Prior to his tenure in Novi, which began in 1979, Van Every spend 8 1/2 years counseling at South Redford and a year with protective service.

Spanning his time at Novi Meadows, the counselor also spent a couple years teaching language arts, social studies and ESL.

"For 22 years, Bob has dedicated himself to the children of Novi," said Novi Meadows principal Tim Falls.

"His whole motivation is children and he comes to school everyday with a smile on his face and a warm greeting. We're going to truly miss him."

Van Every said he has enjoyed his years with the school district and the administrators, staff, and students who have made the experience so meaningful.

"It's been wonderful to have worked in this district for almost 22 years, and at Novi Meadows for all that time," he said.

"It's been hard work. The staff is expected to perform to the highest level and when we don't, we hear about it from our administrators. But that's good because it keeps us sharp and keeps our creative juices flowing."

The counselor said the students of Novi have given him the "gift of optimism and the love for fun and adventure" and that it will be "the spirit of caring and respect that is Novi Meadows" that he'll miss most.

The retiree said he is looking forward to continue his work as a counselor, but on a different level, possibly with individuals and families.

Famous last word: "Find your niche, and believe in yourself."

TRANSPORTATION

CAROL HOSKINS

After 21 years transporting precious cargo in Novi, bus driver Carol Hoskins is turning in her keys.

To her passengers, however, Hoskins was much more than their driver.

"Not very many bus drivers become known as 'grandma', but Carol did," said Director of Transportation Dan Tooman.

"It the ultimate respect in how she was viewed by the students."

The loyal Wildcat fan said she'll miss the kids, both past and present, kindergarten through twelfth grade.

"It's really been a wonderful 21 years, " she said, "I have enjoyed the children so much and the hardest part is going to be leaving them."

Hoskins said the supportive parents and administration have meant a lot to her, and she is now looking forward to doing lots of traveling, including a visit to Florida.

Tooman said Hoskins has been a very instrumental partner in the department's development and her dedication will always be remembered.

SANDRA MARESH
(not pictured)

Spent 13 years in the school district as a bus driver.

Maresh is described as dedicated individual who always had the kids best interest at heart.

Photo By JOHN HEIDER

John Fundukian steps down as Novi High's Athletic Director.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

JOHN FUNDUKIAN

Never having missed a day of work in his 13 years with the school district, Novi's Athletic Director John Fundukian is finally taking a day off.

Being connected to teacher/student success has meant a lot to the retiree, who overlooked more than 70 sports teams in the district.

"Connecting is the magic to success!" he contested.

Fundukian said he would like to be remembered for his contribution to enhanced student learning and "providing the very best environment for physical education and athletics."

"John coined the phrase, 'we celebrated student athletes' and we will forever use that term with pride," said school board member Julie Abrams, in a recent board meeting.

She added that Fundukian always displayed the importance of connectivity and stressed the necessary correlation between academics and co-curricular activities.

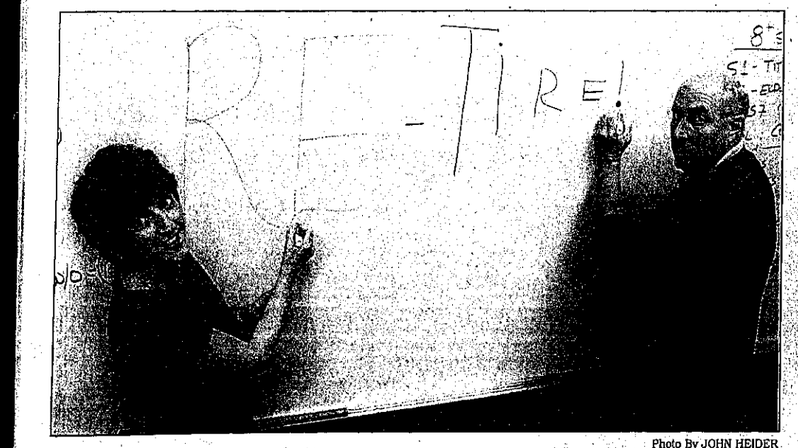
Named MIAAA Regional Athletic Director of the Year, Fundukian said he has proud to have been a part of both the community and the district.

"The community, school board, central administration and staff share a common goal to support those working with students to gain the best results," he said.

Fundukian plans to do some college teaching and perhaps work on finishing his doctoral degree. He also looks forward to spending time with his family and doing more traveling.

Famous last words: "If you enjoy the smile of a young learner when they feel pride in learning, you will enjoy a rewarding career."

Stories compiled by Stephanie Fordyce



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Novi Middle School teachers Nancy Moyes and James Newbold write a word on the chalkboard that implicating their end to teaching in the district.

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Retired Novi School District bus driver Carol Hoskins has been has been driving kids to and from school for over 20 years. years..

Novi Middle School Honor Roll - Final Semester

GRADE SEVEN

Ansa Ahmed, Brett Anderson, Peter Andrews, Jillian Angelocci, Michelle Angeski, Jonathan Ansara, Allison Arne, Monica Arun, Justin Ascenzo, Brady Babala, Meghan Bannatz, Jennifer Barlage, Alexander Bartlett, Emily Barton, Andrew Bayyouk, Lauren Belland, Erica Benham, Kyle Blickenstaff, Kenneth Bond, Ashley Bowles, Kristen Bradford, Amanda Brandemihl, Daniel Bruder, Laura Brudzynski, Bretton Buccilli, Shane Budlong, Erica Buratini, Melanie Burchard, Joshua Bush, Myranda Cady, Kenneth Calderone, Timothy Carn, David Carnegie III, Margaret Chang, Michelle Channell, Ryan Charette, Bhavin Chauhan, Katherine Check, Elizabeth Chidsey, Thomas Claverilla, Bradley Clos, Katherine Colaccino, Brandon Coles, Megan Corwin, Henry Coy-Burt, Matthew Crawford, Tanya Cripps, Kimberly Davies, Justin Davis, Danielle DeBlasi, David Deighton, Edgar DeLaCruz, Robert Denyer, Aimee DePotter, Troy Dieter, Angela Dietz, Hollee DiRocco, Aaron Dixon, Courtney Dottinga, Robert Duquette, Diego Duran, Danielle Eklund, Lauren Evarian, Steven Fannon, Samantha Farless, Meredith Farrugia, John Favorite, Nicholas Ferizan, Molly Flaherty, Katherine Flanagan, Michael Fleischer, Rachele Folino, Ryan Fox, Jeffrey Fraser, Joshua Freeman, Hitomi Fumoto, Kathleen Furman, Jessica Gastorek, Elizabeth Gee, Sangita Ghosh, Peter Gignac, Steven Gillam, Bryan Glick, Julie Goldsmith, Kyle Goodman, John Gouba, Nicholas Graziano, Sarah Greenberg, Abigail Greulich, Hollie Gurtizian, Daniel Haddad, Renee Hadley, Alexander Hamilton, Ann Hammill, Lisa Harden, Steven Hart, Lauren Haska, Andrew Hayes, Erin Haynes, Ryan Heffernan, Kelli Herrick, Danielle Heverly, Masahiro Hikosaka, Erin Himes, John Ho, Justin Hodges, Michael Hofer, Brian Hopton, Erica Howard, Melinda Hurr, Amber Hutchinson, Asami Ire, Matthew Irwin, Todd Janer, Laura Jantk, Linda Jantk, Justin Jeffe, Sarah Jones, Sara Kalinowsky, Madalyn Kaltz, Georgia Katopodis, Kara Kelly, James Kim, Laurel Kline, Brandon Knight, James Knockeart, Alex Kobylarek, Dana Koenig, Michelle Kohls, Jeffrey Kolb, Sona Kotecha, Nicholas Kroll, Natalie Kuczajda, Jenna Kuhn, Julie Kuhn, Julie Langenhorst, Bradley Larson, Craig Lawler, Amanda Lawrence, Gregory Layton, Andrew Lee, Kevin Lee, Seung-Yon Lee, Benjamin Lichorobiec, Nicholas Lichorobiec, Heather Liu, Jenny Loboda, Riley Lokar, Elena Lyons, Katelyn MacDonald, Andrew Macek, Christopher Machisak, Christina Maczka, Nidhi Maley, Rachel Mandeville, Bindu Manyam, Jason Margolis, Glenn Martin, Crystal Martinez, Kristen Marzonie, Jack Mason, Melissa Masson, Daniel Matheney, Brian McIntyre, Lauren McLeod, Heather McManaman, Ryan McNamara, Kyle McNiff, Eric McQueen, Michael Mehl, Kenneth Michalzuk, Amber Mida, Bryan Miller, Jennifer Miller, Megan Miller, Nicole Minghine, Michael Misangyi, Elizabeth Mitchell, Nicole Moisan, Jonathan Moore, Scott Moran, Gregory Morisette, Hope Morris, Chris Mugianis, Lauren Murray, Marie Nagle, Ayano Nakamura, Kimberly Naizel, Brenden Neville, Brent Neville, Margaret Noble, Samuel Nettle, Derek O'Branovic, Shane O'Connor, Marissa Oates, Stephen Ogrodowski, Sawako Ojima, Catarina Oliveira, Robert Papelian, Andrew Park, Lewis Park, Lauren Perlin, Lorraine Phillips, Elizabeth Pitcher, Emma Platt, Megan Preketes, Lixing Qi, Nicholas Raeon, Adrienne Ragsdale, Apoorva Rastogi, Courtney Ratkowiak, Shae Reichley, Shaun Reinhold, Matthew Renner, Jason Rigdon, Rachel Rogg, Steven Rousseau, Denise Rowe, Travis Rozek, Katrina Rydzewski, Kaori Sakamoto, Caitlyn Samples, Ishaan Sandhu, Kevin Schmidt, Brian Schorr, Thomas Schryer, Timothy Senter, Nicholas Sherman, Won Young Shim, Elaina Shope, Adil Siddiqui, Mathew Simpson, Bradley Sisson, Christine Skouberdis, Audrey Smith, Xue Song, Daniel Sprys, Ruchira Srinivasakrishnan, Jessica Stadnika, Albert Stanek, Chase Stevens, Richard Sturgis III, David Switzer, Megan Szalony, Patricia Szczygiel, Natsuko Takeishi, Jill Thinnes, Kristin Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Chelsea Thorpe, Todd Thurman, Diana Tiou, Patrick Torossian, Josh Toyoda, Lauren Troher, Katelyn Tuck, Caitlin Ulrich, Laura Vandersteen, John VanDusen, Amy Varhol, Lillian Vulaj, Suzana Vuljevic, Eric Waggy, Shannon Wagner, Katherine Walker, Kellie Walker, Megan Wallen, Siwei Wang, Robert Watts II, Michael Webber, Kimberly Weidl, Matthew Wertheimer, Jennifer White, Sean White, Sherrick White, John Wilde, Nicholas Wright, Donald Wu, Wei Xie, Anna Yamaguchi, Wendy Ying, Michael Yiu, Mishlene Yono, Lindsay Yusko, Eric Zhao, Amanda Zorza, and Michael Zurek.

GRADE EIGHT

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WALKING HAND IN HAND
SWF, 51, 5'7, blonde hair, green eyes, honest, loyal and caring. Enjoys the outdoors, fun times, dancing, music, travel and more. Seeking a SWM, 49-56, who is honest, loving, outgoing and friendly. Adr 9604

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Honest, SWF, 43, 5'5", enjoys camping, cooking, the outdoors. Seeks a strong, SWM, 42-50. Adr 7360

A KIND AND LOVING HEART
SWF, 49, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, full-figured, and can be described as happy, bubbly, and independent. Hobbies are music, plants, photos and being with friends and family. Looking for a SM, 49-55, who is kind, loving, for a long-term relationship. Adr 7650

HEAVEN SENT
Cool, energetic, fun-loving, SWF, 40, 5'7", enjoys exercising, reading, cooking and more. Seeks one, kind and humorous, SM, 40-50 who likes animals and the outdoors. Adr 9604

TENDER HEART
SWF, 43, 5'4", 190lbs., with blonde-brown hair, hazel eyes, described as caring, warm, caring and light-hearted. Enjoys grilling, traveling and the outdoors. I'm seeking an honest, kind, SWM, 42-51, who enjoys life. Adr 7568

SEIZE THE MOMENT
SWF, 38, 5'7", everything humorous and fun-loving. I enjoy camping, the outdoors and more. I'm seeking a SWM, 36-50, who is humorous, easygoing and friendly. Adr 1154

FRIENDS TO START
SW mom, 30, petite, outgoing, fun-loving and sociable. Enjoys working out and time with friends and family. Seeking an understanding, trustworthy, SWM, 35-45, who is enjoys time with friends and family. Adr 4729

THIS IS IT!
SWF, 26, 5'7", who is described as outgoing and she loves being with friends, sports and the outdoors. Seeking a SWM, 24-40. Adr 5825

THIS IS IT
Tall, brown haired, blue eyed, SWF, 28, is easygoing and alot of fun! Loves being spontaneous and enjoys dancing, sports and cuddling. Hoping to meet a humorous, SWM, 28-35. Adr 3576

LET'S MEET SOON!
I'm a N/S, SWF, 23, 5'5", blonde with hazel eyes. Outgoing, spontaneous and I enjoy nature, animals, star gazing and country life. I'm seeking a SWM, under 41, who is very soul mate. Adr 2007

EXCLUSIVE AD
SWF, 56, N/S, 5'4", with dark hair/eyes, petite, homeownership, caring and very companionship. Enjoys movies, plays, express, line dancing, etc. Seeking a SWM, 50-70, affectionate with longevity. Adr 1073

LOVE AWAITS
Outgoing, honest, honest and sincere. SWF, 34, 5'5", 175lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, seeking a caring, romantic, SWM, 28-44. Self-employed. I enjoy movies, cooking and travel. Adr 5462

VERY EASYGOING
I would like to meet a SWM, 53-68, who is outgoing and easygoing. 5'4", blonde, SWF, 53. I enjoy working out, sports, bowling, golf, dancing and more. Adr 7845

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY
I'm a bubbly, outgoing and humorous, SWF, 38, 5'4", blonde, blue eyes, 155lbs. My interests include horseback riding, traveling, motorcycles, dancing and music. I'm seeking an honest, SWM, 35-45. Adr 3457

Males Seeking Females

WICKED COMEDY
Funny, SWM, 42, 5'10", Eurolook, with brown hair/eyes. My hobbies are camping, hiking and the outdoors. Seeking an honest, caring and sensitive, SWF, over 18, with beautiful eyes. Adr 5607

ROMANTIC
SWM, 38, brown hair/eyes, who is very outgoing and enjoys sports, theatre and concerts. Looking for a SWF, 30-52, who is sweet, demure, positive and sharing. Adr 5576

ACTIVE
SWM, 42, 5'7", brownish blond hair, blue eyes. Outgoing, active, and enjoys the outdoors, hunting, camping, fishing, and more. Looking for an honest, funny SWF, 36-44, who is kind, hard working, to be with family and friends. Adr 6780

EASY-GOING
SWM, 30, 5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, with a big build and who is laid-back and easygoing. Hobbies include reading books and being outdoors. Searching for a SWF, 18-44, who is easygoing. Adr 3910

DESERVING
SWM, 47, 6'0", dark hair, blue eyes, who is straightforward, outgoing and enjoys bowling, movies, biking and doing out. Looking for a SWF, 33-50, who is outgoing for a long-term committment. Adr 2409

EASY-GOING
SWM, 43, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, who is casual and calm and who enjoys car shows, revolver and antique guns. Searching for a SF, 18-45, who is active, outgoing and likes to try new things. Adr 9658

UNDER THE STARS
SWM, 30, tall, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys motorcycling, movies, cuddling. Looking for a spontaneous, SWF, 18-40, with a warm heart. Adr 6258

PATIENTLY WAITING
I am a humorous, SWM, 51, 6', light brown hair, blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, working out, vacations, video, the outdoors and traveling. I am looking for a SF, 35-55, former Catholic/married, with brown/hazel eyes and is in good shape. Adr 3225

FORGIVING
Outgoing, humorous, SWM, 41, 5'8", enjoys camping, fishing, traveling and dining out. Seeks family, understanding, honest, SWF, 35-50. Adr 8935

DISCOVER ME
SWM, 43, 5'9", short hair, brown eyes, a mustache and goatee. Enjoys fishing around, remote locations, camping, etc. Seeking a SWF, 25-40. Adr 1525

ALWAYS SMILING
Outgoing, generous, fun-loving, SWM, 21, enjoys motor driving, music, movies, golf and more. Seeks a counselorette, divorcee, SWF, 18-30. Adr 1602

POSITIVE OUTLOOK
Happy, positive, SWM, 42, 5'9", 200lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes driving out, fishing and the children, seeking an outgoing SWF, 35-45, variety of interests. Adr. 6797

SMILE WITH ME
SWM, 48, 5'9", brown hair and blue eyes. I am a very happy person, who is outgoing, enjoy music, camping, golf and children. Seeking SWF, 35-48, tall, and interested in boating. Adr 7950

LET'S SPEND TIME TOGETHER
SWM, 36, 5'10", whole personality is outgoing and fun-loving, loves the outdoors, fishing, golf, camping, etc. Very honest, happy to meet an outgoing SWF, 25-35. Adr 3663

ONE IN A MILLION
SWM, 35, 6' tall, 230 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, with a big build and who is easygoing and open-minded, some of my interests are working on my home, skiing, the beaches. I'm looking for a SWF, romantic, SF, 20-38. Adr 8868

MOVE CRAZILY
SWM, 28, a N/S, who is 5'10" and his personality is friendly, outgoing and humorous. He is looking for a SWF, 20-40, interests are hunting, fishing, camping, his daughter and romantic evenings. Adr 5131

LET'S MEET
I would like to meet a SWF, 18-35, my appearance is 5'9", with blue eyes and I am a SWM, 22 years old, who is outgoing, fun and easygoing. I like hockey, working out and camping. Adr 7902

HEAVEN SENT
Shy, old-fashioned, SWM, 47, 5', enjoys working out, gardening and enjoyable evenings. Seeks an economy, SWF, 25-47. Adr 4527

DYNAMIC
Hi ladies, I am a N/S, SWM, 43, who is 5'10" with brown hair and hazel eyes. I'm outgoing and humorous. I would like to meet a SWF, 30-50. I'm interested in sports, concerts, movies and traveling. Adr 6362

WHOLESOME
6' tall, blue eyes, 43 year old, SWM, affectionate and very outgoing, hobbies include traveling, Nascar, rollerblading, etc. In search of a SWF, under 50, who enjoys the outdoors. Adr 7930

ONE OF A KIND
SWM, 47, is a very nice guy and very outgoing. His hobbies are music, sports, being alone and more. Hoping to meet an attractive, SF, under 40. Adr 4638

THIS IS IT
46 year old, N/S, SWM, tall, with hazel eyes and brown hair. Very nice and looking to meet a SWF, under 40. His hobbies bowling, fishes, travel and movies. Adr. 2268

KIND & LOVING
Attractive, outgoing, active, romantic, SWM, 28, 5'10", enjoys the outdoors, water sports, snowmobiling, Seeks open-minded, attractive, N, SWF, under 44. Adr 5398

DON'T LOOK ANY MORE
I'm an attractive, honest and fun, SWM, 43, looking to meet a pretty, successful professional, SWF, 30-40, who enjoys gardening, water-sports, country/rock music and traveling. Adr 1119

FROM THE HEART
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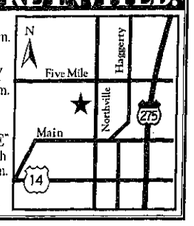

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Shake Shack serves up healthy alternatives to ice cream

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

Tucked away inside the Water Wheel Health Club, is one of Northville's newest and healthiest hot spots for refreshing smoothies and shakes.

The Shake Shack, located at 235 East Main, is bringing area residents the finest in nutritional drinks and healthy alternatives.

With dozens of flavors to try — including banana creme pie, moose trax, bananaberry, and nutter butter — residents may have a tough time choosing their favorite.

"We think it's kind of a neat thing," said Chris Klebba, owner of the Water Wheel Health Club.

The creations at Shake Shack are open to the public and certainly not meant for members only.

Robert Mincey, fitness professional and manager of Shake Shack, said, "There just as good as eating ice cream. This is much more healthy snack alternative or meal replacement."

Packed with plenty of fruit and other healthy ingredients, patrons will be in for a flavorful treat as they take their first sip and eagerly await the next one.

Shake Shack even offers a relaxed and airy atmosphere for enjoying a smoothie or shake indoors.

Having only opened approximately one year ago, Shake Shack is looking forward to serving customers with the best in healthy drink alternatives and friendly service.

"We call it Northville's best kept secret," said Mincey.

In an effort to better serve its guests, Shake Shack accepts phone-in orders and will have your shakes ready when you arrive.

If you're looking for a low-calorie and delicious shake or smoothie, Shake Shack can offer the perfect treat for you. Whether these shakes are a pre or post-workout snack or a quick treat to take on the road, these healthy creations will leave you feeling satisfied and rejuvenated.

"Try one, one time," said Klebba. "It just tastes that good."

In addition to shakes and smoothies, residents will also fine an array of fruit juices, water, and healthy snacks available.

Shake Shack can be reached at (248) 449-7634 and is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 or by e-mail at jnorris@ht.homecomm.net.

NOVI PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

The meeting for July 12, 2001 has been moved to **Thursday, July 19, 2001** in the City Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.
(7-5/12/28-01 NR/NN 1055450)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 16, 2001, at 7:30 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of encouraging citizen input.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., July 16, 2001.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,
CITY CLERK

(7-5-01 NR/NN 1055269)

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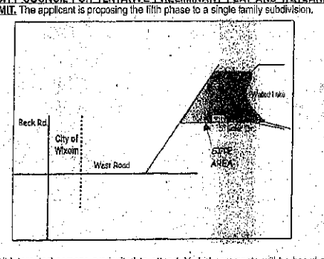
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, **BRISTOL CORNERS NORTH, SP 01-29A**, located on the east side of West Park Drive and South of South Park Drive, to consider **WOODLAND PERMIT AND RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT AND WETLAND PERMIT.** The applicant is proposing the fifth phase to a single family subdivision.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2001.

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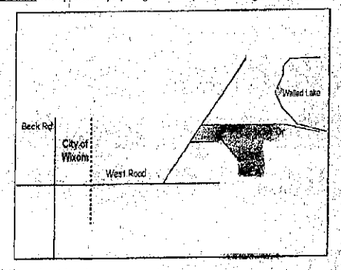

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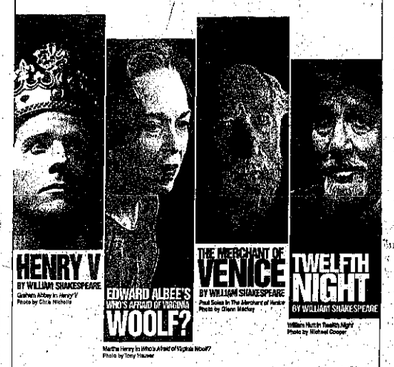

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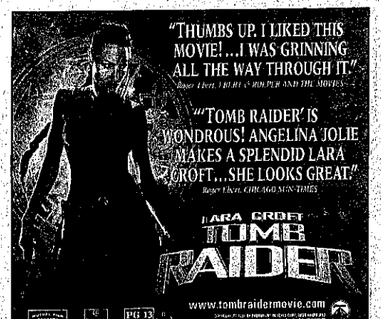

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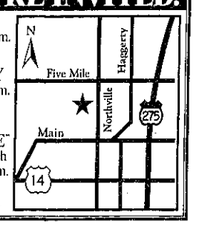

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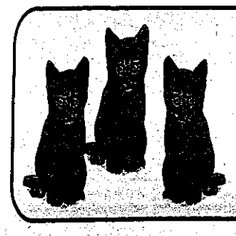

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Shake Shack serves up healthy alternatives to ice cream

By Jennifer Norris
STAFF WRITER

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The Shake Shack, located at 235 East Main, is bringing area residents the finest in nutritional drinks and healthy alternatives.

With dozens of flavors to try — including banana creme pie, moose trax, bananaberry, and butter butter — residents may have a tough time choosing their *favorite.*

"We think it's kind of a neat thing," said Chris Klebba, owner of the Water Wheel Health Club.

The creations at Shake Shack are open to the public and certainly not meant for members only.

Robert Mincey, fitness professional and manager of Shake Shack, said, "There just as good as eating ice cream. This is much more healthy snack alternative or meal replacement."

Packed with plenty of fruit and other healthy ingredients, patrons will be in for a flavorful treat as they take their first sip and eagerly await the next one.

Shake Shack even offers a relaxed and airy atmosphere for enjoying a smoothie or shake indoors.

Having only opened approximately one year ago, Shake Shack is looking forward to serving customers with the best in healthy drink alternatives and friendly service.

"We call it Northville's best kept secret," said Mincey.

In an effort to better serve its guests, Shake Shack accepts phone-in orders and will have your shakes ready when you arrive.

If you're looking for a low-calorie and delicious shake or smoothie, Shake Shack can offer the perfect treat for you. Whether these shakes are a pre or post-workout snack or a quick treat to take on the road, these healthy creations will leave you feeling satisfied and rejuvenated.

"Try one, one time," said Klebba. "It just tastes that good."

In addition to shakes and smoothies, residents will also fine an array of fruit juices, water, and healthy snacks available.

Shake Shack can be reached at (248) 449-7634 and is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 or by e-mail at jnorris@ht.homecomm.net.

NOVI PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION

The meeting for July 12, 2001 has been moved to **Thursday, July 19, 2001** in the City Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.
(7-5/12/29-01 NR/NN 1055450)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 16, 2001, at 7:30 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of encouraging citizen input.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., July 16, 2001.

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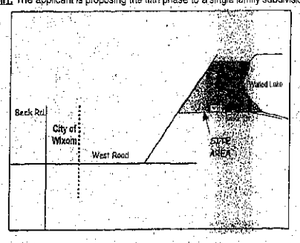

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2001.

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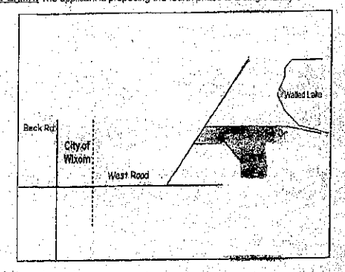

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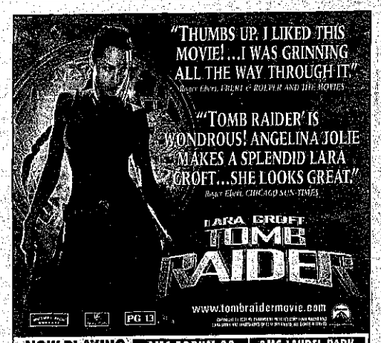

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Walled Lake city library needs more support

The Walled Lake City Library needs more funding to create a larger building for continued growth and adequate services for residents.

Anyone who steps into the library can clearly see the 6,000 sq. foot building is busting at the seams.

Currently people who want to meet with one another for a study group or other function, are interrupted by people checking out books around them since it is also being used as the reference area.

Many library programs cannot be done in the library because of lack of space. People have to head over to the fire hall to use the meeting room there.

Officials would like to build a new library that would be approximately 14,000 sq. feet.

The library also needs more computer services. There are only two computers available for Internet access. Many libraries have five times that amount for their residents.

It all comes down to money. Money that is desperately needed for the library in Walled Lake.

Library officials count on $226,000 of funding from Commerce Township to help pay for needed services. Commerce is able to pay more because they have a greater population than Walled Lake. Walled Lake residents contribute $130,000 per year for service.

Although it has been a pretty stable partnership, if Walled Lake were to lose Commerce's money, the library would be sunk. Unfortunately, there would be no more free reading for kids, for adults, no more kids programs, and no more learning in general.

The library also gets $16,000 per year from state aid and another $18,000 from highway traffic penal fines, which funds a combined total of $34,000 for the library.

The $164,000 grand total is not enough for Walled Lake to stand on its own. That amount would have to pay for all staff salaries, books and other library needs. It's not enough for a library that supports close to 7,000 Walled Lake residents.

Officials are looking at several different options so they can continue to meet the needs of the community.

We support their efforts and we strongly believe in the importance of a public library. The library provides educational tools for children and adults. It also provides story time and other events for children and their parents.

It would be a tragedy if the library failed due to lack of funding.

A one percent millage increase would generate another $130,000 in needed funds. However, that increase still would only amount to $260,000 per year and it would only be $34,000 more than what Commerce Township is currently contributing.

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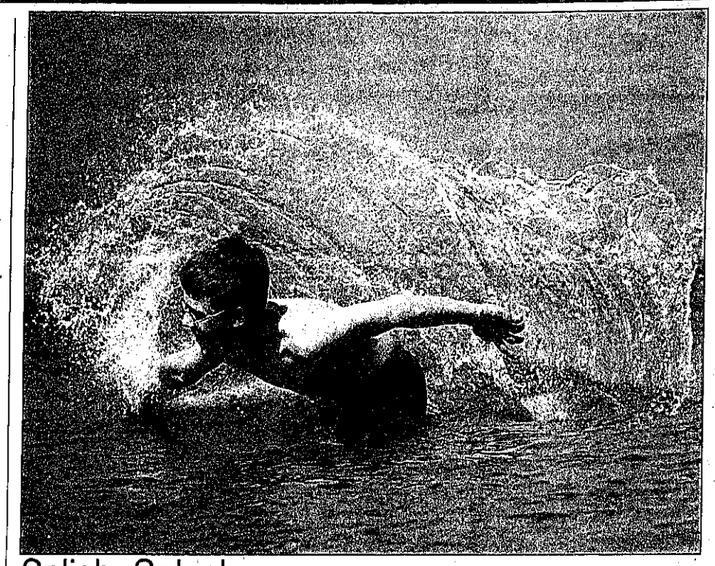
We also support the idea of a district library if that is the course that would lead the way for larger quarters with increased services.

We encourage all residents to support the library as well. After all, the residents utilize the library and they deserve adequate services. City officials should consider asking the public what they would like to see in a library and they should also see if city funds can be rearranged to provide additional support to the city library.

It's a wonderful resource that is unable to reach its full potential in an overcrowded building. Let's help the library spread its wings.



Splish, Splash

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Drew Bayuka, 12, visiting Novi from North Carolina, makes a splash last Wednesday at Lakeshore Park.

GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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LETTERS

Remember what our freedom stands for

July 4th is a day in which all of us in the state of Michigan remember and celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, 225 years ago.

Courage was the badge of the commitment of our forefathers, and by their bold action, they enshrined their deed and ensured for us today, in our nation and in the state of Michigan, that we, our children and their descendants will live as free men and women. John Hancock wrote, "We mutually pledge to each our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

What did our brave forefathers do on that day? They proclaimed to the King of England, all the subjects and the rest of the world, that we in the colonies had declared our independence from the Crown. Henceforth, we would be responsible for ourselves and our well being by living under a Constitution of our own making.

As we know, the Declaration of Independence claims our sovereignty as a nation whereas the Constitution provides the framework for our self-government. The Bill of Rights to the Constitution articulates our fundamental ideas of liberty and justice. Together these documents serve as a blueprint of the greatest system of government that the world has ever known.

Here in Michigan, let us pledge to each other and to the world that each man, woman and child, standing alone and together from this Fourth of July forward will be responsible for our words, our actions and our commitments.

Never again will we accept an anemic excuse in hopes of exoneration from a citizen that has acted in an anti-social manner, who commits a crime or who fails to show proper respect and courtesy to another citizen. Never again can we accept from the convicted criminal the claim that his conduct was not his responsibility, that it was the use of alcohol or drugs that was at fault.

If we see a crime committed in our presence, we have the duty and responsibility to be a ready witness no matter how much effort it requires.

Marc Shulman
Appropriations Chair
House of Representatives
state of Michigan

Cancer relay given tremendous support

On June 23, over 300 participants gathered at Novi Middle School to combat one of the biggest health issues facing Americans today, cancer. Participants did their part of forming teams, raising funds, and walking for 24 hours in the second annual American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" held in Novi. Since the inception of Relay For life in 1985, more than one-half billion dollars has been raised, nationwide, for the fight against cancer.

This year, the Relay For Life in Novi raised a phenomenal $28,000, which will be spent by the American Cancer Society on research and fulfilling the needs of local cancer patients and their families. Additionally, the money will aid in our ongoing efforts to educate the public of the life-saving benefits of early detection.

The American Cancer Society would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the individuals, teams, and companies who participated and made the Relay For Life a tremendous success. Specifically, we would like to thank Novi Middle School and principal Milan O'Brenovich for the wonderful site for the relay and major sponsor University of Michigan Cancer Center. A special thanks also goes out to Michelle Galecka, lead volunteer for the event, for giving so generously of herself. The overwhelming support put forth by those who took part in the festivities certainly showcases the determination of the community to help end cancer.

To the greater community of Novi, the American Cancer Society extends its heartfelt appreciation and we look forward to continuing our relationship throughout the year.

Barb Iovan, Director
Community Development
American Cancer Society

"Farm Lady" thanks city workers

Children all around Novi know me as the Farm lady. I've worked with Novi's youth for 16 years as the Farm lady doing children's programming and before that, I started the Novi Adventures 4-H Club which touched the lives of many people in this community.

We have a small 5-acre farm on Wixom Road and recently, I wrote a letter to the editor describing my feelings as the Toll Bros. develop Island Lake around our home. Lately we've had a very rocky relationship with Toll Bros. I don't know if they are trying to get us to sell (we're the only hold-out) or if they just treat people in a demeaning way but whatever the reason, their actions were just too much for me to handle.

There are many people who have helped our family reach some resolution to our problems. First of all, Hugh Crawford, I talked to him about our easement at the Fuerst Farm clean-up and three days later, he had my information for me. Then called Laura Lorenzo who is on city council. She directed me to Cindy Uglow who's in charge of neighborhood Services. Whoever thought of this position of Neighborhood Services and put Cindy in charge should be patted on the back. Everyone in Novi should be aware that there's someone in the city (Cindy Uglow) who can be contacted when there's trouble. Sometimes it's so hard to know where to start.

Cindy is a great mediator and resource person. She's stuck with the problem I've been having and has brought John Aikens from JCK and Tony Nowicki (director of Novi Public Services) into the problem-solving procedure. These are three level-headed caring people and they have made my life much more tolerable amidst all this development.

Sometimes, week after week we read negative comments about the city administrators and bureaucratic government. I think it's important to also comment on the positive aspects of our city government. Cindy Uglow and the people she has surrounded herself with have been a God-send to me. They have given me some peace of mind and I think they deserve a public thank you.

I know that before Island Lake is finished, we can run into more difficulties but I also know that I can pick up my phone and I don't have to face these problems alone. Thanks to you all.

Margaret Schmidt
Novi

Commerce has resources for information

To all citizens interested in Commerce Township and the Village of Commerce in particular, regarding the NW corner of Commerce and Carroll Lake Rds:

If you have questions, concerns, suggestions or comments or if you would like to have a voice and input into the site plan and development. You can:

1. Phone Tom Zoner, Supervisor and or Bill Brownfield and Constance Guest of the Planning Commission
2. Contact Mark Hildebrandt, architect who is working with the developer at this e-mail address: mhildebrandt@prodigy.net
3. Attend the July 2 and July 16 meetings of the Planning Commission
4. Attend the July 10 and August 14 meetings of the board of trustees.

Hannah Donigan
President
Commerce Village Planning Action Committee

Mayor thanks supporters of vets

I would like to take this opportunity to express a special thank you to everyone who participated in the Korean War Veterans Recognition Day on July 1.

To the members of the committee without whose efforts the day would not have been made a success, thank you for your tireless efforts.

The music performed by the Novi Concert Band was outstanding as was the music performed by the members of the Korean community.

Thanks to American Legion Post 32 - Livonia who provided the color guard. You did an outstanding job.

Once again, the expression of support by way of donations or food to help make the day a success is deeply appreciated. The business community and others are also to be commended for their continuing support.

Thanks also to SWOCC, Friends of the Novi Public Library, the Michigan National Guard, and the Novi News for your support and participation.

Finally, a deep and sincere thank you for the veterans and their families who participated in this special day and taught us once again that "Freedom is Not Free."

Richard J. Clark
Novi

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OTHER OPINIONS

GOP redistricting plays games

You've probably read the news stories about parents behaving in an unsportsman-like fashion at little league ball games. Moms and dads get riled and turn their wrath on umpires, coaches, other parents and sometimes even players.

It's a shame, but in my experience — I have two boys who spent many evenings this spring at local ballfields — it's extremely rare, in fact, it's apparently unusual enough that it still warrants news coverage.

Compare that to poor sportsmanship in the state Capitol. That barely raises an eyebrow these days.

Mike Malott

Any 9-year-old knows that when you are way ahead, you don't just run up the score. That's when it's easy to be a good sport, when you can shrug off a wide strike, a bad call, even a few easy runs.

Little leaguers know this, but does the Republican leadership in the Michigan House of Representatives? Apparently not.

The issue was apportionment — the once-a-decade process of redrawing district boundaries following every census count.

The GOP already has this game in the bag. Republicans control the House, and the Senate. They have a Republican in the governor's office. And if it is inappropriate to say we have a Republican Supreme Court, it would also be untrue to deny that the justices are philosophically aligned with the conservative party.

Wouldn't this be the perfect time for Republicans to show an extra measure of sportsmanship in the redistricting process? Wouldn't this be the time to throw the process wide open, for all to see. Wouldn't this be the time to make sure everyone gets to have their say?

So, is that what Republicans did? Anything but.

Instead, they hid their plan until the last possible moment. They denied they even had one up until moments before they voted final approval.

Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, introduced what can only be described as a stealth apportionment plan Thursday, June 14. The bill was literally blank. It contained no description of districts. It contained no maps.

At a hearing the next Tuesday, scheduled by Elections Committee chair Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Democrats put their plan on the table for public viewing. But Democrats also made a tactical error, making a motion to approve their plan. That gave Republicans a chance to escape the committee room without ever having to show theirs. They jumped at it, without hesitation.

By Thursday afternoon, June 21, Richner had a 403-page bill ready to go for consideration on the floor, complete with maps. And they had built a consensus in caucus, 57 of them in agreement to support this suddenly produced bill.

They quickly tossed out the Democratic plan they'd approved in committee and replaced it with Richner's stealth plan. Then they voted final approval for it as fast as they could — no time for messy analysis by the opposing party, no time for any unseemly commentary from the public.

Republicans apparently expect us all — Democrats, the press and the public alike — to believe they didn't have the plan done one week earlier when Richner introduced a blank bill.

Wouldn't this be the perfect time for Republicans to show an extra measure of sportsmanship in the redistricting process? Wouldn't this be the time to throw the process wide open, for all to see?

They apparently expect us to believe it wasn't done two days earlier for the committee hearing.

The process of apportionment has long been dysfunctional in Michigan. In 1982, the state Supreme Court tossed out a section of the state constitution that assigned the job to an apportionment commission. The court said the commission was unworkable. And it was right.

But the justices ordered state lawmakers to come up with another system, and what they came up with was to let Representatives and Senators draw their own districts.

It is an obvious conflict of interest, but one state lawmakers conveniently ignore.

Bills were passed last year that they swear will make apportionment fair this year.

But if the recent actions of the House are any indication of how this process will proceed, it is clear it's still dysfunctional.

Hopefully the justices of the Supreme Court will see that when it gets to them — as it always does — and order apportionment be taken out of the hands of the state House and Senate.

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We learned early on sharing is good

Two communities.

Well, actually four communities sharing their HomeTown newspaper, but for now, let's refer to them as two — Novi and the Lakes.

Although there has been a lot of thought and explanation in the process to share news in the *Novi News* with both communities, there is a misconception out there I would like to clear up.

Kelli Cooley

I had lunch with two Novi city officials last week who had thought we had changed our focus at the *Novi News*. I had heard this theory before, but it seems a little more widespread now.

Our focus has not changed in the *Novi News*. We have been covering Novi for 48 years and plan on covering Novi for a long, long time to come.

We are also fortunate enough to have a new newspaper, the Lake Area Times, which covers Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce and Union Lake. Our focus for the L.A.T., as I affectionately call it, is to build up revenue and an editorial presence and set it off on its own in five years.

Right now, it is the sister paper or the baby of *Novi News*. The L.A.T. needs to feed off of Novi to stabilize itself and grow on its own. It's currently like a kitten that needs nourishment from a mother cat. Once it has grown up, gotten its legs steady and learned how to fend for itself, the kitten or newspaper will head off on its own to begin a new journey, free from the mother cat or mother newspaper.

I'm proud to say the L.A.T. is doing quite well. In two months our circulation has exceeded 1,300, which in layman terms means people are reading it.

We have not changed our focus here at the *Novi News* to turn our heads away from Novi or to generally cover a few items in each community. Rather, we will continue to cover Novi to the best of our ability and branch out to cover the Lakes to the best of our ability as well. We have three reporters, two for Novi, one for the Lakes, to try and bring all the news to your doorstep each week.

This process of launching a paper is slow sometimes but patience is needed on all parties, the readers, the community and of our newspapers.

Forty-eight years ago, the *Novi News* was started in the same way the L.A.T. was two months ago. The *Northville Record* had been covering a farming community on and off for 40 years. As Novi grew into a city, owners of the *Northville Record* felt Novi needed a paper as well. The *Novi News* was born and piggy-backed the *Northville Record* for about five years before it was able to fully stand on its own.

Forty-eight years ago, the Novi News was started in the same way the L.A.T. was two months ago. The Northville Record had been covering a farming community for 40 years. As Novi grew, the owners felt Novi needed its own paper.

Truth of the matter is I would like to see the Lakes have its own free standing paper soon as well. But for me, it's because Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce and Union Lake are growing by leaps and bounds, just like Novi. They have their own concerns, their own visions and their own community members that are worthy to cover as well. They deserve just as much space as Novi residents do and in time, they will get it. However, because we have to share news space at this moment, it doesn't mean Novi isn't as important or that our focus for the *Novi News* has changed. Our name says *Novi News* — we care about Novi's news and we will continue to care.

Patience for all parties is a virtue. I could use some more and I'm sure you could too.

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Legends help shape us as people

Someone once said that history is a myth agreed upon. The more I learn about this country of ours, the more I'm seeing the truth to that statement.

For instance — even though we celebrate our national independence on July 4, the Declaration of Independence wasn't even read to the masses until several days later. And for that matter, King George's diary entry of July 4, 1776 reads, "Nothing of significance happened today."

Chris C. Davis

The Liberty Bell, that icon of American freedom, was once considered such an eyesore that the folks in Philadelphia tried selling it for scrap, but no one would take it. Oh...and that crack along the side of the bell? That's there because the person who casted it botched the job. It's not because it broke on July 4. There's not even any evidence that it rang on July 4 at all.

Battle of Bunker Hill? Wrong again. It was fought on nearby Breed's Hill.

The image of the sharpshooting minutemen? Most of the colonial army's members were pathetic marksmen, hitting one out of every three or four times they fired.

Maybe the prince of them all is at the Old Granary Cemetery in downtown Boston, which I had the chance to visit last month. Yes! — the bodies of a number of colonial American heroes are buried there. But if you're standing at the grave marker noting the final resting spot of Paul Revere, there's very little chance Mr. Midnight Ride is actually six feet under you, because of all the pranksters and development that's occurred in Boston over the years.

(Almost forgot — Paul Revere never made it to Concord to warn of the British invasion. He was captured shortly after he arrived in Lexington. Besides that, the one-if-by-land / two-if-by-sea signal wasn't even supposed to be picked up by ol' P.R., but he galloped off into the New England night just the same.)

Closer to home, I learned a couple of years ago that the Northville wishing well near the bend at Northville Road and Main Street really isn't an artesian spring. There's a pump pushing water to the surface. Sorry to shatter any sparkly illusions you may have had. It's just another suburban legend.

Our neighbors in Novi often lean on the story about how Novi got its name because it was the sixth tollgate stop on the Detroit-to-Lansing stagecoach. That's true. But that theory doesn't explain the name issue, because the name "Novi" appears on maps of the region some 20 years before the road was even built.

I'm not one of these PC-type revisionists who think it's necessary to toss out our history books and start anew. There's definitely some security we have in leaning on the myths we agree upon. It adds national character and local sparkle. They're the stories that we love to tell and re-tell. They add charm and color to a landscape distinctly our own.

So why bother correcting the stories at all? For the same reason children want to know about the Tooth Fairy. Believing in the story — when that's all you know — is nice, but learning the truth gives us a sense of empowerment, which in a lot of ways is even more fulfilling. There's an even greater sense of satisfaction when you can live with either the fantasy or the reality.

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Rest assured there will be plenty more agreed-upon myths as time goes on and American history (as well as Northville-Novi history) adds chapters. The more we know — or the more we *think* we know — the more colorful the landscape will become.

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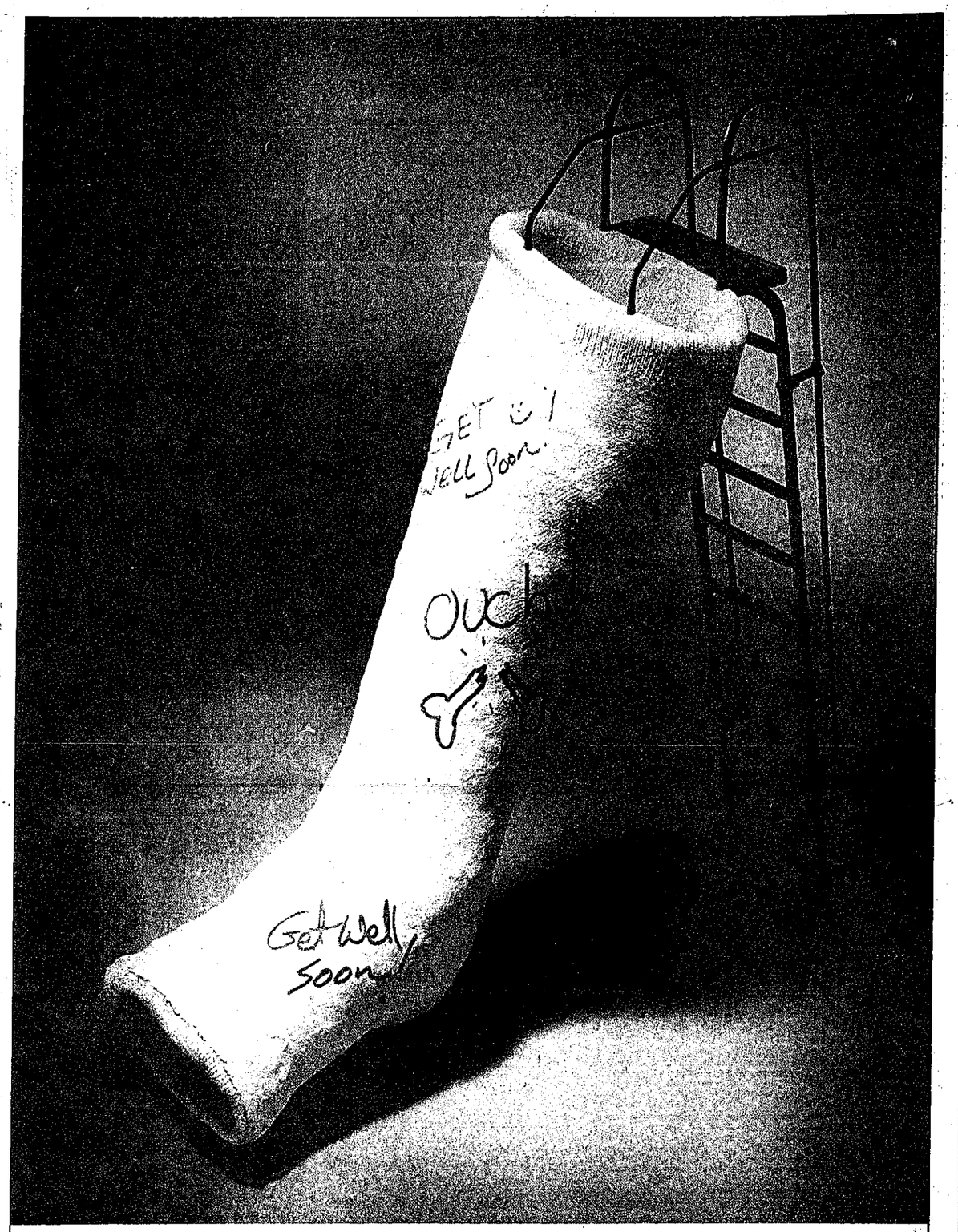

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Obituary

PATRICIA A. GROSS

Patricia Ann Gross, 62, died June 28 at her residence in Northville. She was born Sept. 24, 1938, in Pinckney to Floyd E. and Lyla (Lewis) Hollis.

Mrs. Gross was a longtime member of the Hamburg community. She was employed at Maple Ridge Landscape as a bookkeeper for 16 years prior to retiring in November 2000. Mrs. Gross was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Hamburg.

She is survived by her husband, James P., whom she married in November 1957 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; two sons, Timothy (Judy) of New Hudson and Gerry (Shree) of Plymouth; one brother, Ronald (Sue) Hollis of Brighton; six grandchildren, Jason, Amber, Kristy, Tara, Brandon, and Nicole; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Gross was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Richard Hollis; and sister, Mary Hollis-Wilson.

A Celebration of Life was held Monday, July 2 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Hamburg, with the Rev. Richard Singleton and the Rev. Carl F. Welser officiating.

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Northville resident heads to Japan for lesson in culture

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

Danielle Peloso has taken on a daunting task to prepare herself for a trip halfway around the world — she is teaching herself the Japanese language.

Peloso, 16, was selected to participate in the Michigan-Shiga Student Exchange Program. As part of the program, she will be spending two weeks in Shiga, Japan as an exchange student.

Peloso will be a senior at Northville High School this fall.

Only 20 high school students are chosen to represent Michigan and 20 students from Shiga will be matched with Michigan students.

Peloso said during her two-week stay in Japan, she will be staying with a Japanese student and family, attending school and participating in other daily activities. The group began its trip July 4 are to return July 20.

"I really like the Japanese culture and [learning] about the history of the country," said Peloso. "It's really interesting."

In preparation for her trip, Peloso has been hard at work learning to speak, read and write in the Japanese language and even studied Japanese at Schoolcraft College.

She has also been studying and becoming familiarized with the culture and various Japanese traditions.

"It's a whole different way of life," said Deborah Peloso, Danielle's mother. "She's going to come home with a whole new outlook on life."

To complete the exchange, the Japanese students will come to Michigan in September for two weeks and will stay with the family of the same Michigan student, attend school and become acquainted with American customs.

"We're going to show the girl around the state," said Deborah, adding that the family is considering taking their visiting guest to such places as the mall and Greenfield Village.

According to the organization, in 1968 Michigan and Shiga Prefecture in Japan became sister states and through that partnership, many exchanges have taken place involving teachers, community members and students. The Michigan-Shiga Student Exchange Program has been in existence since 1990 and Michigan currently has 13 sister-cities within Shiga Prefecture.

Peloso said she has become so enthralled with her foreign language studies, she is thinking of making her interest in Japanese a career. She said she was thinking of majoring in Japanese in college and becoming a translator or teaching English as a foreign language.

"I really want to learn Japanese," she said.

The cost of her trip is approximately $1,700 but the memories created from her journey will likely be priceless.

"It'll be an amazing experience," said Peloso.

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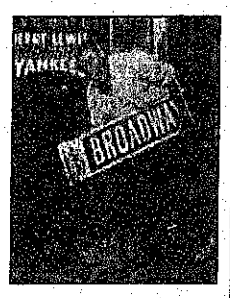

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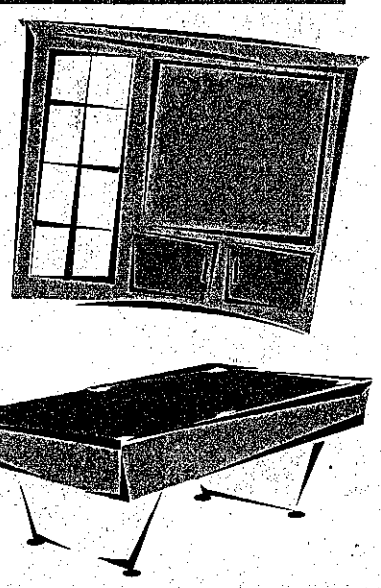

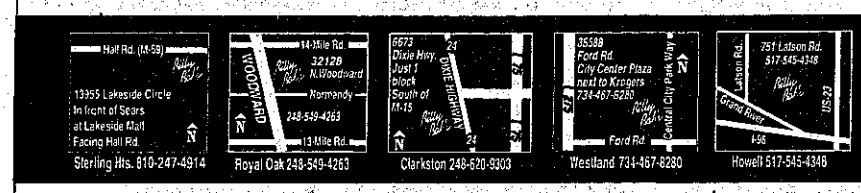

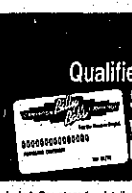

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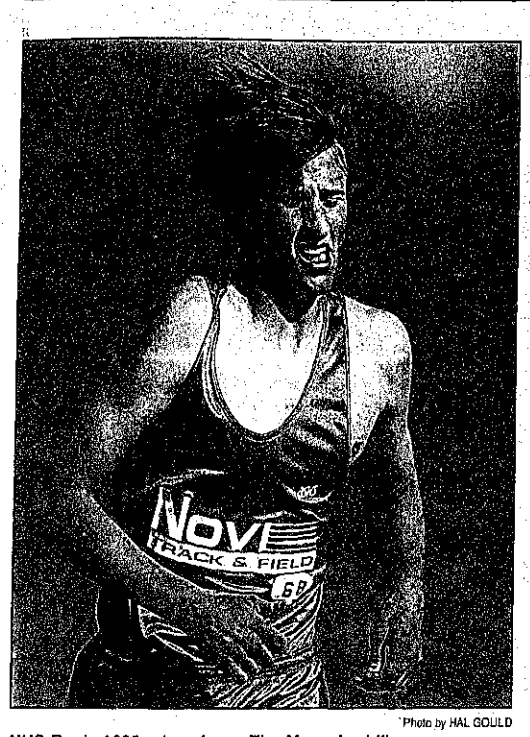

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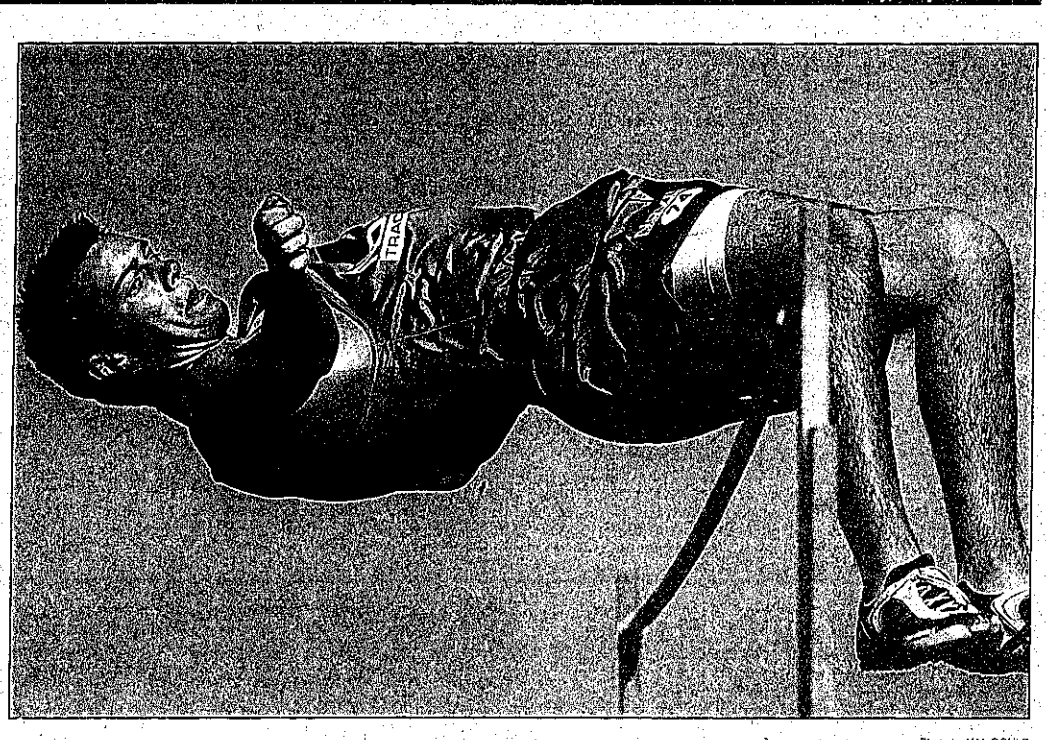
NHS Boy's 1600 relay shows Tim Moore's skills.



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Novi High School's Matt Emmenecker takes a flying leap against South Lyon earlier this year.

Top cats

Wildcats sweep All-Area list with All-Americans and outstanding athletes

It's not surprising that Novi swept up most of the all-area choices in boys track. After five Wildcats were named All-American and the 4 x 1 Mile runners were national champions, it is only natural that these men would be named to the all-area list. Another no-brainer is Northville's Brandon Langston, a speedy runner who has shown his talents on the track and on the football field. *HomeTown Newspapers* tips their hat at the outstanding athletes appearing in this week's list:

Shot put
Eric Chase, Milford 52'9"
A senior, Chase was nothing if not reliable for the Redskins. He was the the leading point scorer on a team which went undefeated in dual meets: Chase's best throw, 52'9", came at Brighton in the KVC meet and made him the conference champion. He was also the regional champion and a state qualifer.

Discus
Tom Mahon, Lakeland 153'8"
Lakeland didn't have the depth to be quite competitive as a team, which isn't to say there wasn't any talent on the Lions' roster. And they always seemed to get some points in the field, where Tom Mahon had the best throw of anyone in the KVC in 2001. He was also the regional champion.

High Jump
Matt Emmenecker, Novi 6'3"
Wildcat coach Bob Smith has longed for a great high jumper for years, often turning to the talent from the varsity basketball team for help. This year Emmenecker delivered and posted some of the best results in years. The sophomore's jump of 6'3" was not only a season best, but also a career best. He missed going to the state meet not by height, but by a single miss at the regional meet.

Long jump
Jim Presley, Milford 21'7"
Less than a week after Redskins coach Chris Ceresa said he thought Presley would nail 21 feet the sophomore did it, and then some. His best jump — 21'7" — came Howell in a conference dual meet. An injury in the rained-out Lakeland dual meet is probably what ultimately kept Presley from competing in the long jump at the state level.

Pole vault
Paul Bursick, South Lyon 12'6"
Bursick was South Lyon's leading point scorer as a pole vaulter and hurdler. Both Bursick and teammate Bobby Eccles were state qualifiers. Bursick was fourth at the regional, clearing 12'6".

3,200-meter relay
Novi 7:47.85
Without a doubt, Tim Moore, Eric Walle, Mark Avenius and Chris Toloff comprised the best distance foursome the school has ever seen. And that's quite an accomplishment considering the recent success the school's runners have had both on the track and in cross country. The four were pivotal in the school's back-to-back cross country state championships (1998-99). This track season the quartet finished runnerup to Grand Ledge at the state meet. The same team won the national high school title in the 6,400 relay in North Carolina (17:20.92). All were seniors except Moore, a junior.

> The Novi senior's (Chris Toloff - 800) best time in the 800 was less than a second off former Wildcat Kevin Avenius' school record. And all this came with an abdominal injury he battled against all season long.

110-meter hurdles
Paul Bursick, South Lyon 15.0 seconds
Bursick's other outstanding performance came in the 110-meter hurdles, where he was best in the area by one-tenth of a second over Milford's Kyle Plummer. Bursick saved his top performance for the regional where he finished third with a time of 15.0 seconds in the final to make the state meet as an additional qualifer.

100 meters 10.66 seconds
200 meters 22.3 seconds
400 meters 49.9 seconds
Brandon Langston, Northville
Just when you think the football standout garnered enough school records on the gridiron, he comes back to dominate the competition on the track and take home another Northville mark. His time in the 100 (10.66) topped Tony Clemens former record of 10.82. He also went on to set area bests in the 200 and 400 meter dashes, making him the fastest and most durable sprinter in the area. He was the regional champion in both the 100 and 400.

800-meter relay
Milford 1:33.9
The Redskins' sprint relays were a pleasant surprise all season. Milford's top 4x200-meter time came in a 72-65 dual meet win against Novi, where Nick Mayersky, Dan Wheatley, Brian Matthews and Jim Presley ran 1:33.9.

1,600 meters 4:14.2
3,200 meters 9:01.8
Tim Moore, Novi
Leaving little room for improvement for the future, Moore continued to improve both statewide and nationally this year.

His time of 4:14.2 in the mile was less than four seconds off teammate Chris Toloff's school record of 4:10.77, a record Toloff set at the 2000 state finals.

Moore finished third in the state in the event and helped Novi go 1-2-3-4 in the mile at the KVC meet.

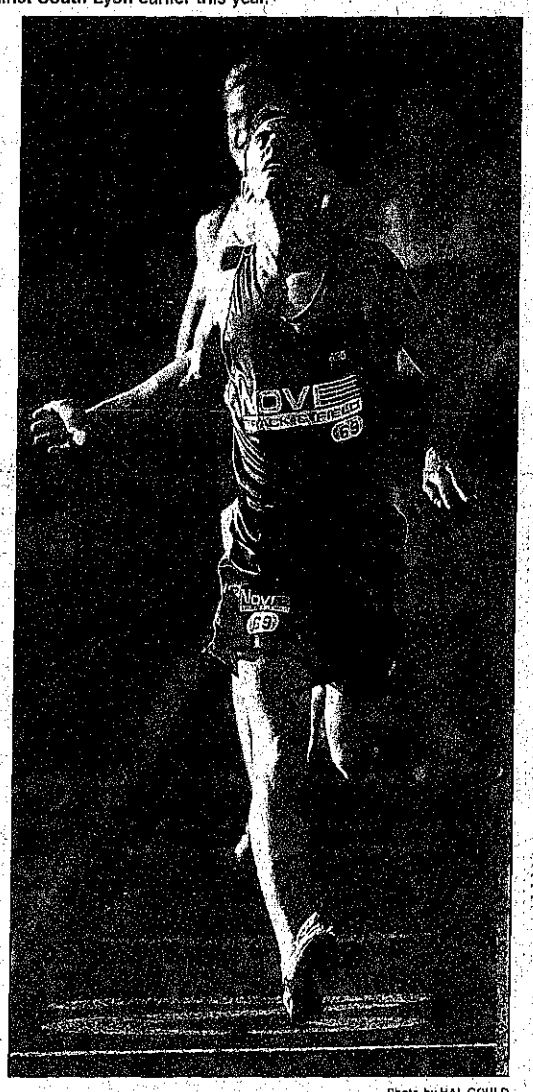
More impressively, Moore's time in the 3,200 was not only second best in the state to Dathan Ritzenhein of Rockford, but it was second best in the nation. He went on to take fourth place at the National High School Track and Field meet in an even-better time of 9:00.44.

After a top finish at the Footlocker Cross Country National championships this past December, Moore will face the challenge of being the state's top-returning distance runner next year.

300-meter hurdles
Brian Matthews, Milford 40.3 seconds
Matthews was a two-time state qualifier in the 300 hurdles. The senior co-captain ran 40.4 to win the KVC championship and he was second at the regional. Matthews' best time — 40.3 seconds — came in a crucial dual meet with Novi.

800 meters
Chris Toloff, Novi 1:56.0
The Novi senior's best time in the 800 was less than a second off former Wildcat Kevin Avenius' school record. And all this came with an abdominal injury he battled against all season long. The time gave him a *fifth*-place finish at the state meet. As he leaves Novi, he is widely considered the most successful distance athlete the school's ever had. He holds the school record in the mile run and was a three-time medalist (2nd, 7th, 29th) at the cross country finals.

1,600-meter relay
Novi 3:27.2
It's hard to look past Novi's dominance in distance running, so this relay team — made up of A.J. McDonald, Dan Stevens, Eric Walle and Arne Meyer — maybe didn't get the recognition it deserved this year. The foursome qualified for the state meet in the mile relay with a top-two finish at the Milford regional.



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NHS Chris Toloff wins the boys 800 against South Lyon.

COMING UP

Watch for the Novi High School Boys Track team national championship article next week in the *Novi News*. The Wildcats racked up five All-Americans and a national championship at the High School National Track and Field meet held June 15 and 16 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Cancer Society's Relay For Life receives support

On June 23, the second annual American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" held in Novi united the greater community to celebrate life and cancer survivorship and raised over $28,000 in life-saving funds for cancer research and local programs and services.

The team-based event brought nearly 300 residents to Novi Middle School or a full 24 hours of fun. While team members showed their support by taking turns walking around the track, a celebratory atmosphere was created by camping team members who enjoyed entertainment, food, games and community camaraderie.

The Novi High School Varsity Pom Pons raised the most money with an amazing $3,438. Mike Storey from AT&T raised $678, the most money raised by one person. The Holy Cows team embodied the spirit of "Relay For Life" winning the Most Team Spirit award, and also showed us all how to celebrate in style, winning the Best Decorated Campsite award. Congratulations to all of our participants, your outstanding efforts have made this event fun for all involved.

"Relay For Life' is our way of giving a 'group hug' to the community. It has such a profound effect on everyone involved," said Barb Iovan, community development director, American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division. "The community has truly embraced its partnership with the American Cancer Society, which is the number one reason this relay continues to be so successful.

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> Community Development Director
> American Cancer Society

While the event received valuable support from residents, it also received generous contributions from several local merchants and organizations including the University of Michigan Cancer Center.

"One out of every three Americans will be touched by cancer during his or her lifetime. This event raises the funds to be used towards cancer research and various community outreach services and programs. We sincerely thank everyone in the community that contributed to the fight against cancer and made this event a success," Iovan said.

The American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" is the most successful not-for-profit event in the country and helps fund programs and research providing hope for the future, progress toward a cure and answers to cancer questions and concerns. The "Relay For Life" is the American Cancer Society's signature event representing the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Around the Bases

AS v. ORIOLES — JUNE 19

James Gill helped start a double and triple play in consecutive innings and **Kyle Keech** and **Brian Kosinski** had three hits for the Athletics.

AS v. TIGERS-JUNE 23

Anthony Capretta, Mike Lulow and **Alexander Falick** had three hits for the As.

Tigers 19, Orioles 9 — JUNE 20

The Tigers batted the first seven batters to score five runs in the first inning. The Tigers connected for two double plays, one in the second and another in the fifth inning.

Tigers v. Marlins — JUNE 19

Tiger **Ryan Obarzanek** played center field, walked twice and singled. Tiger **Andy Bray** doubled to drive in 2 RBI's.

Tigers 17, Diamondbacks 9

Tiger **Nick Sciabassi** hit a triple to drive in two RBI. Tiger **Eric Maise** pitched a three-out, six-pitch inning.

White Sox v. Cardinals

White Sox **Ryan Winkler** had 2 singles. Winkler also had a strong defensive game. White Sox **Alex Bush** went 3 for 3. Bush also had an unassisted force out at home plate.

White Sox v. Mets

White Sox **Joey Bennett** went five-for-five with two doubles and three singles. Bennett also had a strong defensive game in the field.

White Sox v. Yankees

White Sox **Tyler Timmerman** went three- for-three with three singles. Timmerman also had a strong defensive game.

The Northville Broncos Mickey Mantle League (16 and under) baseball team defeated the South Farmington Blues, 10-6, in a game played at the old Northville High School field. **Tyler Carter** was the winning pitcher, with relief help from **Jimmy Riehl**.

Roger Garfield and **Matt Sebastian** each hit 3-run homers to power the Broncos. **Kyle Ghedotte** had two hits and two RBI, **Jeff Huguelet** had two hits, and **Alex Richard** added a double.

Richard leads the team in hitting with a .481 average, followed by Garfield at .425. Garfield has 3 homers, 4 doubles, 17 hits, and 17 RBI to lead the team in those categories.

Jimmy Riehl leads the team in walks with 13. Ghedotte and Riehl are the leaders in runs with 11 each. Ghedotte also has four bunt singles, a triple, and a homer. The pitching staff is Carter, Garfield, Riehl, **Eric Niesen**, and **Pat Green**. The **Broncos** are now 5-5-1. They will host the NABF World Series July 26-29 at the old Northville High School field and at Ford Field in Livonia.

Pizza Cutter Cubs 14, White Sox 4

The Pizza Cutter Cubs were led by **Miranda Burns'** third grand slam home run of the season on June 28 and **Sarah Poirer's** 3 RBI double. **Ashleigh Smith** pitched 2 perfect innings.

YANKEES v. PHILLIES T-BALL

Yankee **Brian Carlson** made hit to center field for an RBI. Yankee **Tommy Timmerman** caught the ball and second base and made an out.

Yankee **Jacob Schipper** threw to home plate and made an out. **Schipper** also hit a single and got an RBI.

GIRLS ADVANCED SOFTBALL

Marlins 12, Rockies 11

Marlin **Suzie Boll** hit two grand slam home runs plus a double. Marlin **Allison Jenney** chipped in with three hits plus four put-outs in the field. Rocky **Christina Miklos** executed a double play.

BLUE JAYS V. ATHLETICS T-BALL

June 25

Blue Jay first baseman **John Steffes** had an unassisted triple play. Blue Jay **Dominic Martin** keyed the offense with 4 hits and 3 RBIs

BLUE JAYS V. MARLINS T-BALL

Blue Jay leadoff hitter **Sean Conway** went four-for-four with two RBI. Blue Jay **Ryan Koshko** beat out three infield hits.

ATHLETICS 14, CUBS 12

For the Cubs, **Sarah Stern** had five hits, including a home run and had three assists in one inning in the field. **Shelby Buschbacher** had three hits and **Sam Sine** had three hits and assisted on the last three put outs of the game for the Athletics.

TIGERS 13, CUBS 12

Tigers' **Lisa Haverkate** pulled in two runs with bases loaded in the second inning. **Madeline Bielecki** hit a triple with a line drive out in centerfield. The game ended with **Caitlin Williams** bringing in Hilary Youtsey for the winning run.

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For the Cardinals, both **Melissa DiRado** and **Samantha Doud** hit three-for-three and scored three runs. Defensively, **Nicole Miller** was involved in all three outs at second base in the third inning.

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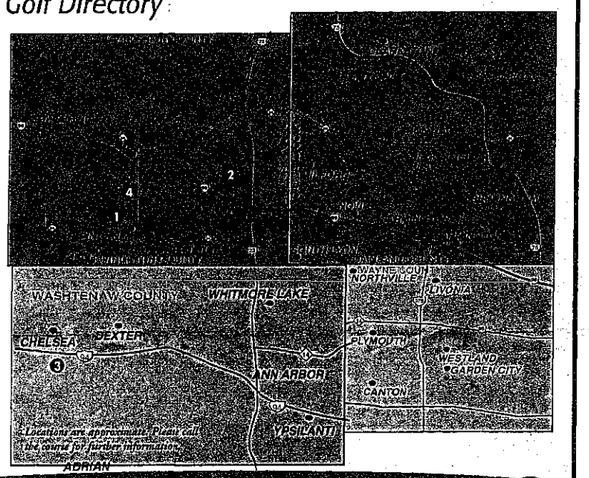

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East wins baseball All-Star Classic

By Frank Dimich
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Pinckney brothers Chris and Ty Kouris could say they were two outs away from being the game breakers for the West All-Stars in Wednesday's HomeTown Newspapers All-Star Baseball Game.

Tony Kern of South Lyon can say he was the game breaker. It was his grand slam that gave the East a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the third inning after the West was leading, 4-1.

"The key was when they loaded the bases and Tony Kern hit the grand slam," said East coach Karl Kling, an assistant coach at South Lyon.

The East scored five more in the fourth to take a 10-6 lead and from there cruised to a 16-7 victory at South Lyon High. The East won for the second straight year.

Ty Kouris hit a long double to the fence in right-center field that scored Howell's Dan Arney, but Fowlerville's Josh Hanna, who reached on an error, was thrown out at the plate on a good relay from right field.

With two outs, Chris Kouris scored on an error by the shortstop after he was held up at third on Ty Kouris' double.

As a result, the West stranded two runners and scored only two in the fourth.

"It was that one inning where Ty got robbed with the homer," said Fowlerville's Dusty O'Neil. "They came back with some hits and we couldn't make the plays."

Kouris laughed at his tough luck. "That would've just shut them up, it'd be fun," he said of missing out on the homer.

Then the East came back with five runs in the fourth that gave put the Oakland County team up to stay, 10-6. Northville's Matt Zumstein hit a two-run double and Chris Hardin of Milford Lakeland hit a two-run homer that scored Zumstein. Lakeland's Andrew Campbell hit an infield single to the shortstop that scored South Lyon's Evan Jackson, who reached on a walk.

Chris Kouris was also just a few feet shy of a homer in the third inning that would have scored three. Four runs scored with two outs.

Two runs scored on a single by Kouris. Kouris scored when Brighton's Brian Lantzy hit a grounder that was bobble by the shortstop. Hartland's Nate Malafa scored when Howell's Aaron Decker reached on an error. Malafa reached when he was hit by a pitch.

Fowlerville's John McLachlan took the loss, giving up 10 runs on eight hits in two innings. McLachlan was the victim of some tough luck on several of those hits, which qualified as Texas Leaguers.

"We had five or six hits that just fell in," Kling said.

Chris Kouris started and gave up one hit and struck out four in two innings.

"I was throwing pretty well," Kouris said. "I didn't want to come out but we wanted to get everyone throwing."

Lakeland's Andrew Campbell was the winner, but was really just lucky enough to be the pitcher n the fourth and fifth innings when the East scored all its runs. He gave up three runs on four hits and struck out four.

"They were shorter on arms than we were," Kling said. "We had pitchers that were able to consistently throw strikes."

The West did have less players because the game was originally scheduled for Friday, but was postponed due to a wet field. All-State pitcher Charlie Christner was unable to make it this time, but the Kouris brothers were. The West also lost two players during the game — Hartland's Eric Kumor and Aaron Ollila — because they had other summer league games to attend.

The Kourises could relax and laugh their way through most of the game, saying that it was fun to be teammates with erstwhile foes from the Kensington Valley Conference.

"It's fun to see everyone you used to play with in the season," Chris Kouris said.

Kling agreed.

"It's fun to see them when you don't have the pressure of winning," he said. "You are on a friendly basis with everyone. That's what I like about the KVC."

Twelfth annual 5k Run/Walk will be held during Motor Fest

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Writer

In conjunction with this year's Music and Motorfest, Time Warner Cable will be hosting their 12th annual Mid-Summer's Night 5k Run/Walk on July 26.

The event will be 3.1 miles in length, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Running Fit location in the Novi Town Center, with awards being given to the best overall male and female runners, as well as to the top three finishers in each age group for men and women. Ribbons will be given out to all that participate.

The allure of this race is its versatility of runner participation.

"This is a fun race because it's a family event as well as fun event for solo runners and walkers. In past years, we have had participants ranging from little ones in jogging strollers, to people aged 73. We always have a good turn out and fun is had by all," commented race coordinator Marsha L. Watton.

The race was originally started in 1992 as a way to raise funds for the (50s fest) Music and Motorfest events. Time Warner Cable, the race's sponsor, will be buying shirts for the participants and hopes that in addition to raising money, the race can add some spice to the weekend's festivities.

"We want to make the Music and Motorfest more varied, and generally just make it a more enjoyable experience for everyone," said Time Warner's Bob McCann.

For those who register before July 21, the entry fee is $13, which includes a T-shirt and refreshments. The late entry fee is $15, but the late fee will be waived if entries are paid at any Time Warner office up until July 25. Additionally, interested parties can enter the day of the race from 4-6 p.m. at the Running Fit location at the Novi Town Center. All proceeds generated by the race will go to the festival.

Because of the hard work and generosity of many, the event's success looks to continue.

"This will be another successful year with the help from Running Fit, WCSX and all the behind the scenes crew that work hard year after year." Watton said.

For more information contact race coordinator Marsha L. Watton, at 553-7303, ext. 2200.

Sports Briefs

Lakes Area Football Camp

An instructional football camp will be held at Hickory Glen Park on July 28 and 29. State champion coaches Chuck Apap and Mike Zdebski will have coaches and players instructing along with Lakes Area Hawks coaches both days. The non-contact training camp is open to all young athletes interested in learning the fundamentals of football. Players should wear cleats and regular gym clothes. For more information, call (248) 698-2244. Applications must be received by July 8.

Notice of Coaching Vacancy – Varsity Girls Soccer Coach

Letters of application should be on file in the human resources office and sent to J. Stephen Smith, assistant superintendent of human resources, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5474. Also, contact athletic administrator, Lori Hyman at (734) 523-9417.

Flag Football Cash Tournament

Total Soccer will be running a 5 vs. 5 Flag Football Cash Tournament on Sunday, July 15. This fast- paced indoor tournament will be an exciting, competitive cash tourney for 18 years and over, with the first place team receiving 50 percent of the registration fees. Minimum of six teams, max-14. Flags provided. Teams rosters of eight maximum. Tourney fee: $225 per team. Call Total Soccer at (248) 669-9817 for more information.

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Religion

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A tax receipt will be provided for the donation.

For more information, call (248) 347-9807.

Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in Novi is seeking a car, truck or van (in good working order), a vacuum, grocery store gift certificates and yarn to assist persons in need. For more information, call (248) 349-8847.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville's Single Place offers several weekend activities, including Friday evening meetings at Tremor's in Livonia, Saturday morning walks at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, and Sunday morning worship and brunch at Northville Crossing. Single Place also offers two divorce recovery workshops — one for persons early along or in the midst of the divorce process, and another for those beyond the grieving point. For more information on any of these programs, call (248) 349-0911.

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be hosting a **horseback riding outing** at Maybury State Park on July 21. A $27 fee covers 90 minutes of riding, a cookout and a bonfire. A $4 state park admission sticker may also need to be purchased.

Also at Single Point — John Spence will be hosting a seminar entitled "Choosing The Best Relationship." Child care will be provided for the event. For more information on either event, call (248) 374-5920.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is hosting a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," on July 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar will be presented by New Hope Center for Grief support director Cathy Clough. All adults who are learning to cope with the death of a loved one are eligible to attend. A $7 donation is requested. To register, call (248) 348-0115.

Also at Ward — the church is seeking volunteer assistance during the noon hour at the receptionist's desk. For more information, call (248) 374-5928.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville's members will be traveling to Saginaw on July 24 to see the Frederick Marshall Sculpture and a lunch at Crossings Restaurant in Midland. The trip will leave First Presbyterian at 8 a.m. The trip is $21, while the luncheon is $15. For more information, call (248) 349-0911

First Baptist Church of Northville will be hosting a **blood drive** on July 23 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

In Service

Army Pvt. **Jason A. Van Sickle** has arrived for duty at Grafenwoehr, Germany. He is a light-wheel vehicle mechanic.

Van Sickle is the son of Ruth A. Williams of Wixom and James W. Van Sickle of Pontiac.

Brian Thomas

Air Force Airman **Brian R. Thomas** recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

In addition to completing his basic training, Thomas earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Thomas is the son of Kathryn Irwin of Redford and Edith Ploszak of Novi.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Keith A. Haines** recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C.

Haines successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Haines is the son of Sandy J. and Steven A. Haines of Walled Lake.

Community Events

The **varsity, JV and freshman cheerleading teams of Novi High School** will be sponsoring a **refundables drive** on July 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cheerleaders will be collecting in the following Novi subdivisions: Addington Park, Birchwood, Briarwood Condominiums, Briarwood of Novi, Briarwood Village, Broadmoor Park, Cedarsprings, Echo valley, Greenwood Oaks, Jamestown, Meadowbrook Glens, Meadowbrook Lake, Mockingbird, Nottingham Woods, Orchard Hills, Pebble Creek Estates, Roma Ridge, Simmons Orchard, Turtle Creek, Village Oaks, Warrington Manor, Westmont, Willowbrook Estates, Willowbrook Farms, Whispering Meadows, Windridge, Wintergreen and Yorkshire. For more information, call (248) 477-3485.

Paintings by **Barbara Eko Murphy** will be on display at the Novi Civic Center though July 13. The display will be available for viewing from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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Northville historian Bruce Turnbull will host a **one-hour walking tour of Northville's Victorian homes** on July 17, beginning at 9 a.m. The walk will begin at Stampeddler Plus and return to the Northville Community Center. For more information, call (248) 349-0203

The **Northville Central Business Administration** is looking for non-profit groups and home-based businesses to participate in dowtown Northville's sixth annual Bargain Bazaar, to be held July 27 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (248) 349-5769.

The **Northville Country Garden Club** will host its **eighth annual garden walk** on July 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seven gardens in Northville will be featured in the event, and a post-event reception will be held at Mill Race Village. Tickets are $8 and may be purchased at Gardenviews, Morrison's Antiques, Gardenviews and Mill Race Village. For more information, call (248) 347-9633. No day-of-event tickets will be sold.

Americantowns.com is sponsoring a souvenir poster promotion, the proceeds from which will benefit the **Northville Community Foundation**. The posters, which blend the pattern of the American flag with an illustration of a small-town American community, sell for $25 each. The posters can be purchased at Copy-Boy Printers, Van Dam's, The Kitchen Witch, Healthy Solutions, Your Michigan Connection, Great Harvest Bread Company, Salutations and Pamplemousse. For more information, call (212) 980-9568

On Campus

Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa has honored leading students from Novi High School who have maintained a 3.75 grade point average. These students were awarded a certificate of recognition in honor of their academic achievement.

Kaema Hawah Akpan, Lindsay Emily Anan, Karen A. Andrews, Elisa Lynn Balon, Chelsea Lynn Bennett, James Benton, Elizabeth A. Bovair, Courtney Patricia Bowdell, Valerie Marie Caroselli, Jessica Lyn Cole, Lindsey Jean Cook, Ellen Kay Cynar, Kenneth R. Delgreco Jr., Angela Denise Doolin, Karl H. Eggers, Ryan Michael Fedronich, Monica Lee Fink, Jeffrey Travis Gdowski, Meredith Erin Greer, Melissa A. Harbison, Breanne Elaine Heppner, Matthew Edward Hopson, Ross Thomas Hughes, Emiliya Ilyasov, Valentina Ivezaj, Amanda Marie Jagotka, Asim Kagzi, Andrea Renee Kaltz, Angela Marie King, Amanda Marie Kling, Elizabeth Ann Kurtiff, Tristan William LaChance, Jason Alan Lilly, Michael Jeffery Livermore, Krysta M. Lynch, Srividya Mahadevan, Blanca Mieth, Alison Emily Morris, Kevin Mulvaney, Jullenne Renee Oberts, Nicholas Joseph Peruski, Kelley Marie Phelps, Jeffrey Pitcher, Michelle Rzepka, Ann Marie Salo, Bidish Sarma, Eric Saurer, Melissa Schneider, Maureen Sebastian, Kathryn Seiler, Prachi D. Shah, Ryan Slater, Nicholas Slovan, Adam Christopher Stewart, Larissa Szwast, Stephen Szwast, Elizabeth Thelen, Allison Tingwall, Eric Waile, Michael Wang, Alexander Wong, Zheng-Hao Wu, Cristina Renee Wuerth, Julie Wuerth, Katy Elizabeth Wyerman, Yin Lisa Yin, and Jessica Zhou.

Laurel A. Bolhouse of Northville was named to the Dean's List at the University of Illinois-Urbana for spring semester. She is majoring in engineering.

John Michael Szwast of Novi is a recent graduate of the University of Illinois-Urbana, with a bachelor's degree in engineering.

Novi student **Colleen Marie Carlisl**, a senior at Lake Superior State University, was named to the Dean's List for spring semester. She is a business administration major.

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Engagements

Jim and Christine Stevens of Farmington, formerly of Novi, and Joseph Presson of West Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Presson, to Chris Wells, son of Lynn and Margie Wells of Novi.

The bride-elect graduated in 1993 from Novi High School. She is a 1997 graduate of Albion College and is currently employed at Southfield-Lathrup High School.

The groom-elect is a 1992 graduate of Taylor Center High School. He received his master's degree this year from the University of Michigan, where he is now employed at the U-M Advanced Technology Lab.

A July 27 wedding is planned.

Weddings

Sinclair-Wilds

Amy Sinclair and John Wilds were married Dec. 30, 2000, at the Westin Maui on Ka'anapali Beach on the island of Maui, Hawaii.

The bride is a graduate of Trenton High School. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Western Michigan University, and her master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University.

The groom is a graduate of Northville High School. He attended Western Michigan University and graduated from Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Amy and John are both employed by Ford Motor Co. Amy is a 6-Sigma Black Belt candidate and John is a manufacturing engineer.

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Northville resident Katie Bank (left) and Jacob Wedlick of Dearborn Heights (right) spend time with Jamie Gordon at the Muscular Dystrophy Association's summer camp on June 20.

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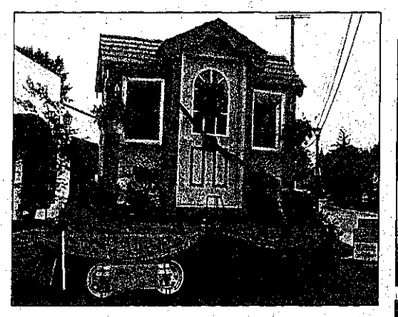
Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, meets at the state capitol with American Legion Boys' State representatives, including Northville residents John Badeen (fourth from left) and Seth Gustafson (second from left).



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The Northville Community Foundation is raffling an $8,000 custom-built finished playhouse. All proceeds from raffle ticket sales will benefit the Foundation's endowment funds. Tickets are $5 each or three for $10 and are available for purchase at a variety of Northville businesses. The drawing for the house will take place July 21 at 1 p.m. at Pizza Cutter. For more information, call (248) 374-0200. The playhouse is on display in front of Pizza Cutter.

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Jennifer Kathryn Marshall, daughter of Jan and Bob Spence of Northville, performed in the title role of Susanna Cibber in "Joyful Noise," which was performed in Waterbury, Conn. this spring. Marshall has also participated in the production of "Titanic," "Sail Away," and "Wait Until Dark." She currently resides in New York City.

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Tyler Sedam, Josh Meyer, Tim Kava, Millie DeBenedet and Andy Becker (back) join Gary and Stacey Becker for the presentation of a certificate of appreciation for the Northville-Novi Youth Family Forum's musical, "With All My Heart." The Forum is a coalition serving youth and families in the Northville and Novi communities.

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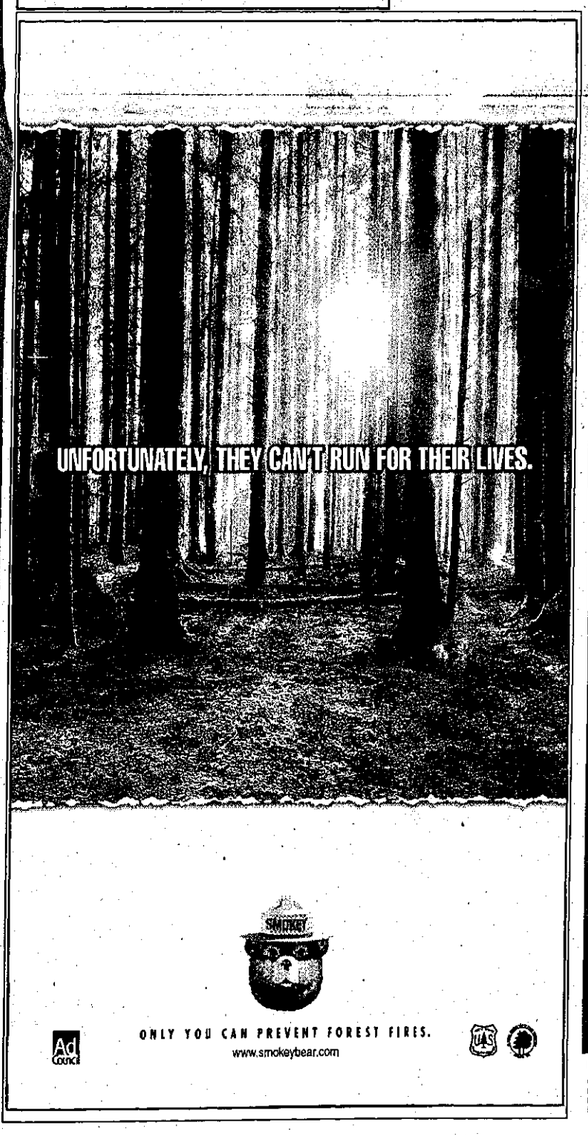

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— Rep. Richard Kelly (R-FLA.)

"A zebra cannot change its spots."

— Al Gore

"Rarely is the question asked: is our children learning?"

— George W. Bush

"If a frog had wings, he wouldn't hit is tail on the ground."

— George Bush ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

"I haven't committed a crime. What I did was fail to comply with the law."

— David Dinkins, FORMER NEW YORK CITY MAYOR

"I don't see why the legislature should be in the business of artificial intelligence, real intelligence, or any intelligence at all."

— Rep. Hunt Downer (D-LA.)

"If we don't watch our respective tails, the people are going to be running the government."

— State Sen. Bill Craven (R-CAL.) ON STATE INITIATIVES

"I don't have the brains for business. I want to go into politics."

— Mao Xinyou GRANDSON OF MAO ZEDONG

* (Okay, we lied. We ripped off this stuff from "Uncle John's All-Purpose Extra Strength Bathroom Reader. But hey — they ripped it off from someone else. Deal with it!)

Greetings from Camp Wannakombak

Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

Samantha Kern,7, of Commerce Township mounds up a pile of dirt at Power's Beach. Summer camp goers got the opportunity to retreat to the beach on the hot days of summer.

Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

Michael Rubino, 9, of White Lake takes a swing at a tether ball while attending Wannakambac summer camp.

Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

Josh Hodges,9, of Hamburg kicks a base hit during a friendly game of kickball duringone of many activities at Wannakambac summer camp.

Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

Erin Kern and Alex Crawford both 9 of Commerce Township receive a little help from Taira Kososki of Brighton, a camp counselor at Wannakambac, with their model rocket that they would launch off at the end of their stay.

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Children always want to come back to Camp Wannakombak and Kiddie Camp year after year.

The camps, which are offered through Walled Lake Community Education, have offered summertime fun for children for the last 22 years. The 11-acre camp is located off of Sleeth Road at the district's Outdoor Education, which is surrounded by acres of Proud Lake state land.

Jim Calhoun, recreation coordinator for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, said he went to Camp Wannakombak when he was growing up.

Children love the outdoor setting with many fun, structured activities, he said.

"Children experience arts and crafts, ecology, travel, nature walks, and swimming at the beach and pool," Calhoun said.

They also offer structured educational activities where they learn about animals and how to fish.

One of the science teachers from the district comes out to teach about different pond life.

It's not all scientific fun.

"They also go bowling," Calhoun said.

Joan Kurtz, camp director, said the children enjoy planting trees in Camp Wannakombak and flowers at Kiddie Camp, which is a camp for younger children.

Wannakombak campers enjoy all of their activities but one of their favorite events of the program is when they spend the night the second to the last night of the two-week camping program.

"Children set up tents and counselors stay all evening until 11 a.m. when parents pick them up," Calhoun said. "It's a good time. The kids really enjoy that."

The camp has one camp counselor for every 10 campers and the Kiddie Camp has one counselor for every eight campers.

Children leave the camp with more than just memories.

"They learn a lot from the activities but the biggest thing that they learn is how to interact with other people," Calhoun said. "The social structure is everything in this camp."

They are given some responsibility by making sure the cafeteria is clean after they eat or other minor duties, he said.

Kurtz agreed.

The children get a big sense of team work and they have fun, she said.

Calhoun pointed out that the camp is beneficial to their development.

"It's a lot better than the child who is sitting in front of Nintendo all summer," Calhoun said. "Plus, they have a ball."

Kurtz said part of the reason why the children have so much fun is because of the people that work with the children. Half of the staff members are water safety certified.

"I think we have really good counselors," Kurtz said. "One of our goals at camp is that they have a fun time but that they will also be safe."

Many of the counselors attended the camp when they were young and they wanted to come back as counselors.

"They come back because it's a fun time and they want the kids to have as much fun as they did so they can see it and understand it," Calhoun said.

Becky Wulf, activities director, said she was a camp counselor for five years and she loves working with the children at camp.

"I have a great interest in children," Wulf said. "I like the outdoors and it was a job that catered to my interests. It's really enjoyable and it's a fun day."

An average camp day begins at 8:30 a.m. when the children are picked up at the Walled Lake Community Education Center. They start their day off at 9 a.m. with a flag raising ceremony where they sing camp songs. Then they break up into separate groups where some campers may partake in a fishing presentation while others play kick ball. Later, they switch so everyone will be able to participate in the same activities. Their day ends at 4 p.m. at Camp Wannakombak and 3 p.m. at Kiddie Camp.

Jenna Bradley, an 8-year-old three-time camper, said she enjoys all of the activities except for the nature trail walks because she doesn't like bugs. She looks forward to when she spends the night and she believes that she has learned how to swim well from attending camp.

"I have a lot of friends here and I get to see a lot of my friends and counselors," Bradley said.

Erin Kern, a 9-year-old camper who has been attending camp for three years, said she likes hiking, swimming and art at the camp. She would rather be at camp then spending her entire summer at home.

"I am usually really bored at home," Kern said. "It's something to do and I have a lot of friends here. It's fun."

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SUMMER DREAMS

Camp Session Dates For Camp Wannakombak and Kiddie Camp

Kiddie Camp-session one: July 9-13 (offered to children who have completed kindergarten or have completed 1st grade)

Camp Wannakombak-session two: July 16-27 (offered to children who have completed 2nd grade until 5th grade)

Kiddie Camp July 30-August 3

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