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More than 65 Novi proprietors were saluted earlier this month for their efforts to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors.

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Rugby boys beat Livonia.

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City manager defends administration

Novi City Council questions contract awarding process

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Emotions flared during last week's city council meeting as Novi City Manager Richard Helwig urged council members to be aware of management's efforts to operate the city more efficiently.

The pointed words came after questions surrounding the 2002

Neighborhood Roadway Rehabilitation Program were raised and the suggestion to table awarding the contract to management's recommended firm was put forward.

"If council doesn't want to support us, then they don't need us," Helwig said.

After listening to multiple comments about the inefficiencies of the contract-awarding procedure, Helwig stressed city officials are in the middle of moving the entire process forward.

Helwig said there are changes



Richard Helwig

replace the prior leadership which was in place for double-digit years. "This city has not been functioning properly in many ways," Helwig said. "In the meantime we've still

being implemented, but completely changing a system that has been in place for 23 years will not happen overnight.

Changes include creating and filling a new city engineer position and creating a city planning department.

The city manager strongly expressed that the new administration is working very hard to

got to do business and get things done for this community."

He urged council members that under the circumstances tabling the contract approval would change nothing other than eating up construction season time, delaying the needed neighborhood improvements.

City of Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark said he does not feel Novi's administration should take any abuse because "it does not need it and it does not deserve it."

Clark said he stands behind Novi's city manager, and if someone of Helwig's character says it's

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BIDS

The following are the bids received for the City of Novi 2002 Neighborhood Roadway Rehabilitation Program:

• Ayers, Lewis, Norris & May	\$182,014
• JCK & Associates, Inc.	116,740
• Finkbeiner, Patis & Sidor	105,480

These were the only three firms to submit bids and all were deemed qualified by reviewers.

"Finkbeiner, Patis & Sidor's proposal was deemed unacceptable."

The future of our state?

Industry leaders ponder Michigan's fate at roundtable

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

With the U.S. economy emerging from a recession — a recession that saw low consumer confidence and rising unemployment rates — Michigan small business owners and residents gathered with industry leaders in Novi to discuss Michigan's next economic stage.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Now) and Michigan House Speaker Rick Johnson (R-LeRoy) sponsored the roundtable discussion, "Business Roundtable 2002 — Moving Michigan's Economy Forward," at Walsh College on April 19.

"This is an entirely citizen-driven roundtable in which Michigan residents will help brainstorm ideas for future legislation," said Cassis, chair of the Michigan House Tax Policy Committee. "We are tapping the best resource to help empower Michigan to move forward."

A panel of seven economic, labor and school funding specialists spoke on maintaining and improving the state's competitive business climate and productivity growth to lead the new charge.

"Michigan has a competitive business climate with income and growth at national averages," said Patrick Anderson, founder and president of the Anderson Economic Group. "If you have a competitive business climate, you tend to win."

Thomas Walton, director of economic policy at General Motors, said increased competition and globalization forces business to be more innovative and productive, which drives the state's long-term growth.

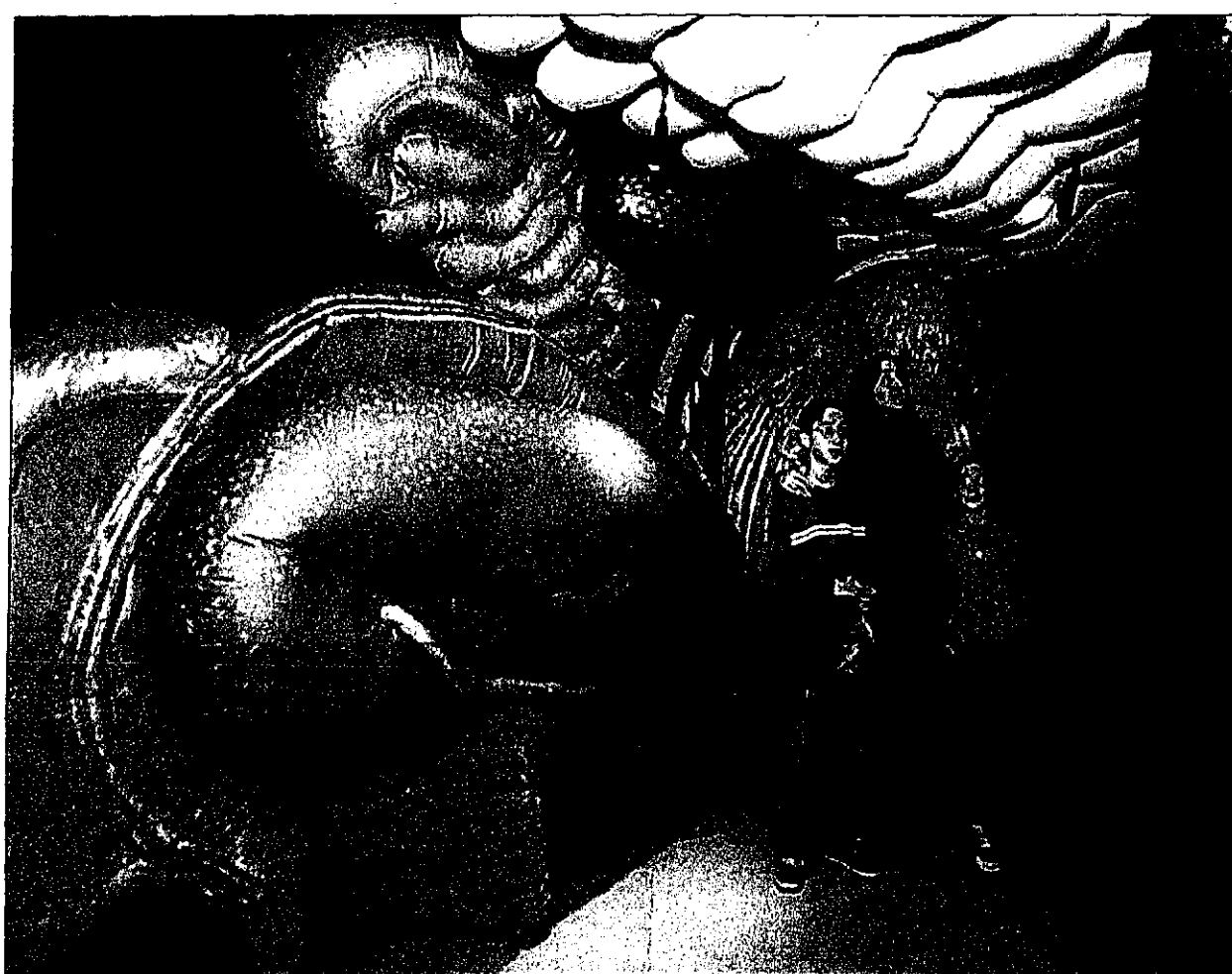
"Productivity growth ultimately determines economic growth and standard of living," Walton said.

Furthermore, the Michigan business leaders signaled strong infrastructure and schools as vital components in moving the state forward during the next decade.

"Michigan underinvesting in its roads in the 1980s and 1990s is a problem," Anderson said. "You can't ignore infrastructure needs."

Anderson added that strong private and public schools are necessary so workers acquire the skills that can transfer from one job to

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Whale of a good time

Joan Webb and her children Alex and Elizabeth take a look inside the representation of a whale's interior while taking the tour of Whale World at the Novi Christian School last Monday. Read the full story inside on page 15A.

Photo by John Heider

Carlton Properties, city reach agreement

Seven acres will be rezoned to office-service use

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

A consent judgment between the City of Novi and Carlton Properties, LLC is reality after council approved the proposed agreement. Seven acres of land located on the north side of 12 Mile Road between Novi and Dixon roads will be rezoned from residential to office-service use.

The possibilities of future businesses range from a medical office to a bank to a convalescent home.

The judgment, approved April 15, also requires Carlton to return \$57,094 to the city.

According to the consent judgment, the amount was paid to the company "for the property interests described in the order transferring title to and possession of property in this case, dated April 26, 2001." City officials said the amount constitutes Carlton's contribution to the cost of burying the electric utilities in front of the property.

Council members had previously agreed to bury Detroit Edison lines in front of the discussed property as a partial resolution to the condemnation action filed by the city in March 2001 to obtain the 12 Mile Road right-of-way and related construction and utility easements for its special assessment district 155 widening project.

Officials said it was last year's action that sparked litigation between the owner and the city.

In disagreement to the condemnation, Carlton Properties, LLC filed a counter-claim. The entire property owned by the company was zoned residential although the front portion is master-planned for office use.

Members of the city council met with city attorneys in March 2002 to determine a way to resolve the entire dispute with a joint agreement.

They wanted to make sure allowing the rezoning, the proposed solution to the conflict, would be acceptable for adjacent residential users at the rear of Carlton's property.

Members voted for the approval, satisfied with safeguards that include limiting the use of the rear property to parking only and requiring screening for residential protection.

The judgment also lists other stipulations, including:

- no buildings or structures of any kind may be placed on the rear portion of the property that is currently designated in the city's master plan as single-family residential;

- in conjunction with any development or improvement of the property a 35-foot landscaped buffer along all three sides of the rear portion of the property would be required; and
- the lighting in the parking area at the rear would have to comply with all ordinance requirements.

The agreement filed in Oakland County Circuit Court dismisses prior claims and counter-claims with prejudice and without costs and closes the case.

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Novi restaurants fight hunger in metro-Detroit dinner event

By Angelo Parlove
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Steve and Rocky's and No. VI Chophouse in Novi will be serving popular house dishes at Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation in Troy next week to raise money for the hungry in the metro-Detroit area.

The two Novi restaurants are participating in the strolling dinner at Somerset South on April 28, with 100 percent of ticket sales and proceeds going to fight hunger and poverty.

"This is a chef-driven benefit to feed the hungry," said Jim Barnett,

executive corporate chef for the Unique Restaurant Corporation (URC) and Detroit's Taste of the Nation culinary chair. No. VI Chophouse is a URC restaurant.

"And what better way for chefs to give back to the community than by doing what they do," Barnett said.

Over 30 metro-Detroit restaurants, along with 40 wine tables, will be serving their signature dishes and wines for the event's dinner guests.

"It will be the best food and wine they can bring. It's as good as it gets," Barnett said.

Dinner tickets for the event are

\$100 per person, with the evening kicking off at 6 p.m. Ticket sales and proceeds will go to food banks, including the Food Bank of Oakland County.

"This is a very, very worthy event," said Steve Allen, chef and owner of Steve and Rocky's, who expects more than 1,000 people to attend the dinner. "We needed to rise to the occasion."

"You get to meet a lot of people from other restaurants, the employees like it and you're serving a worthy purpose," Allen added.

Eric Ward, a chef at the No. VI Chophouse, said his restaurant plans to serve a hot lobster appe-

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tizer with a Tabasco butter sauce and whipped potatoes.

"It is one of our most popular appetizers," Ward said. "It eats like

a million bucks."

The No. VI Chophouse will sauté the lobster tails on site at the dinner. Furthermore, the event will include three live bands, as well.

"The party is spectacular," Barnett said. "Everybody that comes will feel like they got double their money's worth."

Each year Share Our Strength hosts 100 Taste of the Nation strolling dinners in cities across the U.S.

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Former Northville officer pleads guilty to CSC

By Pauline Campos
STAFF WRITER

Former Northville city police officer and Novi resident William Edgar Jr. will be facing time behind bars after pleading guilty to sexually molesting his former step-granddaughter.

Edgar, a 36-year veteran of the department, appeared in Oakland County Circuit Court last Wednesday in Judge William Sosnick's courtroom to plead guilty to two counts of criminal sexual conduct.

Edgar, 55, was arraigned last September at 52-1 District Court in Novi and ordered by Judge Michael Hatchuk to stand trial for first and second degree criminal sexual conduct charges involving a child under the age of 13. The

victim was nine-years-old when the events occurred.

According to Christopher Andreoff, Edgar's attorney, first degree criminal sexual conduct involves sexual penetration as an "essential element of the crime, while second degree involves 'sexual contact of any kind.'"

"My client made a decision to accept responsibility for his actions and the prosecution office in return offered to drop the more serious term of first degree criminal sexual conduct," said Andreoff. "In part of their consideration they allowed him to plead to two counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct."

But the agreement made also guarantees Edgar will face time behind bars. Sentencing will start at a minimum of 36 to 71 months,

although the court will have the discretion of staying within the guidelines. Andreoff said he would be filing a sentencing memorandum requesting a downward departure from those guidelines.

Assistant Oakland County prosecutor Cheryl Matthews could not be reached for comment on whether or not she would be filing a sentencing memorandum of her own requesting an upward departure from the sentencing guidelines.

Edgar's former employer, however, did have a comment on the case.

"It is unfortunate that these events occurred and we feel sorry for the victim," said Northville police chief James Petres on behalf of the department.

"Hopefully, she will be able to

recover from the trauma she has endured."

Mr. Edgar served the city for many years, and although the crimes do not relate to his employment as a police officer, the events have been troubling for the department and the community," said Petres.

Edgar will remain on personal bond until the sentencing and has been ordered not to have any contact with the victim, the victim's family, any other minor, or his former wife. He is scheduled to appear in Oakland County Circuit Court for sentencing at 1 p.m. on June 5.

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Police report

HOLE IN ONE

On April 17 the Novi Police Department received a malicious destruction of property call on Beck Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Upon arrival, a 21-year-old female showed the officer the back window of her 1996 Dodge Neon was broken. She said the incident happened some time between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The woman believed the damage was from a golf ball because several balls were found in the front yard. According to the report, the house is also located about one mile from Westbrook Golf Course. There are no suspects at this time, and damage was estimated at about \$250.

FALSE ALARM

A reported dine-and-dash at a local Denny's Restaurant turned out to be a false alarm after management found the money on the table. On April 20 at midnight, officers were informed a party of about nine males ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old came in and ate. The manager of the Novi Road diner told police after they finished and left she found two bills of the group totaling \$26.23 had not been paid. The manager provided the responding officer with a license plate number. Before the officer had a chance to follow up with the owner of the reported vehicle, the manager called the station and advised dispatchers the money was left on the table after all.

SAY GOODNIGHT

Novi police had a hard time waking up two local males last week, after finding them passed out in a car. After receiving a call to the department, the officers responded to the 28500 block of Valleystar near Oaktree and Cranbrook on April 17 to check out the incident. When they arrived at about 3 a.m., they found two males sleeping inside the 1994 Honda. The officers loudly knocked on the windows numerous times and shined their flashlights into the car, but the Novi males did not respond. Officers were concerned because the 18-year-old in the passenger seat, who also lived on Valleystar, was holding a lit cigarette that appeared to be burning the front seat. The 17-year-old in the driver seat was half on his seat and half on the passenger seat. According to the report, the officers then unlocked the car door, put out the cigarette and water both males up by shaking them. The car was reported to smell of intoxicants and opened and unopened Budweisers were found inside. Both residents said they were drinking alcoholic beverages earlier in the night. The driver blew a .08 and the passenger blew a .08 in a preliminary breath test. Both were arrested for minor in possession by consumption and the car was impounded.

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Tom Elliott, owner of Tom's Root Beer Stand, works on preparing a couple of hamburgers for a lunch-time drive-up customer last Monday.

Drive-In still all the rage in Walled Lake

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

"Drive-in food stands may be a thing of the past, but Tom's Root Beer Stand in Walled Lake is still a place where people like being served in their car where it's comfortable."

There are only about eight drive-in restaurants throughout Michigan, he said.

"We were going to change it where people would eat inside," Elliott said. "But people said they liked it (the way it is) because they could show up the way they were. They don't have to dress up."

The stand, built in 1948, originally served custard instead of hot dogs, he said. It was owned by Blanch Clutz, a long-time resident who owned lake front property on East Lake Drive.

She sold it to A&W franchise owners who later sold the franchise to Elliott. He changed the name to Tom's Root Beer Stand in 1999 when he ended his A&W franchise.

Elliott, who worked as a sales manager for Budweiser before buying the drive-in restaurant, said road construction has hurt his business for the past two years. However, regular customers have remained faithful.

"Our customers are steady even through bad weather," Elliott said. "Last year I couldn't open until June. It almost put me right out of business."

However, he believes the future looks brighter with more people buying homes in new developments in Walled Lake.

Some customers like pulling their boat up to the restaurant's dock and then eating at picnic tables. Other customers prefer to eat in their cars.

Elliott, whose main residence is in Florida but has recently been living in the Walled Lake area, said he enjoys his business.

"It's been fun," Elliott said. "You get to know a lot of people. It's been really pleasant."

The drive-in restaurant serves Coney Island hot dogs, foot-long hot dogs, chicken nuggets, burgers and their popular root beer as well as other morsels.

Many of the customers come every Monday for hamburger specials and Tuesdays for Coney dog specials. They also come on Thursdays for special prices on foot-long dogs.

Gail Taylor, manager, said there is one more reason why people come to the restaurant on a regular basis.

"A lot of people like it because we make home-made root beer," Taylor said. "It's good. And the waitresses are really friendly."

They have one customer who drives in to get his dog a hamburger party and another customer who comes with his wife from Keego Harbor three times a week.

Elliott, who grew up in Detroit, decided to move to Wolverine Lake in 1970 after spending many week-end vacations with his family in Walled Lake while growing up. He would ride the roller coaster at Walled Lake's amusement park and later dance at the Casino on the lake.

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LAKES AREA TIMES

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HOSA students go for the gold

By Diane Dempsey Deel
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Four local students are wearing gold or silver medals around their necks this week and another is now holding office.

Health science students at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest went in health care-related competitions with Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) in Traverse City.

Students competed at the state level April 11-13 in everything from nurse and dental skills to best health care display. The winners will be competing at the national level in Anaheim, Calif. June 26-29.

The students had more than 40 topics to choose from to compete in at the state competition.

"When we went to the regionals in February, I was just so proud of them," said Dawn Stewart, health sciences instructor and co-advisor for the HOSA program with Laura Naudi, health sciences instructor.

"It was so rewarding to see them accomplish so much," Stewart said. "The state competition was like the cream on top. The state meet was a lot of pressure, but they stepped up and did really well."

Megan Paquin, a senior at South Lyon High School, won a gold medal for extemporaneous writing on health care ethics.

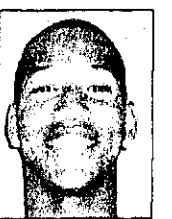
Paquin said the competition was a great experience but sometimes



Annie Braine



Megan Paquin



Martez Gibbs



Eric Aratari



E. Holdenberg

hectic.

"It was very nerve-wracking but in the end, it was worth it because we all did so well," Paquin said. "It's something we are all proud of."

However, she thinks the competition was greater than just winning a gold medal.

"I think the best part of the experience was meeting all of the different kids," she said. "Everyone was so friendly and polite. That's part of HOSA, connecting and communicating with people."

Martez Gibbs, a senior at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, and Erik Aratari, a senior at Milford High School, worked together to win their silver medals. They created a career health display that explained what the job is like for emergency medical technicians (EMTs). They included pictures of different types of injuries and explained a day in the life of EMTs.

Not only did they produce the display, but they also had to present it to HOSA judges.

Gibbs, who plans to study pre-

med in college, felt fortunate to win a medal by competing with others from around the state.

"I learned a lot from it," she said. "There are so many things that you can go into as a career."

Elizabeth Holdenberg, a senior at South Lyon High School, didn't go home with a medal but instead she was elected to office. She became the next HOSA state treasurer at the competition.

Holdenberg had to complete applications, forms and write an essay submitting her goals for the position before she arrived at the event.

"I had to get up in front of 900 people and answer a question that I was given five minutes prior to going up on stage," Holdenberg said. "I must have done well because now I am the state treasurer."

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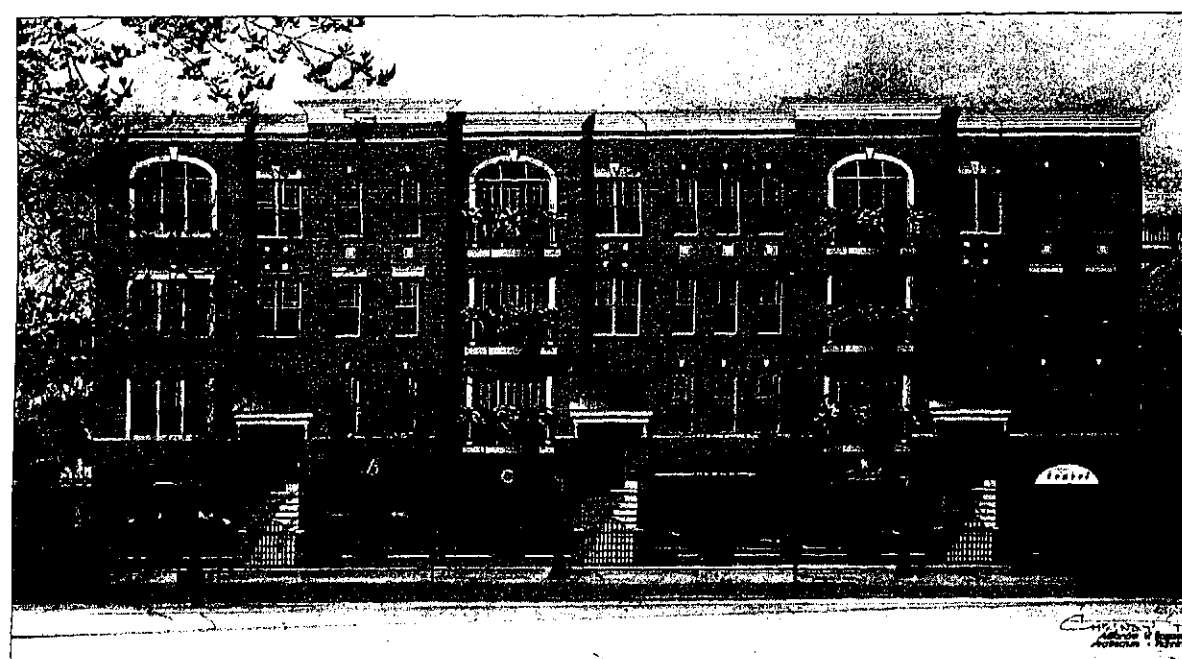
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NEW URBANISM



Live/work project gets close to breaking ground

By Diane Dempsey Deel
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The deal for a live/work project in Walled Lake was recently finalized, bringing the plans one step closer to reality.

"We're excited that the purchase agreement was put to bed and we can move forward with it," said Geoffrey Greenstein, director of land development for DeMaria Building Company in Novi.

The new urbanism design would bring a four-story, 69-unit design to W. West Maple Road location, which was once used as a baseball field. The area will include 118 parking spaces for on-site parking.

"We're very excited about the building and we hope the community will be too," said Alex Bogart, also with DeMaria. "We hope to have a sellout the first weekend of availability."

The units will be 1,000 to 1,900 sq. ft. and will include business space on the lower level with room for offices or homespace on the second level. The third and fourth floor units will be used as residential space.

The \$14 million project will have a traditional flat roof design and incorporate other classic looks.

Greenstein pointed out the design is perfect for entrepreneurs who want to own a business yet be close to home. They can also use

the lower space for retail and then expand to the upper level as their business grows.

"There's a lot of flexibility built into this design," Greenstein said. The company has almost completed a slightly different new urbanism project in Howell, which

has been well received in the area. Greenstein hopes to get the new project underway by the end of this year or the beginning of next.

Casey Ambrose, chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, said the design will mix well into the downtown district.

"I think it's an excellent, innovative concept for Walled Lake," Ambrose said. "We believe the key to revitalizing our downtown is to get the people to move back to it."

The downtown district then becomes a valuable tax base when consumers do their shopping locally, he said.

"It will help to develop a pedestrian-friendly community," Ambrose said.

Mayor Bill Roberts agreed the project will be an advantage to the city.

"It's unique to our area," Roberts said.

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Mother's Day Off: It's a special event for moms in Walled Lake May 11

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Every mother in Walled Lake will have her day as local merchants pamper ladies with special deals, seminars and pre-purchased gift certificates that can be used in participating businesses throughout the city.

The first-ever Mother's Day Off in Walled Lake is scheduled for May 11, the day before Mother's Day.

"This event was planned to benefit everyone," said Pam Janson, co-chairman of the Walled Lake Downtown Authority's planning committee. "This particular event focuses on the ladies. 'Men will benefit too because the gift certificates are a great gift idea.'"

The event will highlight local businesses while providing women with a great time, Janson said. About 30 businesses are planning to participate in Mother's Day Off. Women will have the opportunity to use gift certificates that were given

to them by their family or friends at participating stores, which will have a big blue bow on the outside.

The gift certificates can be purchased at the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce in Walled Lake, the Walled Lake DDA, All For Walls, National City Bank in Walled Lake and the Walled Lake City Hall.

Some of the businesses will have offer special speakers on different topics women may be interested in. Other businesses will offer a free dessert or other give-aways for

mothers on a day off mission.

"It's a great way for the community to meet some of the businesses in town," Janson said.

Mothers won't have to worry about watching their children because Tutor Time in Walled Lake is planning to do it for them. The care service will be free just as long as they bring a receipt that they purchased an item in town.

Women can pamper themselves with haircuts or a walk inside local shops while their children are in a

safe environment, she said.

"This is really meant to be a ladies day off," Janson said. "We want them to take the time to explore Walled Lake and have a day just designed for them."

Women will also be able to explore female health issues at the Women's Health Awareness Center, which will be set up in the historic Stone Crest building. Med Rent will be on hand to take women's blood pressure and other health-related offerings, and a chiropractor will

talk to women about chiropractic needs. They will also be able to pick up brochures on health topics.

Ray McCollum, who owns Med Rent with his sisters Susie Freeman and Sharon Alexander, said they will be coupling up with other health professionals to bring health awareness to women.

"You don't have to be from Walled Lake for us to take your

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Community Events

Spring Classic Car Auction

DATE: Friday-Sunday, April 26-28
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center
TIME: preview Friday noon-5 p.m.; auction Friday 5-9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
DETAILS: The 10th annual PAF's Spring Classic Car Auction is the Midwest's largest indoor auction. Over 450 classic, exotic, antique, muscle and sports cars will be auctioned during this exciting three-day event. The auction is open to the public. Day passes are \$8/person and weekend passes are \$12/person. Children 12 and under are free.
PHONE: (734) 547-7490 or michiganracers.com

Women's Retreat

DATE: Saturday, April 27
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Northville
TIME: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the chapel
DETAILS: An opportunity for women to gather for a day of making choices, discovery, and learning through biblical history.
PHONE: Faith McCloy, (734) 380-0265

Classic/Collector Car Show

DATE: Saturday, April 27
LOCATION: Free Will Baptist Church, corner of 10 Mile Rd. and Waver Rd., Novi
TIME: starting at 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Food and drinks available, bring your ride or just come and look.

A Night to Remember

DATE: Saturday, April 27
LOCATION: Novi Hilton Hotel
TIME: The doors open at 6 p.m. with raffle and silent auction followed by an elegant dinner at 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The Novi Chamber of Commerce's premier event of the year, "A Night to Remember," sponsored by Time Warner Cable and Providence Hospital & Medical Center. Tickets are \$65 per person.
PHONE: (248) 349-5743 or visit the Web at www.novichamber.com
Grooming Up Gracefully
DATE: Saturday, April 27

LOCATION: St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Margi Erickson, of Margi Erickson & Co., will again be presenting her popular children's etiquette seminar. Class is limited to 12 children; fee is \$10.
PHONE: Margi Erickson & Co., PO Box 841, Northville, MI 48167 or call (248) 471-6170

The Spring Friends of the Wixom Public Library Used Book Sale

DATE: Thursday, April 25 and Friday and Saturday, April 26-27
LOCATION: Wixom Public Library, 19015 Pontiac Trail
TIME: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
DETAILS: Hardbacks will cost \$1, paperbacks will cost 25¢, and trade paperbacks will cost 50¢, in addition to some specially-priced items. During the last three hours of the sale (Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.), books will be "two bucks a bag."
PHONE: (248) 624-2512

How to Grow Beautiful Roses

DATE: Saturday, April 27
LOCATION: Home Depot stores in Novi, Northville and Brighton
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Seminar to kick off the Year of the Rose - 2002 celebration.
PHONE: Pat Hubbard, (248) 449-4626 or www.rose2002.org

Spring Concert

DATE: Sunday, April 28
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: This free concert of the Novi Concert Band, under the direction of Jack Kopynick, will feature a variety of music from classic overture to ragtime and Broadway.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Morning Connection

DATE: Wednesday, May 8
LOCATION: TCF Bank, 555 Haggerty Rd., Walled Lake
TIME: 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
DETAILS: Join us for a continental

breakfast! Use this opportunity to network with local businesses free!
PHONE: TCF Bank, 866-823-2265.

Our Children's Health at Risk

DATE: Friday, May 10
LOCATION: Oakland Schools Kiva, Waterford
TIME: 8 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: To counter the rising rates of obesity in Michigan's children, Healthy People, Healthy Oakland and the Obesity Initiative in association with Oakland County schools is sponsoring a seminar. The morning will tackle the health implications of obesity and why schools are the best place to start in beating the mounting obesity rates. Also, the seminar will include an overview of the School Health Index, a self-assessment and planning tool regarding healthy living practices for community schools developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The seminar is free.
PHONE: Alesha Ullrich, (248) 858-7969 or Libby Hrabon, (248) 858-1284.

Boy Scout Celebration

DATE: May 14
DETAILS: There will be a 20th anniversary celebration and a court of honor for Boy Scouts Troop 407. Organizers are looking for individuals who were leaders and scouts from Troop 407 since 1982.
Boy Scouts Troop 407, Novi, MI
PHONE: (248) 449-5170 to be placed on the invitation list, or e-mail T407@aol.com.

Oakland County Health Division-First Aid for Smokers

DATE: Tuesday, May 14
LOCATION: Medical Center, Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi
TIME: 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Class includes an education-

Dance cancelled

The country/western dance run by Steppin' Time that was scheduled for April 27 at the Novi Civic Center has been canceled. For more information, contact Jean Kowe at 248-348-9116.

admission the day of the contest is free.
PHONE: For more information, contact contest director Rhonda Muscarel at TwiM@aol.com or visit the AAU Web site at www.ausports.org.

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver DATE: Wednesday, May 15
LOCATION: Courtyard Manor, 48578 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
TIME: 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
DETAILS: The Alzheimer's Association-Detroit Area Chapter, in partnership with Courtyard Manor of Wixom invites you to attend a special free family caregiver meeting.
PHONE: Debbie, 248-689-5263

Commerce Township Annual Community Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, May 21
LOCATION: El Dorado Country Club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Twp.
TIME: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
DETAILS: Cost \$15.00
PHONE: Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce office, 248-624-2826

AAU Baton Twirling Qualifier

DATE: Saturday, June 1
LOCATION: Sara Banks Middle School, Wixom
DETAILS: The Michigan AAU Association Baton Twirling Championships for the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) This competition is the official Michigan qualifier for the 2002 AAU National Baton Twirling Championships to be contested at the AAU Junior Olympic Games, August 7-11 in Knoxville, Tenn. Spectators are welcome to attend the contest which begins at 9 a.m.

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Vendors honored for keeping alcohol away from minors

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

More than 65 Novi proprietors were saluted earlier this month for their efforts to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors.

The large group of honorees received praise during the Novi Community that Cares Coalition's Vendors' Third Annual Appreciation Luncheon.

The April 10 event recognized those who passed the most recent Novi Police Department youth decoy operation.

About two times a year the police department sends a youth decoy out to purchase alcohol from establishments throughout the city. The ones that card the decoys and refuse the sale are the ones the coalition recognizes.

"We believe in positive reinforcement," said Beth Beller, director of the Novi Community that Cares Coalition. "We also want to recognize those who do the right thing."

Beller explained these are the people who are the community's last line of defense when it comes to keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors.

"We want to make sure they continue to do the right thing," she

said.
In addition to a prime rib and turkey scapopini with pasta luncheon, each vendor received a framed certificate for their accomplishment.

Many local dignitaries were present, including Novi Police Chief Douglas Schaeffer, former Novi Mayor Matt Quinn and many representatives from the police department and school district.

The event, held at the Oakland Technical Center, was sponsored by Providence Hospital and Medical Center with assistance from the Novi Police Department, Novi Community School District Community Education and the coalition.

"The Novi Community that Cares Coalition is a substance abuse prevention focus group serving the community along with 20 other coalitions in Oakland County."

"The coalition began five years ago and focuses on multiple strategies over multiple sectors."

"Prevention is the key," Beller said.

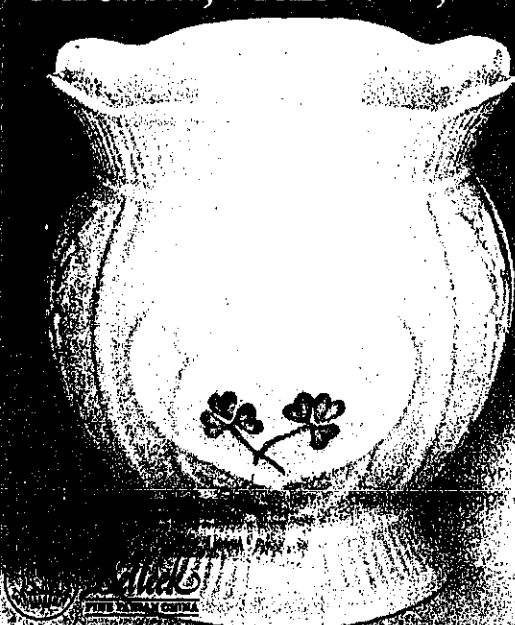
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Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Graduates of Novi Community that Cares Coalition alcohol decoy program receive their certificates from Beth Beller, center, Mary Wilson, Chief Doug Schaffer, right, and others during last week's luncheon at the Oakland School's West Technology Center. The program is designed to sharpen merchants' and restaurants' abilities to determine to whom they can legally sell alcoholic beverages.

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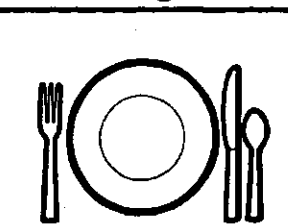
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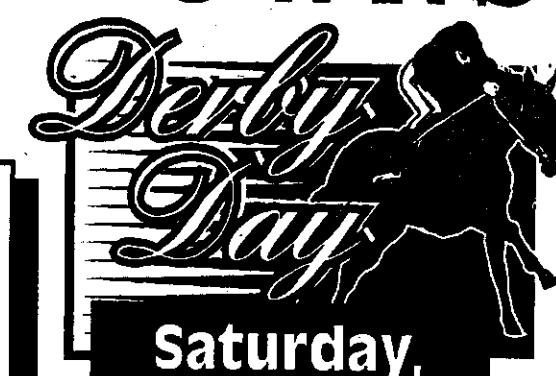
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School Briefs

NEW FLOORING AT PARKVIEW
Novi Board of Education unanimously approved a bid from Floorcraft Floor Covering in Clinton Township to replace all the carpeting at Parkview Elementary.

The bid amount for the project is \$185,707, well under the estimated \$225,000-240,000 budget. Work for the new carpeting is scheduled to begin on June 24 and be completed this summer as part of the district's sinking fund allocations.

DEERFIELD'S RILEY AWARDED
Cinda Foley, an art teacher at Deerfield Elementary, won a \$2,500 School Technology Achievement Recognition (STAR) Award.

The award, sponsored by Deerfield S.A., recognizes teachers who have used the Michigan Laptop for Teacher's (TIT) Program to enhance their teaching and professional development.

Under the TIT program, Riley prepared a digital camera to create visual arts portfolios for her students at Deerfield. She will initiate this program with kindergartners and add pieces to their portfolio as they get older. So, by the time students leave the elementary school, they will have a digital record on CD of their artistic development at Deerfield.



Photo by John Heider

Village Oaks Elementary School teacher Pam Conger and her first grade class look at student Ashley Woltylo's Learning Fair project last Wednesday. Ashley made a representation of her class out of egg shells.

Village Oaks taps imaginations

2002 Learning Fair hosts over 200 projects

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Students at Village Oaks Elementary in Novi flexed their creative might last week in the school's 2002 Learning Fair.

The event took over the building gymnasium on April 17 with over 200 student projects on exhibit for parents and students. The fair boasted the school's collective knowledge and interest of such areas as science, social studies and the arts.

The 2002 Learning Fair is a voluntary student event that aims to give the participating children an opportunity to work in-depth on their favorite subjects outside the classroom, fostering a curiosity for the world around them.

Imagination was the limit. "The students can pursue whatever interest they have," said Sherrie Konkus of the Village Oaks PTO. "If they're great at writing stories, they can do that. And many kids did show off their language skills, writing and illus-

trating their own books for the fair. Village Oaks third-grade student Bridget Myers wrote a story about a pioneer girl.

"There was just a huge variety of projects," Konkus said. "It was amazing." Other entries included a light-house with a working light and a cardboard replica of an ancient pyramid, while the astute in science at Village Oaks created an electrical circuit with lemons, copper wire and steel paper clips, as well as constructed a flying contraption that rides on the wind with a sail area 10 times larger than the standard kite.

Village Oaks first-grader Caleb Hoover went with a time-tested classic for his 2002 Learning Fair project. He built a replica of the solar system.

"Me and my mom came up with the idea, and I liked it a lot. So we made it," Hoover said.

Furthermore, Konkus said the fair gives families a chance to work together on their child's project. "It's great if the kids spend time at home with their parents working

"It gets everyone working together and learning something."

Sherrie Konkus
Village Oaks PTO

on their projects," she said. "It gets everyone working together and learning something."

Other popular projects included volcanoes with flowing lava, as well as entires in math, music and physical education. Since 1994, Village Oaks has hosted a Learning Fair every two years for all students who wish to tap into their creative energies. Participating students are given a month to put together their entires.

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CHILD SAFETY

The Novi Public Library will be hosting "Safe on My Own," a program about child safety. The 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4 lecture will feature Pamela Schneemann, RN, who will be speaking with children about staying safe at home and around the neighborhood. The one-hour event will include topics such as phone safety, fire safety and home-alone skills. Children older than 7 are invited to attend. No registration is necessary.

CHILDCARE DIRECTORY

The 2002 "Childcare & Preschool Directory" is now available at the Novi Public Library and the Novi Youth Assistance Office in the Novi Civic Center. The free booklet lists all licensed childcare and preschool facilities in Novi.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING ORDINANCE

City officials would like all residents and business owners to be aware there is a City of Novi lighting ordinance. The regulation was created to establish appropriate and consistent minimum illumination levels, prevent unnecessary glare, reduce spill-over onto adjacent properties and reduce unnecessary wasted light into the night sky. Existing or new developments must comply with requirements of site plan approval, and anyone

modifying their outdoor lighting must have approval by the city. For more information, call Cindy Uglow at (248) 347-0437 or e-mail cuglow@ci.novi.mi.us.

NOVI CONCERT BAND

Members of the Novi Concert Band are revving up their instruments in preparation for their upcoming Spring Concert. The 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28 event at the Novi Civic Center will feature pleasurable selections bringing an evening of enjoyment for all who attend. The concert is free and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Jack Koppick at (248) 932-9244.

KARATE TOURNAMENT

The City of Novi 10th Annual Karate Tournament is on its way to the Novi High School main gymnasium Saturday, May 4 at noon. Representatives from the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department said the event is an excellent opportunity to learn about martial arts and see what the program has to offer every area child. The tournament welcomes competitors from many of the metropolitan Detroit Korean karate clubs. Trophies will be awarded to winners and demonstrations by masters in various martial arts disciplines are planned. Admission is \$6 for

adults and \$3 for those younger than 12.

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The city of Novi is looking for creative youngsters interested in designing a camp T-shirt for more than 350 Lakeshore campers and camp staff. The winner chosen from all drawings submitted by boys and girls ages 6 through 12 will receive one free \$80 camp session and a free shirt. All entries must be submitted to the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on 8.5-inch-by-11-inch paper with the child's name, address and phone number on the back of the entry. Officials ask

that a black marker or ink pen is used and that designers stay away from thin lines. The deadline for the contest is 5 p.m. May 3.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the second annual Spring Forest Farm Clean-Up. Preservation Novi is organizing the 9 a.m. to noon May 18 event in observance of Community Pride Day. Event organizers promise there will be something for everyone to do, whether you are 4 or 94. Many of the duties will include outdoor spring clean-up type work. Coffee and doughnuts will be supplied to all in attendance. For more information or to register, call the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at (248) 947-0400.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEKEND

This weekend is "Teacher Appreciation Weekend" at Borders in Novi. The weekend celebration will begin Friday with a teacher reception and continue through Saturday and Sunday with special discounts for educators, freebies, refreshments and more. All teachers are also urged to sign up for a Borders Teacher Discount Card which entitles them to a year-round 20-percent discount on all classroom purchases.

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WL Elementary students dole out the cash

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

The bankers in Walled Lake are only four feet tall — at least the ones at Walled Lake Elementary.

Students and teachers do their banking twice a month at the school, which is run by fourth and fifth grade students and supervised by Judi Graham, para-educator. Deposits go directly into their account at Fifth Third Bank in Walled Lake.

At the beginning of the year, students who want to become tellers, ledgers or managers apply and interview for the positions. They dress just as adults would for a job interview and carry a portfolio filled with samples of math and writing assignments they are proud of. They are selected for their positions by school personnel.

"The unique thing about our bank here, is it truly is a bank," Graham said. "The kids have actual bank accounts. I double check everything before I send the money over to Fifth Third Bank to make sure there is nothing wrong."

Graham, who was in the banking business before starting her career in education, is instrumental in getting the bank set up.

"When I first set it up each year I talk to them about the procedures and how the bank works," Graham said.

Representatives from Fifth Third Bank also explain to students at the beginning of the year about how the banking system works.

Students who work as tellers learn how to handle money and make change, and ledgers learn how to record transactions. However, students who patron the bank also learn about the banking process.

"Our fourth grade class goes to Markham," Graham said. "We talk in the beginning of the year about how they can save for the trip if they deposit their money because it will grow interest."

Tammy Tate, senior office manager at Fifth Third Bank, said she feels setting up a bank at the school is a great opportunity for kids.

"I answer their questions," Tate said of her role at the elementary school bank. "It's exciting to go there. I think it's fulfilling for them and it gives them a sense of responsibility."

It also makes them view banking as a possible vocation in the future, she said.

Joshua Gronlund, a fourth grader and a ledger at the bank, said he knows more about the bank business since he took the job.

"I want to work in a bank when I grow up," Gronlund said. "This is just a start for me."

Luke Weir, fourth grade student and ledger, said he enjoys working at the bank with his classmates.

"I like working at this bank because everyone works together and gets along," Weir said. "We have a lot of fun."

Jessica Dobrowski, fourth grade student who works in the bank, said to be chosen as a teller she had to answer math questions accurately without figuring answers out on paper.

Courtney Jarvis, a fourth grade student, enjoys working her job as a teller.

"I get the experience of working with money," Jarvis said. "It's really cool because you really handle a lot of money."

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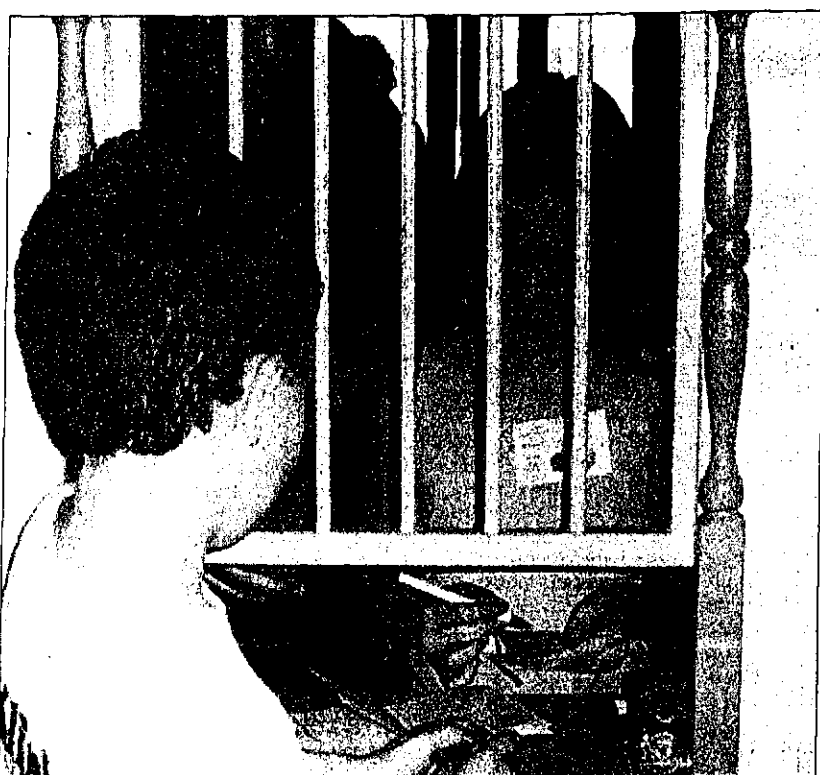


Photo by Diane Dempsey Deel
Courtney Jarvis, fourth grade, takes second grade student Matthew Klink's deposit on Bank Day April 16.

Students agree to keep a prom-ise

High School teams with local salon to keep students safe for 2002 prom

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School students will get an incentive this year to keep their 2002 Prom a safe and responsible evening.

Salon Luna in Novi is sponsoring the Prom Promise Project, which will offer a free haircut to each Novi High School student who promises not to drink and drive on the school's May 13 prom night. Participating students will sign a Prom Promise contract — agreeing not to drink and drive — which also must be signed by their parents and school officials.

Salon Luna expects to give as many as 400 free haircuts to students who uphold their signed contract, said Salon Luna owner Joe Lose.

"We'll give as many haircuts as it takes," Lose said.

Kristin Corrión, the Novi High School Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) faculty advisor, said the project is an incentive to keep kids safe, as well as create student and parent awareness for a responsible 2002 prom night.

"This is something new that will bring attention," Corrión said. "And with the adults signing it as well, it will bring even



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Salon Luna's Dave Dewitt does the hair of Madeline Crossley last Wednesday afternoon. The Novi salon will give away free hairstyling to Novi students who pledge to not drink and drive during this prom season.

more attention."

Salon Luna will give participating students who keep the evening safe coupons for a free haircut that will be redeemable during the upcoming summer months.

"We thought this would be great for the community," Lose said. "We thought it would get a great response because kids get into their appearances."

The Prom Promise contracts will be offered to students in conjunction with prom ticket sales at the Novi High School, with the students then required to get the supporting signatures from parents and administrators.

"We are very excited about the generosity and enthusiasm that Salon Luna has shown about this

project," Corrión said. Lose said the idea for the project came from a friend in Cleveland who has run similar Prom Promise Projects in the past.

"It was a great success in Cleveland. We thought it would be a lot of fun, a great benefit and a way to get involved in the community," he said.

Salon Luna will also hold a Cut-A-Thon in June for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with proceeds from the event going to the organization.

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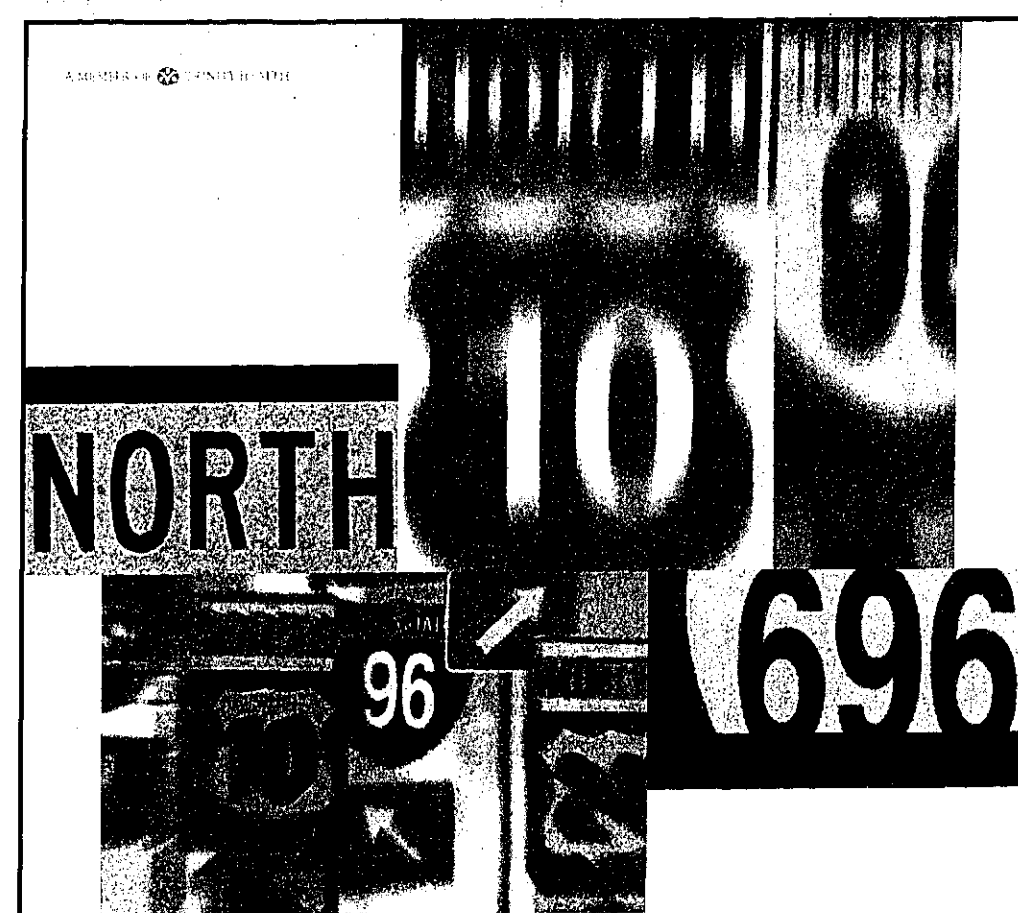
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Changes in construction plans save city money

Victoria Sadlocha

Novi City Engineer Nancy McLean said that changes to construction plans for the 10 Mile Road and Cranbrook Drive intersections will save the city about \$100,000. The changes were made after a review of the plans by the Novi City Council. The original plans called for a full-depth reconstruction of the intersection, which would have cost about \$1.1 million. The revised plans call for a partial-depth reconstruction, which will save the city about \$100,000. The changes were made after a review of the plans by the Novi City Council. The original plans called for a full-depth reconstruction of the intersection, which would have cost about \$1.1 million. The revised plans call for a partial-depth reconstruction, which will save the city about \$100,000.

Cranbrook Drive intersections.

The Oakland County system utilizes overhead cameras to provide additional timing for an intersection based on actual traffic volume. Officials said the decision to go without the technology was based on an increase of \$100,000 in fees by the Road Commission for Oakland County and a previous city policy that 10 Mile Road will not be treated as a major traffic thoroughfare.

The controllers provided for the signal will continue to be SCATS compatible so if the city wanted to install the SCATS technology at a later date, it would be able to do so.

The reduction will be about \$100,000 for the entire project. The original \$610,488 contract was awarded to Cadillac Asphalt Paving Company for the 10 Mile Road intersection at Cranbrook Drive and Meadowbrook and Wisconsin roads in October.

Construction at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads began in March. Novi City Engineer Nancy McLean said the Cranbrook Drive intersection is currently in right-of-way negotiations, and work at the Wisconsin Road intersection is expected to begin in May.

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Scholarship deadline extended

State Rep. Marc Shulman has extended the deadline for outstanding high school seniors to apply for a college scholarship through the Shulman Educational Opportunity Fund.

Students are asked to write an essay describing how government affects a student's daily life, what student's can do to have an impact on government policy, and what you can do to have your voice heard.

Shulman said the deadline for submitting essays is April 30. Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, will award:

- One first place check of \$1,500;
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A scholarship selection committee will judge the essays and determine the winning entries of these

received by the deadline. Eligible students include all high school seniors, or a student of equivalent status not attending a public or private school, who has been accepted to a college or university. Students must live within the 39th House District (West Bloomfield and Commerce Townships, Orchard Lake Village and Kęrg Harbor).

The committee will review essays on an anonymous basis, select the winning essays and then interview the candidates and award the first and second place winners. Essays are judged on analytical content, thoroughness, responsiveness, persuasiveness, grammatical style and organization.

Essays must be typed in Times New Roman or Roman, 12-point font, double spaced with one-inch margins and no longer than four pages in length. Send five copies of the essay to Scholarship Opportunity, P.O. Box 251114, West Bloomfield, MI 48102.

Call Shulman's office at (517) 373-1799 for more information.

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SAFE ON MY OWN

Pamela Schneemann, RN talks with children about staying safe at home and around the neighborhood on Saturday, May 4, from 1-2 p.m. Phone safety, fire safety, and home-alone skills are just a few of the topics she'll cover. For ages 8 and up; no registration required.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our May selection is "The Robber Bride" by Margaret Atwood. The group meets Monday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Drop-ins are welcome.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Senior booklovers are reading "Anne Morrow Lindbergh: Her Life" by Susan Herwig for their May meeting. The group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, May 9, at noon.

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Novi business framed... with a pair of awards!

Frame Peddler earns first, second place honors

By Angelo Parlove

STAFF WRITER

The Frame Peddler in Novi took the top award for its craftsmanship this month in the 2002 Northern Midwest Framing Competition.

The framing company received a first-place victory in the print division for its custom framing of a print of an August Mack painting, "Sunny Road," as well as a second-place finish in the open competition for its framing of an Erie print, "Glanoum."

The 2002 Northern Midwest Framing Competition was sponsored by Tri-City Molding of Troy and St. Paul, Minn., on April 13-14. Terry Krause, a manager, designer and framer at the Frame Peddler, reflected on her shop's framing of the winning print.

"You want the frame to enhance the art," she said. "You always want the artwork to catch the eye first and then go back to the rest of the piece."

For the print division, each entry was challenged to design the best frame for the same August Mack print. Competitors were judged on such areas as overall presentation

and design, use of color, craftsmanship and the difficulty of the construction of the frame.

"The competition is to see the different ways that different shops can view a piece," Krause said. "There are many ways to choose moldings that complement the art."

The 2002 Northern Midwest Framing Competition was the first time Brian Jupp, who has owned and operated the Frame Peddler in Novi for the past 10 years, entered his company's work into the event.

"I decided that it was time for our shop to show off its stuff," Jupp said. Both Frame Peddler entries in the framing competition were a collaborative effort between Krause and Jupp.

Jupp said the Erie print — an early 1900s painting of a woman in a black and gold dress with a deep red background — was chosen for the open division because of the challenges the use of red poses for framers.

"It is a very striking piece, and red is very difficult to color with," he said. "Not a lot of people decorate with red. If they do, it's a little splash here and there."

For the open division, competitors were free to choose any item for framing.

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To celebrate Earth Day on April 18, Orchard Hills Elementary in Novi hosted its annual event, Earth Explorer's Day 2002. Above, Colin Talbot, right, learns how nutrients can be washed out of soil by precipitation by placing some water through a pile of dyed sand. The event gave third-grade students a chance to spend three hours performing hands-on experiments that reinforce the concepts learned in the school's Earth science unit. Experiments, organized by Orchard Hills' staff and parents, included lessons about wind erosion, glaciers, tectonic plates and cave environments. In one experiment, volcanic lava flow was simulated by using baking soda and vinegar. Earth Explorer's Day was first held at the school in 2000. This year, over 100 third-grade students and 40 parent volunteers participated in the event, which was funded by the Orchard Hills PTO and school principal Paul LePlas.

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Obituaries

Mabel E. Hughes

Mabel Hughes, 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died April 18 at Woodward Hills Nursing Home. She was born Nov. 11, 1914, in North Beaver, Pa. and was a homemaker and former Novi resident.

Survivors include her son Ronald L. Hughes (Terry) of Bloomfield Hills, and three grandchildren, Brian R. Todd A. and Heather Hughes.

A memorial service was held April 23 at A. J. Desmond & Sons, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, with the Rev. Dr. Raymond B. Knudsen, II officiating. A private interment will be at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial tributes to American Heart Association/Midwest Affiliate, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, Ill., 60678. Arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, Mich. 48073-0950.

Howard E. Rush, Sr.

Howard Rush, Sr. of Walled Lake died April 14 at his home. He was 73.

Mr. Rush was born Aug. 27, 1928 in Mountain Park, Md., to James Thomas Rush and Gladys A. McRoble. An area resident most of his life, Mr. Rush worked in sales at Tyner Furniture of Ann Arbor. He married Mary J. Rush in 1947. She survives him.

Mr. Rush was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church and the Oddfellows Association. He was also an Army veteran of World War II.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rush is survived by his children, Carol (James) Land of Northville, Cathy (Craig) Barrett of Walled Lake and Howard, Jr. (Cindy) Rush of Sterling Heights; sibling Blanche Buttgegg of Dearborn; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mr. Rush will be held May 11 at 11 a.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church in Southfield. Rev. Donald Duford will officiate. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate / Memorial & Tributes Program Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, Ill., 60678; or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mich. 48154.

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WL grabs top honors in Academic Games

For the second year in a row, the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools finished in first place in statewide competition. In "Presidential History," in addition, the team excelled in all other areas in its division, placing second in "Linguistics," third in "Onsets," and fourth in "Equations."

Consistently high scores resulted in the club winning a first-place trophy for having the highest team average at monthly competitions. Members of the Walled Lake Academic Games Club are Bobby Bell, Mark Butler, Amarpreet Jhita, Jasneet Jhita, Steven Olson, Tyler Strom, Corrie Weber, Amreek Sodhi, Dan Stecher, Jane Ughnosky, and Austin Yee.

The outstanding performance of the Walled Lake Academic Games Club qualifies it to compete at the National Academic Games tournament in Eatonton, Georgia this April.

In the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, Academic Games is a club that meets after school at Clifford Smart Middle School under the direction of teacher Bettie Barton, who brought the program to the school district. In addition to sponsoring the team, Barton also coaches the team in how to play "Linguistics," the language arts game that focuses on sentence patterns, parts of speech, grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Other volunteer coaches include Gerry Cousins, a substitute teacher with the Walled Lake Schools; John Little, a history professor; and Jessica Dorris, a Walled Lake Central High School student. Cousins teaches "Onsets," which deals with mathematical set theory, and "Equations," which deals with

alternative algebraic formulas. Little teaches "Presidential History," which requires students to know which U.S. president was in office during certain historical events in U.S. and world history. Because Dorris is a former successful Academic Games player, she knows all of the games and teaches them to smaller groups of students.

For the past 28 years, school districts throughout Michigan have had the opportunity to participate in the Michigan League of Academic Games (M.L.A.G.) program. The program consists of games that teach logic, math, language arts, and presidential history. Once a month, students compete against teams from other schools. Then in March of each year, schools from each of the nine regions in Michigan converge in Southfield for an intensive three-day tournament. The best

teams from the state tournament advance to a national tournament. Through the use of games and competition, the Michigan League of Academic Games hopes to encourage learning and achievement, to instill enjoyment and love for learning, to have the opportunity to meet people, and to share ideas with students from other schools.

While some school districts incorporate Academic Games into their curriculum, others have Academic Games Clubs that meet after school. Schools place students from third grade through high school on an elementary, middle, junior, or high school team based upon grade level. Depending upon the number of students interested, a school may have more than one Academic Games team for each level.



Courtesy photo

The victorious Walled Lake Academic Games team at the awards ceremony March 23: (l to r) Steve Olson, Corrie Weber, Mark Butler, Tyler Strom, Amarpreet Jhita, Jasneet Jhita. Not pictured: Bobby Bell.

Whale of a good time could last longer at Novi Christian School

By Diane Dempsey Deal
STAFF WRITER

The Whale World exhibit at Novi Christian School, where residents can experience being in the belly of a whale, may be extended until May.

"We are attempting to keep it longer," said Jay Thomson, school administrator. "But there are no guarantees. We will have more answers the end of the week."

The exhibit, which includes seven different whales, is currently planned to be on display until April 27 but will likely be extended for at least another week if not until mid-May. The display is being sponsored through Novi Christian School's home school program.

Thomson said adults and children have given him positive feedback about the exhibit while having a good time learning about whales.

"I think a kid can learn more here in an hour than he could in a traditional, full unit of study," Thomson said.

Kelly Govan, administrative assistant at the school, said she is having a great time working in Whale World and answering visitors' questions.

"I've learned so much about whales working here," Govan said. "It's been nice to see the kids learn and be excited about what they are learning."

Thomson, while working with his father who owns Dynamic Displays in Detroit, helped invent the technology to make Whale World possible. Dynamic Displays, which creates balloons for parades including the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit, created the whales so that

they could be inflated. The original whale, which is located in a museum in France, was designed by Jacques Cousteau and is made out of fiberglass.

However, they were able to make the whale's organs interactive as well as more mobile by making all of the whales inflatable.

A group of Brazilian entrepreneurs caught the vision and paid us to develop the first prototypes," Thomson said. "What they got was significantly different than the display today. We've gone several generations past that. Their exhibit cost \$200,000 and our exhibit is \$2 million worth of equipment."

Residents can walk into a 72 ft. whale and hear her beating heart, her unborn baby's movements and her inhaling and exhaling lungs.

However, there is much more for visitors to do. Children can join in a coloring contest, play in the sand, and view all of the whale displays. They can watch whale videos and listen to live whales calls by pressing a button.

Adults will also get a kick out of learning about whales. They can look at replicas of whale bones and visit other interesting whale stations at the exhibit.

Residents don't have to walk away hungry or empty handed either. They can eat at the cafe, which serves fish and octopus looking hot dogs and they can purchase everything from books to T-shirts at Jonah's Re-Tail store.

Joan Webb, a Troy resident, was excited about attending the exhibit with her two children.

"It's phenomenal," Webb said. "I loved it. I learned so much. I've watched documentaries on whales but I learned a lot more here just

from seeing it."

Thomson is pleased that he is able to bring the exhibit to the school that more than likely would not have been able to obtain it otherwise.

"Normally museums pay \$40,000 to have Whale World for a month," Thomson said. "Because of my involvement with its building, we were able to secure it for a smaller amount of money."

The display has been well received in other parts of the world such as Singapore, Brazil, Canada and in other states.

"This is the first time its been displayed in Michigan," Thomson said.

His plan is to bring other events to the school that the community can participate in.

"Our goal is to do 12 major events each year," said Thomson, adding that four events are planned this year at the school.

Alex Webb, 12, said he wants to come back to see the whales again. "It was cool," Webb said. "It's interesting because it's all hands-on. You can see just how big whales really are. You can see the heart beat slow and its lungs squeeze out air."

The display is open Monday through Thursday 9-5 p.m., Friday 9-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is open Monday through Friday during the day for group tours by appointment only. For more information call (248) 349-9441.

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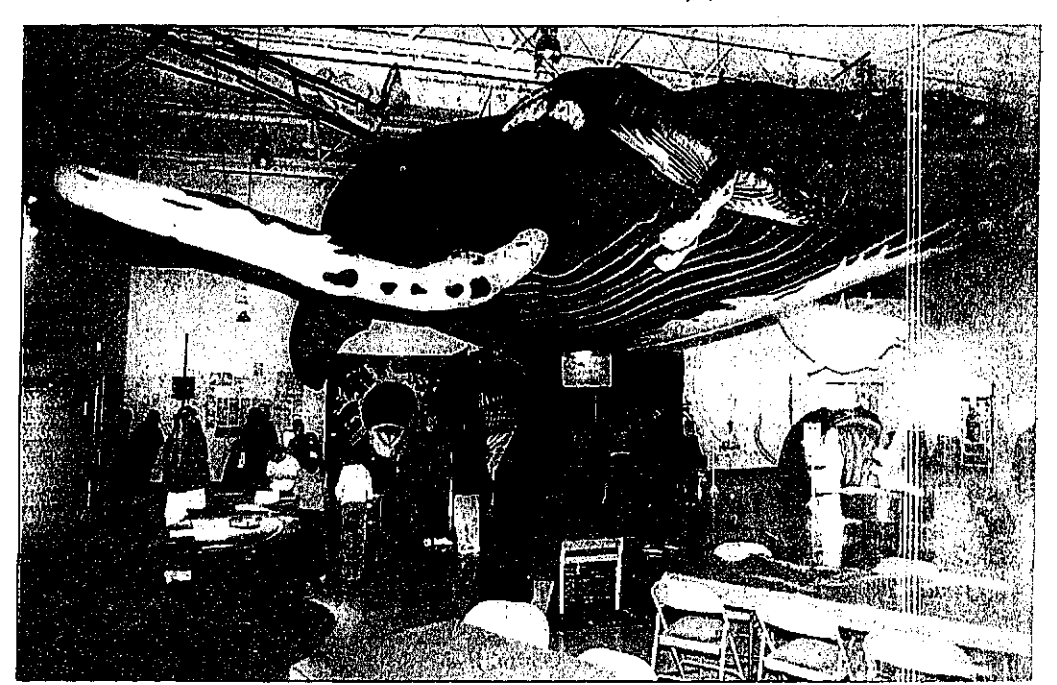


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A huge life-size model of a humpback whale and its calf dominate the ceiling of the Novi Christian School's gymnasium during the opening of its Whale World exhibit on Monday morning.

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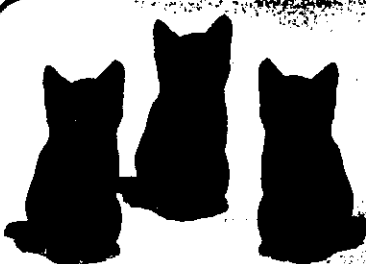
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Since coming on board as the new editor, I've had a good month to get a handle on the procedures and flow of things around the office. And I'm getting to know the community through Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce and different individuals who stop by or phone.

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News Consulting Committee. Almost every paper, at least the good ones, has one of these. Many call them advisory panels.

It's not a new concept. In fact, I'm fairly certain that at one time or another this paper has had one in some form or another.

Regardless, we're going to start, or resurrect, one here. Editors usually dread these because they can turn into more of a headache than they're worth. Some people look at them as an opportunity to nit-pick, and others see them as an opportunity to work their own agenda.

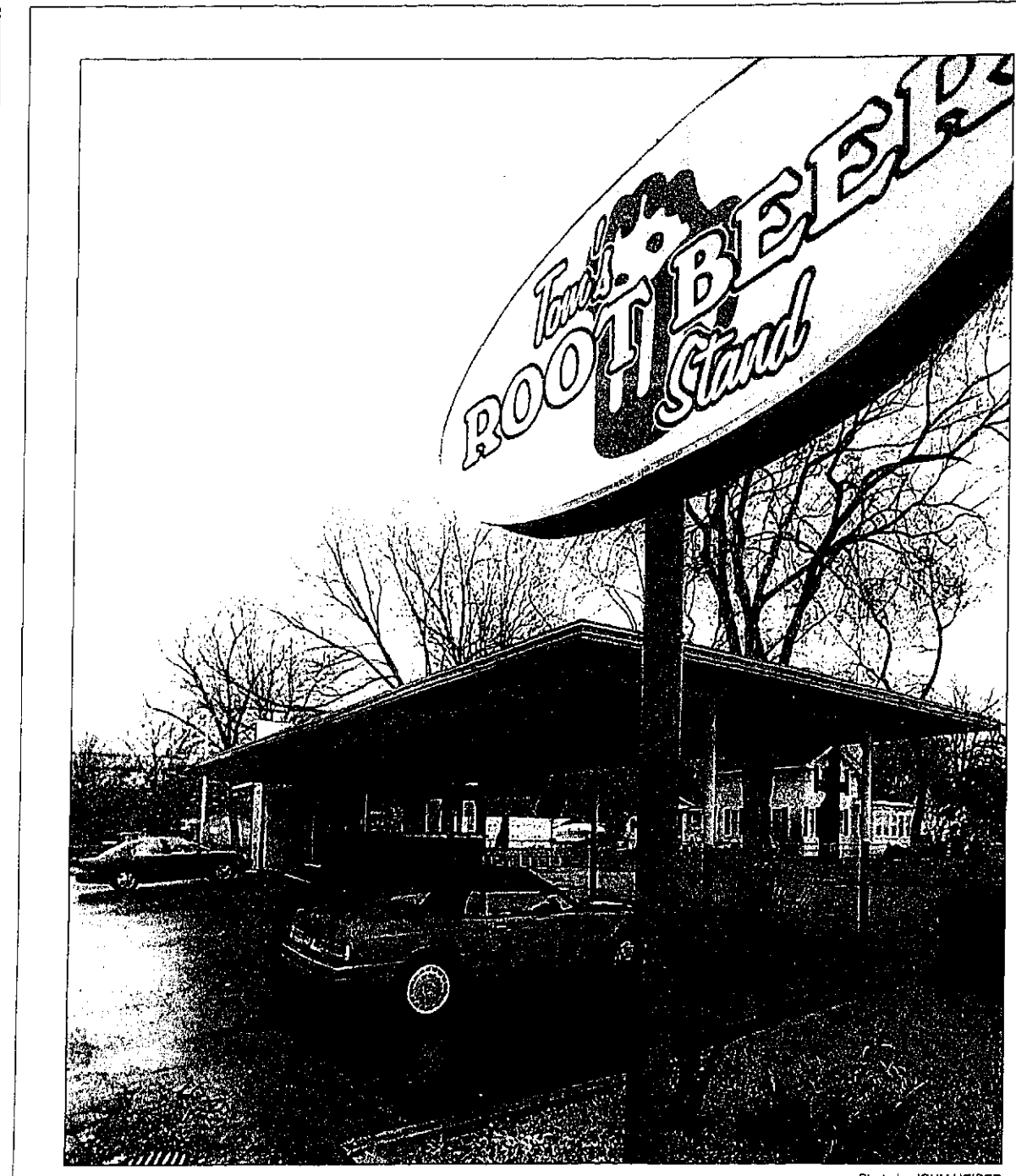
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My initial idea is to meet quarterly, perhaps for an hour or two. In the past, I've had groups that met monthly, and it didn't really give us enough time to implement changes. Anything longer than three months between sessions and the group tends to lose interest. Hopefully, we'll get enough response that the committee will have a rotating roster.

Sound like something you're interested in? I hope so, because I'm definitely interested in Novi and turning this publication into a first-class read. Contact me when you're ready and we'll get this thing in gear.

Cal Stone
editor



Tom's Root Beer Stand on East Walled Lake Drive.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Drive-in eateries bring back great memories

Diane Deel's story on a drive-in restaurant in Walled Lake, Tom's Root Beer Stand (pictured above), sure took me back.

I'm not that old that I was around when these things were really in vogue, the '50s and '60s, but they were still pretty hip when I was a kid.

I grew up in Waterford Township, and can remember peddling my Schwinn Stingray up to the A&W on Dixie Highway. It faced the road, and right behind it was my "field of dreams" — Carl Shell Hallpark.

It was actually two ballparks, one for little kids called Widget and then another one that took a pretty good poke for a 13-year-old to drive one out.

I don't think I'll ever hit a home run there or anywhere else. I was a pitcher, so I probably had a few of my tosses wind up on the other side of the fence during the course of my Little League career.

Playing the games was just half the fun of that ballpark, though. Sure, it was great to put on a freshly-washed uniform and then to battle with cross-town rivals twice a week. And winning was definitely the main objective. But it was the "after-game" ritual that Diane's story made me think about.

Once the dust had settled on the field, it was pretty much a given that all the players — from both teams — would wind up at the A&W.

Root beer, fries and football holdovers, that's what I'm talking about. They didn't have any of that soft ice cream stuff back then. If you wanted ice cream, you went across the highway to the dairy store and loaded up on a triple-dip Blue Moon, which usually wound up running down your wrist halfway through dip #2.

The footlongs were usually reserved for victories. I can smell 'em now, overflowing with chili and nestled in those paper boats with the ridged edges. It was a chore to pound the whole thing down, and it made for a lengthy bike ride back home, but it was worth it.

The fries were always a tad on the greasy side, nothing like the mass-produced ones today. I won't wax nostalgic here either and say they were better. They weren't. They were, in fact, nasty little things, but they were part of the feast. Most of the time you were

better off with one of those mini bags of chips.

Now the root beer, on the other hand, was a different story. Nobody, and I mean nobody, could touch A&W root beer. Probably still can't. That thick head of foam on top of a frosted mug — what better way for a kid to quench his thirst after seven innings on the diamond?

Then there was the "talk." If you won, the it was verbal high-fives for a half hour. If you lost, it was "wait till next time." Didn't really matter at that point because you were so busy hunkering the food that you might just as well be discussing foreign policy.

For me, it was usually my allowance money that was used at the A&W. That's if I had any left after buying household cards or comic books — the real priorities for a kid. There was a little party store on the route back home that we usually stopped by and picked up those necessities. If I was smart enough to hang on to those, I'd have enough money to eat all the A&W chow I'd ever want.

Even though everything I've mentioned here was about being a boy, my sister entered the scene here and there, too. She was the pitcher on her softball team, and two and a half years my senior, I thought I could throw a baseball fast, but she had just a wicked windmill delivery that was unblockable. Plus those things rise and then sink. I still can't hit 'em.

So, she spent a good deal of time at the A&W after her games, too. But it wasn't cool to acknowledge your sibling in that type of environment — or at least she never acknowledged me.

But ballgames weren't the only time we'd hit the drive-in. As a family we'd pack in dad's Pontiac and he'd wheel into one of the stalls to order. The waitresses didn't wear roller skates because there were huge chuckholes in the pavement, but they did clip the tray onto the driver's side window.

I don't see many of these restaurants any more. Too bad. Driving through and order at a window doesn't have the same appeal. You usually end up pulling back on to the road and try to save time by eating while driving.

There is still a drive-in on the north side of Lansing that my wife and I used to frequent, probably because it reminded us of the old A&W. The menu is a lot more complex than the one I remembered, but the feeling is still the same.

I think the next time we're trying to figure out a place to take the kids, we'll go there so they can experience a true drive-in restaurant.

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LETTERS

Novi's kindergartens are great regardless of funds

In response to the extensive coverage that this newspaper has given to Sue Burke and her "high hopes" of having her son attend Deerfield Elementary School, I would like to say that I absolutely agree with her that it is totally unfair that Deerfield's kindergarteners receive about twice as much funding as the other elementary school's kindergarteners.

The other four K-4 schools should receive equal dollars for their kindergarten students in the form of para-professionals.

However, I have to take exception to her statement that she lost the lottery and thus her son will attend Orchard Hills in the fall. Attending Orchard Hills is not a consolation prize. I, too, have a son starting kindergarten in the fall and Orchard Hills is our "school of choice." This is a wonderful school with an outstanding staff that any student would be lucky to attend.

Novi had an award-winning school district long before Deerfield opened and Orchard Hills, as well as Village Oaks, Novi Woods and Parkway are all NCA Accredited and Nationally Recognized Exemplary Schools. Providing your child the opportunity to attend any of the elementary schools in Novi is giving the best to your child.

Sarah Savelle
Novi

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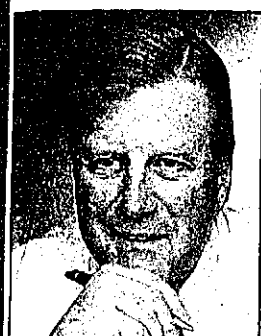
OTHER OPINIONS

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Thursday, April 25, 2002

Hometown papers, readers owe a great deal to Staley T. McBrayer

It was just a standard obit in last Saturday's New York Times. Staley T. McBrayer, who died at 92, was a small-time Texas newspaper publisher and tinkerer.



Phil Power

But McBrayer took an unwanted German press and figured out how to adapt off-set printing technology to making newspapers. In so doing, he revolutionized the newspaper industry and made possible the success of hometown newspapers like this one. His life is a story of innovation and perseverance.

McBrayer started out working as advertising and business manager of The Commerce Journal, a weekly newspaper in Commerce, Texas. After a while, he bought several other small newspapers in the Fort Worth area. But the salaries of the linotypists, who set in hot metal news stories and ads using a Rube Goldberg-like contraption called a Linotype machine, were "killing us," according to his partner, Jenkins Garrett.

So McBrayer and some employees in the back shop started tinkering around with how to set the type and print the newspapers cheaper than current technology allowed. They paid \$10,000 for a castoff press and figured out how to adapt offset

printing to the production of newspapers. Abandoning the industry-standard but slow and clumsy Linotype machine, they perfected "cold type" photographic typesetting. Then they learned to transfer the image of a newspaper page to a thin metal plate. Ink adhering to the images on the plate was transferred — offset — to a rubber blanket which then transferred the image onto newsprint. And, eureka, offset printing!

At that time, most newspaper press manufacturers believed offset would never catch on for the fast rotary presses required to print newspapers. But the technology worked. Within 30 years after McBrayer's first press was developed in 1954, virtually all the newspapers in America were printed by offset.

His invention made the skills — and the high wages and the workplace struggle — of Linotype operators irrelevant. Thereby setting off a long, fierce struggle over the future of linotypists and other workers in the letterpress crafts.

"Cold type" typesetting was far easier, quicker and cheaper than the old "hot type" system. For example, when I started out in this business back in the 1960s, I used to write my column on a Linotype machine. If I was really flying, I could set it in around an hour. Today, I'm writing this column on a computer, which transfers the file to a phototypesetter that converts bits and bytes to readable copy (I trust) in seconds.

Since photographic negatives were cheaper, more maneuverable and easier to use than heavy trays of lead type, newspapers using offset technology could join together to set type and print in cooperative plants. The cost savings were considerable.

Moreover, because photographic typesetting was so much faster and cost-effi-

cient than hot type methods, hometown newspapers like this one could localize their coverage economically, focusing on one community at a time without having to jumble local news from several different towns into a big regional newspaper like the metropolitan daily newspapers still do.

So the community newspapers, arguably the most innovative and entrepreneurial part of the newspaper industry, really got their start as a result of Staley T. McBrayer's innovative genius way back in the mid 1950s. Like many of my publisher colleagues, I adopted photo-typesetting and offset printing in the late 1960s.

I never met Staley T. McBrayer; indeed, I had never heard of him before I read his obituary in The New York Times. But I owe him a great debt of gratitude. And so do countless readers whose lives are enhanced by reading their own hometown newspaper like this one.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 853-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@omecomm.net.

His life is conclusive evidence of how a small innovation can spawn profound consequences that were completely unimagined at the time.

State unique in debate of judicial activism vs. traditionalism

"We are dealing with only the hairballs, if we are doing our job right," said Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert Young Jr.

In Howell to talk to Livingston County Teen-age Republicans on their Legal Career Day, he also took a few minutes to chat with journalists of the HomeTown Communications Network.



Mike Malott

He was explaining the quiet revolution the current Supreme Court majority is taking our state through. Calling himself a "constitutional traditionalist," he believes the "judicial activism" of justices in the past has made for an inconsistent application of the law. Only if the court interprets the constitution and laws literally — according to just what the words are as they have been written down on paper — will the rest of us really know what our rights truly are, he said.

Activism — the philosophy in which judges try to decipher the meaning of the laws, as Young describes it — has led to inconsistent rulings and case law. So the rest of us can't really be sure how a judge will rule in a given case once it reaches the state stage.

What the Supreme Court is going through is a process of "judicial hygiene," said Young.

And that's where the hairball analogy came in.

"These are the areas where the fabric of the law has become gnarled, the fabric itself frayed, and our job is to go in and

say, 'no, this is the pattern,' so that you can understand what the next step in that pattern will be."

Young's conservative view of the role of the judiciary interpreting what the law says, not what it should be — was the big issue in the race for the Supreme Court in the 2000 elections. He contends Michigan is unique among states in having decided directly with it. He gives credit to Gov. John Engler — one of the few governors, according to Young, who really understands the issue — as having brought it to the fore through his appointments to the bench.

Of course, Young also feels the outcome of the election vindicated his traditionalist views. Voters here, having had a chance to decide between the two schools of judicial thought, chose to keep the traditionalists. I'm not convinced. Once voters get a chance to view the traditionalists in action, I think, they may have a different reaction.

It's fine to argue, as Young does, that the law is just what it says it is in writing when we are talking about legislation that applies to the general public.

Provisions that limit government, such as those in the constitution, I think should get a broader view.

We've all dealt with the used car salesman who can come up with a contract that appears to say one thing, and then treats it in a completely different way once the signatures have been placed on the dotted line.

In fact, the law recognizes that contracts can be "deceptively written." Contracts written in that way are prohibited under Michigan law.

But the "constitutional traditionalist" philosophy, in my view, lets the used car

salesman get away with his fraud.

We saw it in the Supreme Court's most recent decision last year, its ruling on the new concealed weapons statute. We all thought we had a right to referendum, the ability to petition to overturn laws passed by the Legislature. But lawmakers found a loophole in the statute.

The "traditionalist" majority on the court interpreted the word "people" of the constitution literally, and thus found that it was irrelevant that a "legislative subterfuge" was being used to bypass the referendum. The constitution doesn't stop the legislature from capriciously exercising its power of appropriation," they said.

Scary stuff from a court whose job is to be the final say on a document like the constitution, written in large part to place controls and limits on what government can and cannot do.

Young has to run again this fall. He'll be on the ballot along with Justice Elizabeth Weaver seeking reelection.

So the debate over traditionalism versus judicial activism will continue. And it should.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (313) 548-7125 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net.

What's it take to be like Mr. Brown?

After 34 years at Novi Schools, Dave Brown, the only principal to ever sit at the helm of Village Oaks Elementary in Novi, is heading off for new adventures in retirement. I tip my hat to the school principal.



Angelo Parlove

To me, as someone who has probably 30 years of work still ahead — if good health and luck permits — it's a mind-boggling thought of working in one place, at one job, for such a hefty chunk of your life. It seems an impossible task.

I have a hard time sitting in one room for a couple of hours without my mind screaming for new surroundings, let alone show up to the same desk and building for over a quarter century.

It's difficult for me to be around the same people day in and day out, let alone for over 30 years, without blowing personality shortcomings and petty grievances into overblown annoyances. To think of it, this is probably why I can't sit in a roomful of people for more than a couple hours.

My mind tends to wander quickly and ideas come and go at rapid speeds. As soon as I start appreciating something before me, a new idea will kick in with new fondness and my old appreciation is a fleeting memory. I am a newspaper reporter now, that is until a new notion taps me on the shoulder. Working for 34 years at a newspaper seems a funny and ridiculous concept to me.

How would you keep each story from being trite and boring for 30 years? How do you ask people the same who, what where and when for a quarter century?

You — your sources, co-workers, the staff at the restaurant that sells the best tuna sandwich in town — for who they are? How do you go to work for 34 years and not bang your head on your computer screen each morning in a mad frenzy?

I think I know the answer. You need the personality of a veteran school principal — patience, compassion and dedication. Good luck on the tennis courts, Mr. Brown.

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Varsity top Lincoln-Mercury dealer five years running

Lawnmower honors local family-owned business.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis has presented a special legislative tribute to Varsity Lincoln-Mercury for being named the No. 1 Lincoln-Mercury sales leader in the world for the fifth straight year.

Cassis personally presented the tribute to the dealership owned by Lou and Mike Stanford at a special celebration last week at the dealership.

Lou and Mike Stanford, along with their dedicated team of employees, have proven once again that they are true champions in the business playing field," said Cassis, R-No. 1. "It was a pleasure presenting the tribute for their efforts. I wish their varied team continued success in the years to come."

Lou and Mike Stanford launched their dealership from vacant land in 1994 on the corner of Grand River and

Wixom Road. The dealership has grown to encompass 14 acres on both sides of Grand River. Four of the top 10 Lincoln-Mercury sales consultants in the world work at Varsity.

"Varsity's accomplishments benefit their efforts," Cassis said. "Their success is helping fuel job growth for the Novi-Wixom communities. Auto dealerships are part of Michigan's economic recovery, and Varsity is leading the way."

Bank One names Turnquist state real estate manager

Bank One has named Novi resident Michael A. Turnquist as vice president and senior asset manager for the bank's real estate holdings in Michigan.

Turnquist is responsible for real estate management and operations of more than 300 Bank One facilities in Michigan. He previously was a regional operations manager for Jones Lang LaSalle, a real estate man-

agement firm. While employed by Jones Lang LaSalle for the past two years, Turnquist managed the environmental and life safety program for Bank One.

Turnquist joined Bank One predecessor NBD Bank in 1995 and has worked for Bank One as an employee or contractor for six years. His office is at Bank One's Michigan Main Office, 611 Woodward, in Detroit.

A certified hazardous materials manager, Turnquist earned a bachelor of science degree in physical and environmental science from Western Michigan University.

Bank One Corporation, headquartered in Chicago, is the nation's sixth largest bank holding company, with assets of more than \$270 billion.

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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Thursday, April 25, 2002

Oh my gosh! This shop will amaze and entertain you

RIDE LIKE THE WIND

Wind River Gallery is located in downtown Milford at 400 North Main Street, call (248) 684-6044.

By Annette Jaworski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You might say Nancy and Tim Smith's Wind River Gallery is an art store and more. Between the walls of their Milford shop, you'll not only find a wide range and taste in pieces of art, but numerous unique home decor and collectible items that aren't so traditional. For instance, who can resist the 3-foot plus furry gorilla that greets customers as they walk in?

It's part of Tim Smith's philosophy that there should be a certain amount of entertaining quality to your shop. It's what keeps many of their faithful customers coming back, time and again.

"When people walk into the store, I want them to be able to say, 'Oh my gosh, I can't believe it,'" said Tim Smith.

Expect the unexpected and the traditional in their merchandise, including art.

As Nancy Smith put it, "We hope to stay a step ahead - to be ready for the changes."

Look for talent such as Royo, an artist whose specialty is women and Leonard Wren, who paints European street scenes.

Twelve years ago, their shop originated by featuring many wildlife art pieces, and they continue to offer these. However, they've grown and expanded their art collection to explore different styles, said Tim Smith.

You will still find many signs of their rustic roots with Lodge look accessories. You'll find a range of Big Sky Carvers pieces including bear and moose picture frames, dishes, rugs and lamps. There are several shelves full of Michigan products as well.

To complement their attractive

pieces of art is another important

side of the business - framing. It's

something that's expanded considerably, especially in the past

five years, Tim Smith noted.

"We're constantly adding frame

choices, they're constantly being

updated," he said. Right now they

offer about 2,000 different choices

of moldings. With today's new

styles, many customers are choosing

to update a favorite piece of art

as well.

With years of experience, the

Wind River staff helps customers



Nancy and Tim Smith, along with their store's pet stuffed moose, operate the Wind River Gallery in Milford. Tim Smith hopes the store will surprise and entertain his clients.

Photo by HAL GOULD

In sales, you'll chat with Nancy Hinemann and Ginnie McDowell. Behind the scenes as bookkeeper is Lynn Glover.

In addition to art and the exceptional framing services, there's a large selection of collectibles.

There's exotic jewelry from fos-

silized ivory, made by Len

Puzewicz who was originally from

Oscoda. You'll find Harmony

Kingdom collectibles; these are

charming pieces, small enough

to hold in your hand, with amazing

details. Each of them opens up to

reveal a small prize inside. Some

are jungle animals - zebras, rhin-

os and elephants. There's also a

line of domestic animals and peo-

ple in Harmony Kingdom. Another

unique line of collectibles you'll

find are Dorian Fairies that are

delicate carvings of these dainty

creatures.

Wind River is a fine example of

the hometown service and

ambiance, where people feel free

to come and browse. And for many

out of town customers as well, a

trip to Milford is not complete

until they stop by and see what's

new at the gallery.

"We know most of our cus-

tomers. We know them by face and

smile," Nancy pointed out.

Tim Smith agreed, "You get to

know their family, you get to know

what's going on in their lives. It's a

small town atmosphere."

Periodically, Wind River Gallery

also features an in-store artist,

such as photographers Carl Sams

and Bruce Montague for the pub-

lic to enjoy as well. Right now

they're hoping to schedule an

artist during the Milford Memories

festival.

Just a reminder, of course

they'll be open during the Milford

'02 downtown improvements.

"Our back door is always open,

said Tim Smith.

They welcome you to drop by to

see what's new - or just to say hi

to the gorilla!

Learn to stop identity thieves in their tracks

By Tim Kisman

SEAM DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

The most valuable asset any business owner has is an identity, and unless you're extra cautious, you are in cyberspace is becoming easier to steal and harder than ever to get back.

Keep a tight lid on personal identification like Social Security numbers, computer passwords, bank codes or check and credit card numbers, or you could become the victim of the largest crime wave this side of Chicago-land gangsters.

Think of it this way: If the roaring 1920s was the era of the bank robber, then the 2000s is the era of cyber identity theft.

Instead of brandishing guns and robbing banks, these thieves pick through your garbage and ATM wastebaskets for receipts.

Instead of a getaway car and a blazing escape, modern rob-



Tim Kisman

bers quietly change your credit card address, run up obscene bills and create cell phone accounts. You don't know you're a victim until it's way too late.

In the 1920s, cops caught the bank robbers, returned the money and dished out justice. In 2002, authorities can barely track identity thieves.

No experience necessary

much less catch them. Even if the bad guys slip up, it really doesn't matter because your credit is ruined. It takes years to restore your identity and get back to normal.

Experts say the best way to stop identity theft is to be smart about your personal information. What does that mean? Here are a few ideas:

• More info. Don't give out any kind of personal identity information until you know how it's used, or if it's shared. Ask the solicitor if your information can be confidential.

• Security options. Don't give out your Social Security number unless it's necessary. Pay attention to billing cycles, too. If you don't get your monthly credit card bill, find out where it is. Someone might have it.

If you really want to be careful, shred all receipts and don't put your trash out the curb or dumpster until the day of pickup.

You see, these thieves are vermin and make life miserable for victims. Anyone who picks through trash to ruin the lives of others is no friend to small business.

But like the Roaring 20s, their reign will come to an end. We just have to be extra careful.



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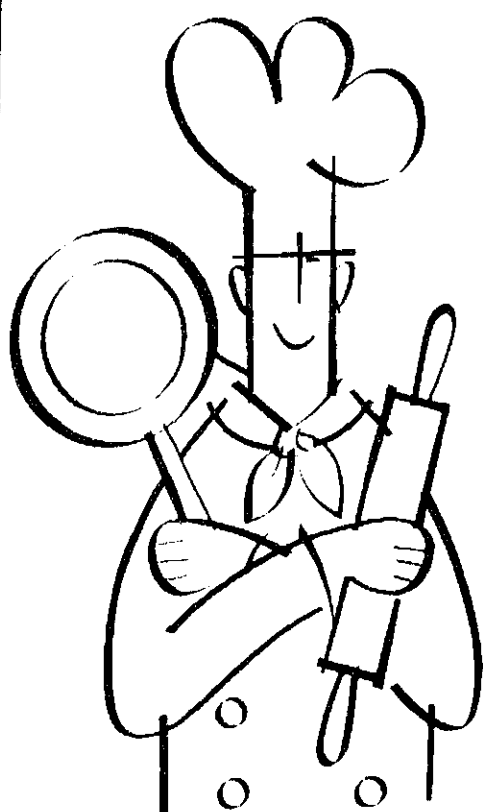
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Moms: Walled Lake's special event gives Day Off on May 11

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blood pressure," McCollum said. "I encourage people to participate in Mother's Day Off. It's a chance to see what's going on in downtown Walled Lake these days."

Mothers will also be able to put their name in for a drawing at the center to win prizes ranging from free lunches, gift baskets, free hair cuts and time with a local designer. Janson is pleased that so many businesses have joined in to make the day special for women.

"I'm tickled at the open-arm response from the community," Janson said. "Every time I turn around someone is donating something else. The beauty of Walled Lake has always been its friendliness."

The event isn't just designed for Walled Lake residents. Janson hopes that residents of any area will participate.

"We invite our community and our neighboring communities to come in and enjoy Walled Lake May 11 for Mother's Day Off," Janson said, "because it's everyone's town."

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Administration: City manager defends Novi's

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needed to award this contract and get the project moving, then that is what the city needs to do.

The questioning began when it became apparent the lowest bidder for the project was rejected.

Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout, the firm receiving second in quality ratings, did not submit its bid in the appropriate format.

"That was the primary reason they were not selected," said Nancy McClain, city engineer.

Some members felt because a bid was submitted improperly, it should not be discounted.

Novi City Councilperson Laura Lorenzo questioned the process and fired questions at McClain, asking her if the firm was notified and given the chance to resubmit.

Questions then turned to the validity of JCK & Associates, Inc. receiving the contract.

Novi City Councilperson Michelle Bononi questioned whether the city had determined if JCK & Associates was responsible for last year's Village Oaks subdivision repaving debacle. If so, she did not want to see the firm receive another city contract.

Bononi then wanted to know if it was fair to disregard bids higher in dollar amount because they had the added expense of a natural field survey of the area. She noted that JCK & Associates has prior surveys to go off of, which allows the firm to come in lower. It was questioned if this was fair.

McClain explained with this contract and future contracts, a

copy of surveys and substantiating documents would have to be submitted to the city.

This is a change the city is now requiring to make the bidding process more equitable.

After McClain was put through a full round of questions regarding management's suggestion to award the contract to JCK & Associates, Helwig stressed to members of the council that he did not want to see McClain leave and add to the turnover articles printed in various papers.

In the end, both sides agreed to table the issue for one week.

The proposed schedule for the design portion of the 2002 Neighborhood Roadway Rehabilitation Program is eight weeks with a construction completion date of mid to late fall.

Approximately \$1.08 million from the 2000 Road Bond Program and \$500,000 from the major street fund will finance the project. The streets receiving improvements include:

- Huntington Road, Yorkshire Drive and Jamestowne Road in the 10 Mile and Taft roads area;
- Galway Drive in the Nine Mile and Taft roads area;
- Marks Phillip Drive, Lorac Lane, Orchard Hill Place Drive and the area connecting Ladene Lane and Sunflower Road in the area of Eight Mile Road by Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads.

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In other City Council action April 15:

FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

City of Novi firefighters were ensured a little more safety after members of the Novi City Council gave their approval to purchase 25 sets of turn-out gear from Apollo Fire Equipment through the Tri-County Purchasing Cooperative. The council approved the \$27,375 expenditure for the firefighter protective clothing awarded to the lowest bidder. The bid was hosted by the City of Rochester Hills which uses the same type of clothing for its fire department.

TRAFFIC SIGNS

Residents of the Turtle Creek Subdivision will be the recipients of permanent traffic control signs. Council voted to replace temporary signs previously placed in the subdivision with the lasting versions. The installation will include a stop sign on southbound Cascade Drive at Singh Boulevard, a yield sign on westbound Meridian Lane at Segal Drive and a yield sign on southbound Heatherbrae Ways S. at Meridian Lane. The temporary yield sign placed on southbound Cascade Drive at Singh Boulevard will be removed.

AND MORE TRAFFIC SIGNS

Nine Mile Road will also receive a new traffic sign after Novi City Council also approved the placement of a new warning between

Beck and Napier roads. This also will prohibit the identified portion of Nine Mile from being used as a through route by commercially rated trucks.

CINCO DE MAYO

On the Border in Novi will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo outdoor-style after members of the Novi City Council voted to approve a two-day outdoor gathering permit. The approval will allow the Haggerty Road restaurant to throw a party in the parking lot on May 4 and 5. The Mexican cafe will offer food, fun and live music under a large tent as part of the event.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Council approved the first reading of a City of Novi Storm Water Management Ordinance. The ordinance was created to prevent water quality degradation, flooding and drainage problems resulting from storm water runoff.

The wording of the ordinance also aims to reduce soil erosion during and after site development, identify requirements for storm water management, provide for long-term maintenance of storm water systems, identify requirements and prohibitions relative to discharge to and use of storm water systems and to protect the health and general welfare of Novi residents.

Roundtable: Experts look at the future of Michigan

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the next.

Peter Eckstein, a former economic professor at the University of Michigan and retired research director at the Michigan State AFL-CIO, took this idea a step further.

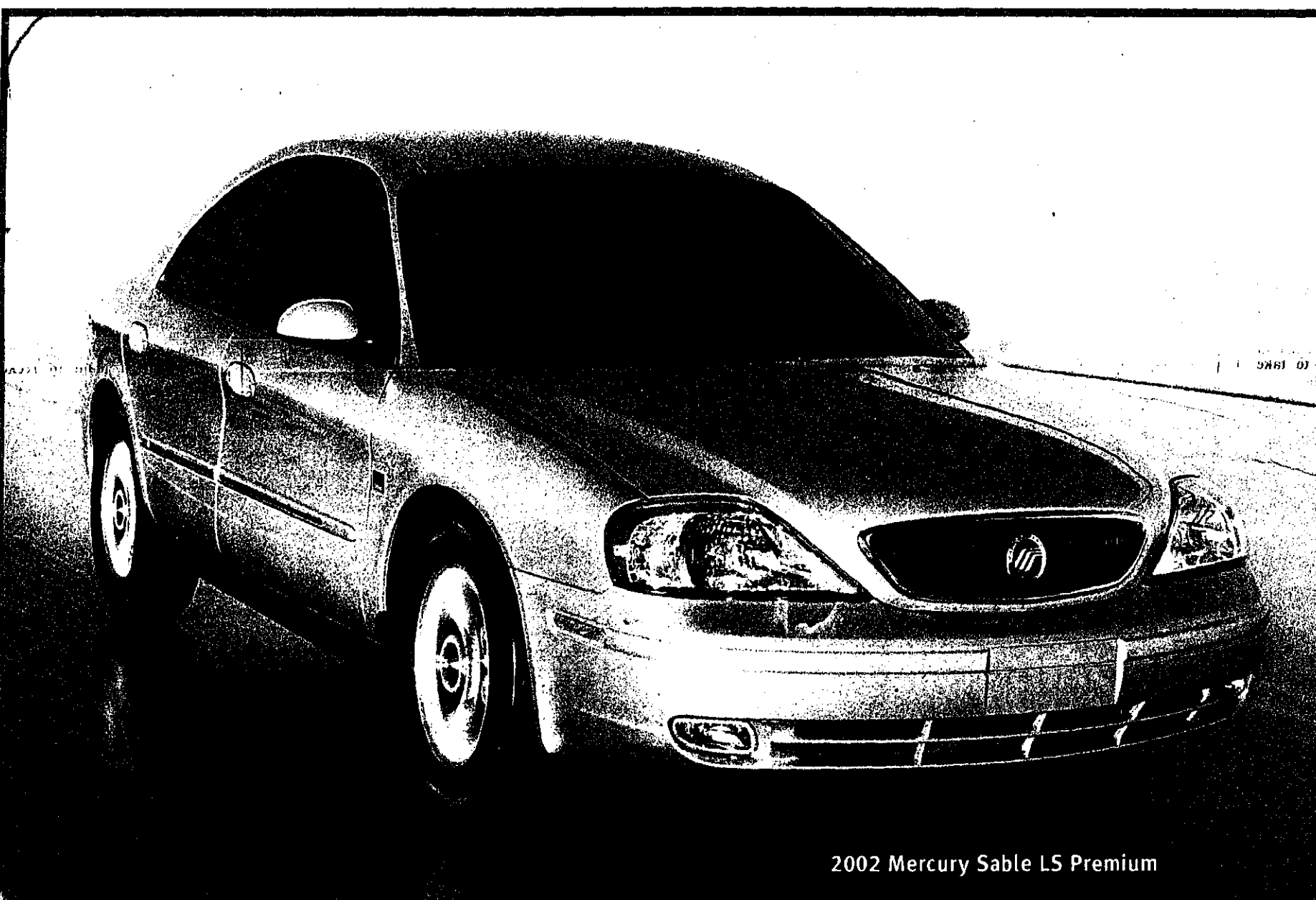
"First-rate ideas come from cutting-edge university research," he said. "We need more ways to get (students) excited about mathematics, software and electronics."

Eckstein said this is important to growing successful industries within the state, such as Dow Chemical Company, Upjohn and Domino's Pizza, instead of trying to attract industries to Michigan.

"Industry doesn't attract, it develops there, grows there," he said.

Other speakers included Brian Whiston of Oakland Schools, as well as the roundtable's keynote speaker, Detroit Free Press business columnist Tom Walsh.

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Tennis edges 'Stangs

Takes second in
quad tournament

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi boys tennis team notched a close win over the Northville Mustangs in a make-up game before taking second in a quad tournament behind Brighton just two days later.

The Wildcats, led by coach Jim Hanson, collected a 6-2 victory over the Northville squad April 19 before coming hard against Brighton, Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem to take second place in the quad tournament just a day later.

"It was very nip and tuck down to the very end," Hanson said of the quad. "It was a four team tournament that took as long as an eight team tournaments. A lot of the matches took three sets."

Through the record looked as though Brighton and Novi dominated the action, Hanson said that Salem and Canton are two tough teams to contend with on the court.

"They have very nice, good teams," he said. "They played very hard and there were no easy matches out there. The coaches put this together so that all of the kids would get three solid matches that were very competitive and that is exactly what they got."

Joe Lynch earned a championship in his flight of number one doubles along with partner Andrew Laskowski while Conor Hogan and Phil Schuyten won all of their matches to take home the top-spot in the fourth doubles flight.

Josh Christopherson and Matt Peurach were runner-ups in two doubles as were Drew Doster and Chris Kovacinski in three doubles. A.J. Sansom in three singles, Suraj Ramachandran, in two singles, and Vishal Rungta, in fourth singles, ended their tournament with 2-1 records.

Novi 6, Northville 2

The Novi Wildcats pulled out all of the stops against the young Northville Mustangs to earn a non-conference victory April 19.

The 'Cats followed the lead of sophomore Ramachandran in second singles as he notched a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory over Adam O'Donnell. Sophomore netter Rungta, in fourth singles, made short work against Nate Mevill with a 6-0, 6-0 spanking for the win.

"Our guys had to work extremely hard for the wins," Hanson said. "Northville is a very young team, though I would say many of them have a lot of experience in tennis. I thought Northville gave us a real tough match."

The first doubles team of Laskowski and Lynch, both juniors, topped the team of Jackson Knoll and John Lee, 6-2, 6-0. The second doubles crew of Peurach and Christopherson, both seniors,

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Knights rugby club made short work of the ruggers from Livonia as they simply plowed their way to victory. Here, a Livonia rucker is wishing he were back in Kansas as the Knights get ready to introduce him to the grass.

Knight boys dominate Livonia

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville Knights Rugby Club kept their season going strong with a huge victory over Livonia last Wednesday. Novi won 29-0, giving the team their second shutout of the year.

The Knights scored five tries by five different players, Matt Haggerty and Matt VanNortwick from Novi and Billy Adkins, Alex Gutierrez, Ryan Stirling and Mike Subu all

had tries in the game.

"Everybody finally played as one," said assistant coach Mark Moebus. "Everybody clicked as a team."

Most of the game took place deep in Livonia's zone with the Knights charging. They were able to break in for a score five hard-fought times. According to the team's coaches, it was a group effort that allowed the team to play so well.

"The coaches were very happy with what the team had done," Moebus said.

Livonia played the Knights tough but could not manage to break down the Northville defense. The Knight's stayed strong all game long and refused to allow Livonia to score. On the day, there were a few minor injuries to both sides as is expected in a rugby match.

This was only the team's second regular season game of the season, and they were very happy with the result.

"We did what we went there to do," Novi player Alex Burch said.

The team has a lot of new players who are playing rugby for their first time. The team has a lot of quality players in that regard also.

"We have a young, inexperienced team with a lot of talent," said Joe Petrous, a player from Novi who scored two tries against Howell the week before. "We're led by some big horses up front like Nick Clark and Mike Subu."

Those big horses have led the

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Knights look to beat tough ruggers

The Northville Knights Rugby Club will have the fun and joy of taking a little trip to Brighton May 1, and I



Sam Eggleston

know that none of us are going to want to miss it.

The Knights have started their season off on the right foot with huge wins over Howell and Livonia, but now they are going to have more than a challenge on their hands when they take on the always-powerful Brighton crew.

It seems to me that Brighton is a deciding factor in most sports teams' seasons as they are usually a driving force in the sports they participate in. It must be something in the water over there that makes those kids so athletic.

Even when facing a team like Brighton, I am not concerned that the Knights are going to be in any immediate danger. These guys have shown on two occasions in non-tournament games that they are a team to reckon with. With guys like Billy Adkins and Alex Gutierrez leading the way for the Knights, I have a feeling that they are going to come out of this one with a win.

I haven't had the opportunity to watch Gutierrez in action, but from what I have heard he is quite the scrum half and quite the scrapper, too. With Adkins, on the other hand, I have been witness to his ability to handle a melon-shaped ball on the field of play more than once during the football season. Adkins in one of those guys who can really hurt you if you let him make a move. He has a cunning ability to slide past defenders and continue on his way for the score.

Other than those two ruggers, players like Seth Corbin, Alex Burch, Nick Clark and Joe Petrous are going to be deciding factors in the contest. Both Burch and Clark are big enough to put the hurt on just about anyone trying to push the ball up field, and Petrous is a dangerous player when he gets the ball in the open field. As for Corbin, the praise he gets from veteran players like Adkins is enough to convince me that he is golden when on the field.

I am looking for the Knights to take the trip to Brighton — with plenty of fans in tow. I hope — and hit the bus for the ride home with a big, fat check in the win column.

Knights 29
Brighton 10

Lacrosse team notches victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi Lacrosse team got another win as they topped Ann Arbor Pioneer in a very exciting 10-7 game. The lead sea-sawed back and forth with Novi eventually taking the upper hand towards the end of the game.

"It was one of those odd games," said Stan Zajdel, Novi coach.

Novi had hoped to take the game early and hold onto the lead but that didn't happen. Pioneer kept close and took the lead a few times, but the Wildcats were able to wear them down.

"They played really good defense," Zajdel said of Pioneer. "They were just working hard."

Although Novi didn't play as well as they would have liked,

they were able to keep Pioneer at bay and eventually take the game.

"We were kind of lucky to hang in there," Zajdel said.

Novi jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead with goals by Drew Doll and Shaun Dicken in the first quarter. Ann Arbor Pioneer rallied back with two goals of their own in a span of about one minute to tie the game at 2-2 to end of the first quarter.

The defense played very well throughout the game. It was led by the defensive efforts of two underclassmen.

"We had a couple guys step up," said Zajdel of George Boueri and Matt Murray. "Those guys did real well for us."

The team also was aided by some help from their midfielders. Zajdel said that Matt Kurnick, a

junior midfielder, really stepped in and did a good job. He also said that Drew Hunt, the team's long stick midfielder, played well for Novi.

After Shaun Dicken scored for Novi to take the lead, Pioneer scored two quick consecutive goals within 10 seconds to go up by one. That didn't last long as Aaron Marion scored another goal before Pioneer scored once more and took the lead 5-4.

After that goal, Marion was charging again to tie the game up but was hit illegally by the Pioneer goalkeeper. Marion dropped the ball but Safford picked it up before the referee blew his whistle and put it in the net. The goal did not count since Novi lost possession before the goal was scored.

"They made the right call," Zajdel said.

That didn't seem to matter as Doll promptly scored another goal while Novi had a one-man advantage. At the half Novi was tied 5-5 with Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Novi jumped two goals ahead again in the third quarter, thanks to Marion's second goal of the day and Dicken's third. However, Pioneer tied the game with two goals of their own until Safford scored what would end up being the game-winner.

Both the defense and the offense stepped up and began playing a lot better in the fourth quarter. The team had hoped to play the way they did in that last period all game long.

"Our guys just weren't up to play," Zajdel said. "We should've played the first three quarters the way we did the fourth."

In the last quarter, Doll scored

his third and final goal of the day and Mike Summerville also had a goal to add to the 10-7 final.

"We were able to get our heads together in the end," Doll said.

Novi was able to wear Pioneer down partially because they have a such a deep bench and were able to get things clicking late.

"I think we were a little bit deeper," Zajdel said.

Novi will play Bloomfield at 7 p.m. today. The team hopes that they can use this game to build on for the rest of the season.

"Hopefully," said Zajdel, "it'll be a wake-up call for the rest of the year."

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GAME
OF THE
WEEK



Knights Rugby Club
vs
Brighton

at Brighton
Wednesday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Not even stairs can stop Peurach

By Sara-Beth O'Connor
SPECIAL WRITER

Novi senior Matt Peurach has been playing varsity sports for all four years of high school. He participated in swimming, golf and is currently on the varsity tennis team, which is undefeated in dual matches.

Peurach plays doubles with Josh Christopherson. The duo has played second in both their tournaments so far.

I used to play singles but switched to play doubles because it added depth to the team," said Peurach. Peurach started playing tennis when he was 10 years old. He has won while playing and has made many friends on the team.

He also made friends while playing varsity golf as a freshman and continued to play all four years. Peurach was a captain in his senior and senior year, and led the team to back-to-back KVC championships.

"Last year I won the KVC tournament and made All-State," said Peurach.

His biggest supporters have been his parents, Robert and Jeanne, and his younger brother James who also plays tennis.

"They always ask how I'm doing, and my dad and brother work with me if I'm having trouble in a sport," said Peurach.

Injuries have never been a problem for Peurach. He has managed to go through four years of high school sports and stay injury-free. Luckily for him, his encounter with a flight of stairs was not harmful to his health, and he was only embarrassed for a couple minutes.

"I fell down the stairs at the high school as a sophomore and I was surrounded by seniors," said Peurach. "Some girl asked me if I was alright, but I just kept my head down."

Peurach is also involved in

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Matt Peurach
Novi senior athlete

National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Driving club, Spanish Club and holds two jobs. He is a member of the Sports Club of Novi and for the Novi Community. During his four years of high school he said he has been very outgoing and doesn't worry about what other people think.

When Peurach is not at school or working, he hangs out with his friends.

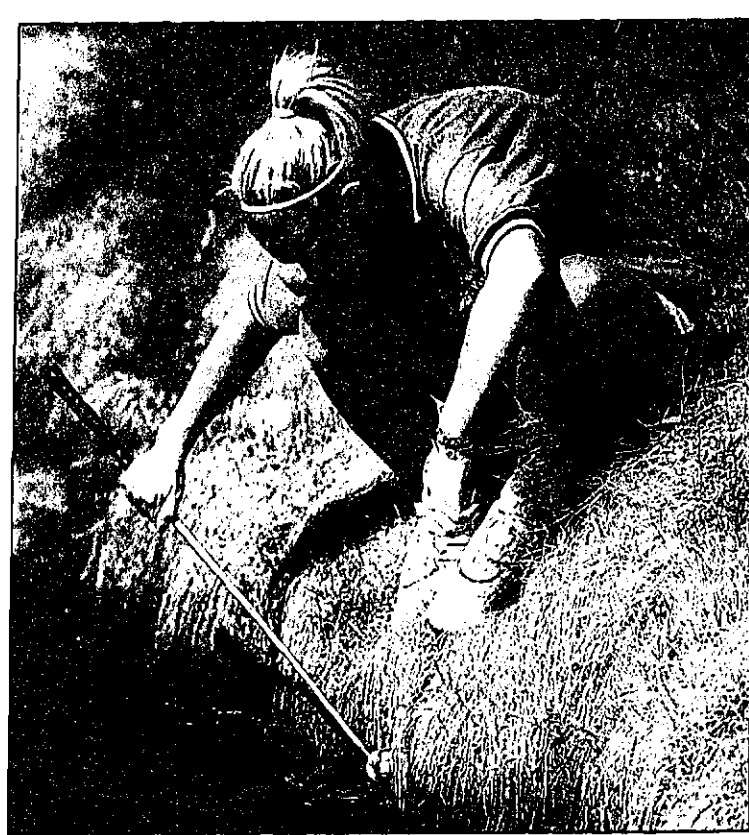
"I'm trying to enjoy the last part of my senior year," said Peurach.

Next year, he will continue with sports. He is trying out for the University of Michigan's golf team.

Besides golfing, Peurach is enjoying in pre-law. He got interested in it because his dad is a lawyer and enjoyed his business law and AP government classes.

At 17, he hopes to learn more about himself and see how I interact with other people," said Peurach.

Sara Beth O'Connor is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News.



Gone fishin'

Photo by John Heider

Novi linkster Sara Goodman fishes her ball out of a water hazard on the first hole at Pebble Creek. Maybe Goodman is just trying out a new ball in anticipation of the upcoming trout season? Or perhaps she just found that golf balls don't swim real well after an errant shot? The latter is more likely of the two.

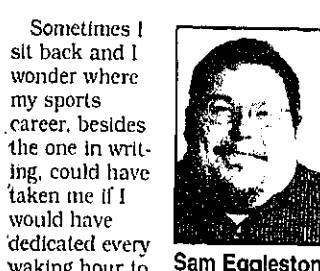
Next Level Athletes

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section is dedicated to the men and women who once played high school athletics here in our communities before taking the next step in the careers and moving on to college and beyond to play the sports they love. It is here we are able to applaud them for a job well done.

Steve Weickel, Senior, University of New Hampshire — A 1998 graduate of Northville High School, Weickel is a captain this year for the University of New Hampshire Men's Track and Field Team. As a four-year varsity letterman, Weickel has competed in track events ranging from 100 meters to 800 meters, as well as sprint and distance medley relay teams. In addition to representing UNH at major collegiate track championships including the Drake Relays and the ICA Eastern track championships, Weickel is serving as President of the Student Athlete Advisory Council at UNH.

Mine is the greatest sports mom



Sam Eggleston

Sometimes I sit back and I wonder where my sports career, besides the one in writing, could have taken me if I would have dedicated every waking hour to becoming quicker, stronger and better at what I did.

Could I have played college football? Maybe. Could I have played semi-pro? I did. Could I have went all the way? No. It is this type of question-and-answer thoughts that run through my head, but there is one question that I know the answer to without ever pondering — Would I have been able to accomplish anything in sports, including writing about it, if it hadn't been for my mom? That answer, quite simply, is no.

My mom, just like many sports moms out there, spent much of her time during my years in high school shuttling me back and forth from practices and games. We lived about a half hour away from my high school, and she never complained once when I had a Saturday practice or something I had to show up to like a fundraiser. Each and every Friday (and Saturday in many instances) when there was a game close to home, she and my dad would make there way to cheer me on to both victories and, in many cases, losses.

Sometimes, when our games

were particularly far away, like a three-and-a-half-hour bus ride one way to Hickford, she wasn't able to make it there to watch me play. But when I pulled into the driveway at 3 or 4 a.m., there was always a note telling me that supper was in the refrigerator.

When I injured my knee in football, my mom and dad followed the ambulance all the way to the emergency room after the game and gave me a ride home. Mom took me to the doctor to get fitted for a brace, and she brought me to the walk-in medical clinic every time I got hurt on a Friday night and our doctors weren't around Saturday morning.

She encouraged me to go to Hampton-Sydney to chase my dream of college football and then supported me when I chose to stay closer to home instead of traveling to Virginia. She didn't say a negative word when I chose to play rugby at Northern Michigan University, and she never complained when I would bring home my muddy clothes and ask her to wash them after a hard-fought match. And of my short-lived semi-pro football career with the Northern Michigan Arctic Blast, my mom was there for me. She didn't tell me it was foolish to do or that I had to make sure to not let it interfere with my work — she just wished me the best of luck.

If it weren't for my mom pushing me to do the things I love, I wouldn't be writing here today — passing on the names and scores of our local teams and cheering

SPORTS MOMS

them on to victory in the pages of this newspaper. If it weren't for my mom I wouldn't have ever experienced the joy of winning, the agony of defeat or the bonds of true friendship on the field of play.

As you read this today, April 25, it is my mom's birthday. She is turning 46 years old and is the sometimes-proud mother of four children. Besides myself, she has a son named Jeff, who is 29, a daughter, Angel, who is 26, and a daughter named Jennifer, who is 16. I am just one of four that she has encouraged and pushed to be the best we can be. Have we? I can't answer for the others, but I do believe that I have stepped up to the challenge very well — but I could never have done it without the support and guidance of my mom.

As a young boy growing up through my teen years and to now, I rarely appreciated what my mom did for me. She forced me to get an education by getting me up for school each morning and shipping me off on the bus. And she made me learn to respect my fellow man, even if I don't want to from time to time. My mom would never let me put down the pen and paper that I wrote fiction with all of these years, even though there have been times that I have wanted to. She has never let me

call it quits but she has always been there when the door closed on me. I appreciate all of this now. I just wished I appreciated it more then.

Where would I be right now if it wasn't for my mom? I couldn't tell you. I can tell you that I probably wouldn't be very happily married to a wonderful wife, nor would I probably have a wonderful daughter, as I do. I look to my mom to be a guiding light in my life and she always has been. I just hope as I grow older and lead my life, that I am able to be a steady rock for her to lean on in troubled times.

I love you, Mom, and happy birthday. I just wanted to say thank you to the greatest sports mom in the world. With Mother's Day right around the corner and spring sports in full swing, it is probably a good time for all of you athletes — and non-athletes, for that matter — to tell your mom how much you love her. Maybe you will have to wait for her to get home, or maybe you have to pick up the phone and call her or maybe, like me, you have to drive eight hours just to see her face and tell her that you love her more than anyone else in the world loves their mother. The three words of "I love you" say more to our mothers that most of us may ever know.

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Novi High School Sports Schedules

Girls Track			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 30	Millford	4 p.m.	H
Golf			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 25	Brighton	3 p.m.	A
April 28	South Lyon BB	11 a.m.	A
April 29	Pre-KVC	9 a.m.	A
April 30	South Lyon	3 p.m.	A
May 2	Harland	3 p.m.	A
Lacrosse			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 25	Bloomfield	7 p.m.	H
April 27	Birmingham	1 p.m.	A
April 27	Grosse Pointe North	7:30 p.m.	A
Baseball			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 26	Pineckey	4 p.m.	H
April 27	W. Central	11 a.m.	A
May 1	Howell	4 p.m.	A
Boys Track			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 30	Millford	4 p.m.	H
Softball			
Date	Opponent	Time	Place
April 26	Pineckey	4 p.m.	H
May 1	Howell	4 p.m.	A
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April 26	Harland	7 p.m.	A
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Soccer earns big wins over Lakeland, AAH

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats girls soccer team notched two huge wins as they blasted Lakeland with a 7-0 Kensington Valley Conference loss after cracking Ann Arbor Huron with an 8-2 non-conference whipping.

"Every player played in each half," said Brian O'Leary, the Novi soccer coach. "We played much better as a team, with our offense being spread out instead of just relying on Nikki (Herman) and Maureen (Pawlak)."

Pawlak and Herman did their fair share of damage to the River Rats. Pawlak scored three goals and added two assists to her statistics while Herman collected a goal and an assist, as did Chelsea Athey and Colene Brodman.

Colene Brodman has been playing very well this year and had a great game for us tonight as I moved her up to offensive center midfield. O'Leary said of the multi-sport athlete, "She came through with a goal and an assist."

Sarah Schmitt had two goals

Haberman leads Wildcats to wins with big bat

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

As of late, the Novi Baseball team has been on a tear and currently stands atop the KVC. The team has been propelled by excellent hitting by Adam Haberman, and Mike Hart and Mike Crawford on defense.

"He's really earned our team," Novi coach Rick Green said of Haberman. "He's been hitting really well in the games in the clean-up spot."

Hart, a sophomore, has been doing very well from the mound. He won two games last week as a reliever.

"He really handles tough situations well," Green said. Crawford has been excellent in the

infield. He and the whole Novi defense have helped a pitching staff that doesn't get a whole lot of strike outs.

"Crawford has just been playing outstanding defense," Green said.

Novi 9, Harland 6

In the second game of a double-header, Novi beat Harland to improve their KVC record to 4-0. Trevor Scott gave the team a solid start from the mound and had three strike-outs on the day.

"Trevor Scott did a great job starting for us," Green said.

Hart came in to relieve Scott and actually was credited with the win. It was his second win of the week. Hart initially had trouble from the mound

and Harland was able to tie the game. Green came out to calm him down and Hart thought he was going to be pulled.

"He was ready to give me the ball," Green said.

According to Green, he told Hart that it was his job to get the team out of the jam they were in. So, Hart pitched the rest of the game and Novi was able to take the victory.

Haberman, as usual, had a big day at the plate. He went two-for-three and had two runs and three RBIs. Jake Ray, Trey Simpson, Crawford, and Evan Rodriguez all went two-for-four on the day.

"Evan Rodriguez has really done some nice things," Green said.

Novi 6, Harland 4

Dan Trehanne pitched the entire first game of the double-header and gave up eight hits and pitched three strike-outs. Crawford played very well on defense to aid Trehanne.

"The game was full of great plays by Mike Crawford," Green said. "A lot of nice double-plays and diving plays." Haberman knocked in four RBIs, including a game winning two-run homer in the seventh. Crawford and Simpson each had two hits.

Novi 11, South Lyon 0

Novi shut-out the South Lyon

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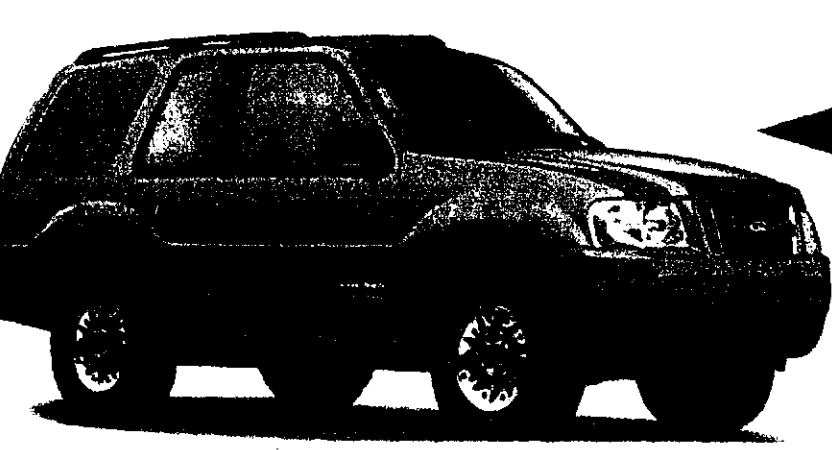
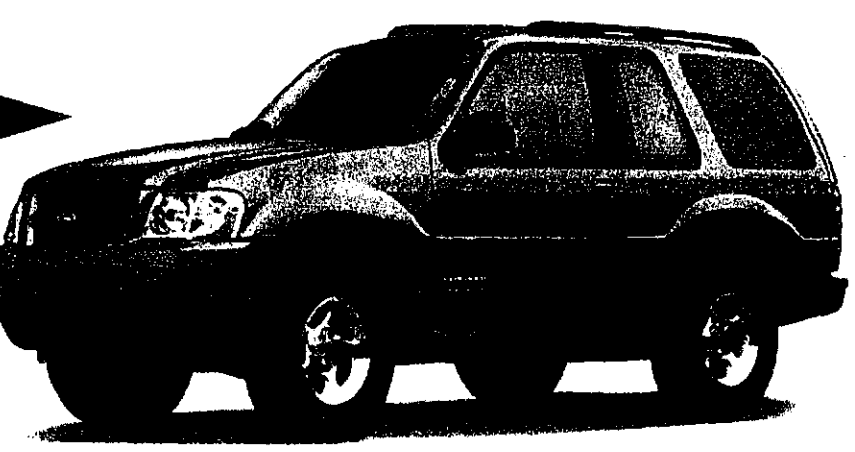
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Northville/Novi Colts registration

The Northville/Novi Colts youth football organization is holding registration for the 2002 season May 4 at 9 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The registration is for openings on the cheerleading and football squads. Due to the large number of returning players, the only football squads accepting registrations are freshmen football (8- and 9-year-olds), maximum of 105 pounds; and the varsity football (11-year-olds with max of 150 pounds; 12- and 13-year-olds, max 150 pounds). The cheerleading teams have freshmen openings (8- and 9-year-olds) and the varsity cheer (12- and 13-year-olds).

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration fee is \$250. For more information, call Cathy Thomas (football registration) at (248) 348-4282 and Rene Ellison (cheerleading) at (248) 344-8977.

Flag football tournament

Total Soccer, in Wilcox, will be holding a five-on-five flag football tournament with the winner of the tourney receiving half of the fees gathered by the registration. The tournament will run May 18-19 with three guaranteed games per team and a team trophy and T-shirts being awarded to the champions. There is a six-team minimum in the tournament and a 14-team maximum. Each team will have an eight-man roster. There must be a jersey or uniform with numbers for each player. Flags and referees will be provided by Total Soccer. The cost of the tournament is \$250 per team with the registration deadline landing on May 12. For more information, contact Total Soccer (248) 669-9817.

Rugby: Livonia maimed

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Knight to two victories so far without letting the opposition score even one try.

Since the team was coming off only one other week of regular season play, there still are other kinds to work out.

"We had a few too many penalties," said Burtch. "Other than that we played well."

The Knights hope that as experience comes, the number of penalties will fall off.

The team is continuing their quest to go after the state championship and has three more regular season games before the post-season starts. They played St. Joseph's yesterday after the Nov.

News and Northville Record went to print. Next Wednesday the team will square off against Brighton.

"Brighton is going to be our toughest game so far," Mebus said.

Ultimately, the team wants to get to the state championship and will have to go through the East Regional on May 11. The top four teams coming out of that regional advance on to state championship competition.

Right now though, the team will have to focus on its upcoming games. After yesterday, the team only has two regular games left. Their success depends largely on how well the team can play as one unit.

"We just need to play as a team,"

Mebus said, "and make sure we're supporting each other."

According to Mebus, if the players don't support each other, both literally and figuratively, on the field, the team will have trouble. The team is playing very well right now and has blown out their first two opponents. Novi hopes to continue their success but remains focused on the post-season.

"I don't want to mix us," Mebus said about the team going undefeated.

The Knights have a tough game ahead of them against Brighton next week. The team wants to stay strong and continue gaining momentum all the way into the post-season.

Soccer: KVC Lakeland shut down

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Novi 7, Lakeland 0. The Novi Wildcats really took it to the Lakeland Eagles as Pawlak and Herman scored two goals each in the contest while Lisa Chevrell, Meg Gargich and Kristi Timar collected a single score apiece.

"Every player played both halves of that game and the playing time was even for all of the players," O'Leary said.

Kerr Timar added two assists in the blow-out victory while Ananda Church earned the shutout in between the posts with her defensive capabilities.

Another player O'Leary believed had a top-notch performance was freshman Chelsea Atiyeh.

"Freshman Chelsea Atiyeh had her best game of the year, playing center midfield," he said.

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"Halerman has just come up with big hit after big hit," Green said. Halerman belted a grand slam for four of his six RBIs. Crawford also had a home run and Zorza and Rodriguez both had two hits and two runs. Zorza also walked twice.

Novi, which plays Pinckney next, knows that they can't look past any game.

"We're just going to take it one KVC game at a time and not look past certain games," Green said. "Anybody can beat you at any time."

Baseball: Sitting pretty in the KVC

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Lions behind the pitching of Brandon Davis last Wednesday. He pitched the entire live-inning game and gave up only three hits while striking out five.

Matt Gorman, Tyler Mohr, Eric Zorza, Rodriguez, Davis, and Halerman all had big days offensively. Each had two hits and, with the exception of Davis and Mohr, each scored twice. Davis had two RBIs and Mohr had one run and one

RBI. Halerman also had a pair of RBIs and Rodriguez added one.

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Tennis: Earns big win over 'Stangs

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topped Tom Gavin and Brian Benette 6-3, 7-6 while Foster and Bocanegra beat out Matt Lewicki and Chris Hume 6-3, 6-4. Hogan and Schuyten had a hard fought match before earning the victory, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 over Graham Appleford and Colin Johnson.

"I was proud of the way the kids came back in a few of the matches there. We held tough at the end and closed them out,"

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Jim Hogan
Tennis Coach

was a good high school tennis match with a lot of spirit. Northville is definitely going to be a team to reckon with in the years to come."

Novi Junior Varsity scores

NOVI JV TENNIS

Overall Record: 4-0

The Novi Junior Varsity boys' tennis team remained undefeated last Friday, beating arch-rival Northville 6-2 at the Northville courts. The boys also beat Walled Lake Central 9-1 on April 16; Hartland 8-1 on April 15; and Saline 6-3 on April 14. The Wildcats were scheduled to play in the Plymouth Invitational last Saturday, but the tournament was postponed because of wet weather.

Against Walled Lake Central, Novi won three of 10 pro-set doubles matches. Charlie Meng and Steve Chang won their match 8-0. James Potrich and Jeff Rode won their match 8-0. Mike Korb and Brandon Slater won their match 8-1. Richie Fehers and Robin Lin won their match 8-1.

NOVI JV LACROSSE

Overall Record: 3-2

The Novi Junior Varsity lacrosse team won two games last week to raise its record above the .500 mark for the first time this season. The Wildcats trounced Ann Arbor Pioneer 9-2 last Saturday and defeated Troy Athens 7-6 in overtime last Tuesday.

Against Pioneer, goalie Ryan Bell sparked the Wildcats' victory. He allowed both Pioneer goals in the first quarter, and then blanked them the rest of the way. Jeff Polivichio led all Wildcat scorers with three assists. Kevin Gre and Joey Domitich scored two goals each. Josh Buck added one goal and one assist. Andrew Summerville, Parker Beard, Sean Costilla and Jordan Bavarskus also scored one goal each.

Against Athens, Jeff Polivichio scored two goals and had one assist. Andrew Summerville scored two goals. Kevin Barry scored two goals. Kevin Gre added one goal and one assist, and Jason Erickson had one assist.

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Walled Lake Sports Schedules

Walled Lake Central

Girls Track and Field

Date: April 25 Opponent: Stevenson
April 27 TBA
May 2 TBA

Softball

Date: April 26 Opponent: N. Farmington
April 29 Farmington
May 1 Northville

Tennis

Date: April 26 Opponent: Northville
April 27 TBA
April 29 John Glenn
May 1 Farmington

Boys Track

Date: April 25 Opponent: Stevenson
April 26 Stevenson

Harrison Relays

April 27 Harrison Relays
April 27 W. Bloomfield Invite
May 2 John Glenn

Golf

Date: April 26 Opponent: Brighton Inv.
April 29 Canton
May 1 Salem

Soccer

Date: April 29 Opponent: Farmington
May 1 Churchill

Baseball

Date: April 26 Opponent: N. Farmington
April 27 Novi (DH)
April 29 Farmington
May 1 Northville

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Western on brink of taking control of season

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Walled Lake Western Girls Soccer team is off to a rough start this year, but feel they are on the brink of exploding and taking control of their season. "They're ready to light everybody on fire," coach Todd Crawford said. The team took tough losses to Kettering last Saturday and Livonia Stevenson the Wednesday prior to bring their record down to 1-4.

The Warriors expected to be able to beat Kettering on Saturday, but ended up losing a very close game, 2-1. The game was tied at 1-1 for a long time, before Stevenson broke it on a penalty kick. "We played down to their level," Crawford said. Kristina Stevenson scored the lone goal for the Warriors in that game. It was a tough game for the team to take.

"We haven't been playing up to our potential," said Crawford. **Walled Lake Western 1, Livonia Stevenson 5** Against Livonia Stevenson, a very strong, state-ranked soccer program, the Warriors kept the game tight and actually led up until the second half. Julia Zilan scored the first goal to allow Western to take the lead. Zilan is one of five-freshmen starters on the team. "She's phenomenal," Crawford said. "She's definitely going to be

a college player." However, Zilan's goal was all the team would score as Stevenson came out in the second half very fired up. "They (came out hard) and our defense broke down about ten minutes into the second half," Crawford said. Stevenson was able to muster five goals in the second half to take a big lead. The Warriors were upset that their defense was so penetrable. "We broke down a little bit and since then we've fixed it,"

Crawford said. According to Crawford, part of the reason the team is having trouble so far is that a lot of the players are still getting their feet wet. With the young players that Western has on the team, they must work the kinks out and learn to work together better. "They're learning a new system of play," Crawford said, "a possession game instead of kickball." According to Crawford, the players are learning how to move the ball up the field while maintaining control and using their

teammates. The Warriors feel as though they've been waiting long enough to begin to play like they can. The team now has a great fire lit under them and can't wait to play like they should. CRAWFORD SAID, "THE PULSE OF THE TEAM IS THAT THEY'RE READY TO GO OUT AND MERCY SOME TEAMS." Brian Doyle is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

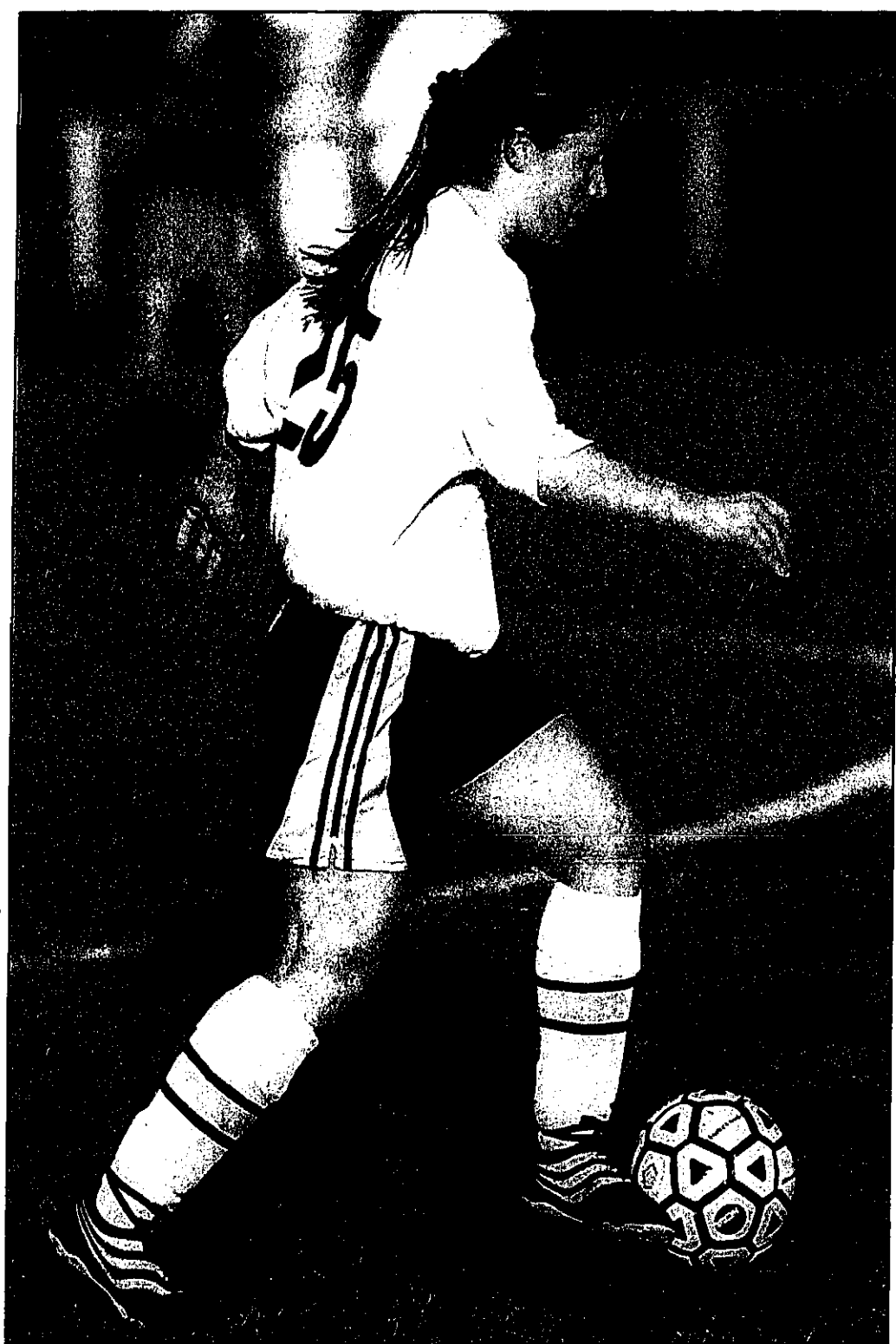


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Viking Captain Corinne Wurmilgner brings the ball upfield during a home game in mid-April.

Central soccer survives rough week

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

The Walled Lake Central Soccer Team made it through a rough week but finished off strong with a victory over Waterford Mott on Saturday. The team lost to Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem, both very strong, state-ranked teams. In a hard-fought game, the Vikings edged out Mott 2-1 April 20. The game was a rematch of last year's district championship. The team was fueled by two goals early on in the game which carried them to the victory. The team went up 2-0 very early, thanks to goals by Jenya Bakhtina and Lauren Baker, but the team lost their focus. "We got a little confident and too relaxed," said Joel Sharpe, Central's head coach. The team let in a goal later in the first half to close their lead down to 2-1. According to Sharpe, that goal actually got the team back into their game. "It helped to settle us down," Sharpe said. The Vikings still kept their charge downfield going, but did not score in the second half. The second half of the game was scoreless and the Vikings held on for the win. "We had a lot of opportunities that we were unable to finish," Sharpe said. After the goal in the first half, the Vikings shut down Waterford Mott. The defense played very strong and did not allow Waterford to come close to scoring. "They didn't have too many

chances in the second half," Sharpe said. A big part of that defensive strength was the play of sweeper, Emille La Rouche, whose play Sharpe said was "outstanding." Walled Lake Central also had tough games earlier in the week against Canton and Salem, both with very strong soccer programs. Last Wednesday, they fell to Canton for only their second loss of the year. The final score ended up being 6-1, but the game was actually closer than that. The game was scoreless all the way up until about two minutes left in the first half. Central was playing sound offense and defense until that point. Then, a slight miscue in the net broke the team's focus. "Our keeper thought the ball was going left of the net and let it go," Sharpe said. At that point, the team was still in the game at 0-1, but mentally the team broke down through the course of the game. "We lost hope in the second half," Sharpe said. The team also ended up losing the game 6-1, with the lone goal coming late in the game from Sarah Scarpace. Though the team took a tough loss, they recognize that their state-ranked opponent did have an advantage on them. "They were definitely a better team," Sharpe said. He's also aware that the team can not determine their destiny in a game until it is played. "We can't really take any team for

granted or put anyone on a pedestal," Sharpe said. That game, along with a loss to Plymouth-Salem, another state-ranked opponent, accounts for the team's only losses on the year. Although they fell 6-1 and 4-1, both games were very close until late in the first half. In the Plymouth-Salem game, Tammy Helmsworth scored a goal early on while the game was still tight. "It was a confidence builder for us," Sharpe said. The team will use their losses against top-notch state opponents to help them the rest of the year. "We just have to learn from each game," Sharpe said. "After they looked back at (the Canton game), they realized they can play at that level." The Vikings also will use the experience gained in those games to help them compete in the future. "The skill level is there," Sharpe said. "Just reading certain situations will get better with experience." Walled Lake Central is very happy with where they stand now with a 4-2 record and hopes to take second in their division behind Salem. The team also realizes that the rest of the season will not be smooth sailing. "There are still some tough games ahead," said Sharpe. Brian Doyle is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Warriors shell Rockets

Softball team takes two big losses in WLAA

By Brian Doyle
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The Warriors softball team was handed two close losses early last week, but came back and beat John Glenn 12-2 April 19. They faced two very talented pitchers and lost in low-scoring games against North Farmington and Livonia Churchill. "We ran into a couple tough pitchers," said Ron Repicky, Western head coach. The Warriors played a solid game last Friday and won, according to Repicky, with a total team effort. Seven different players accounted for the team's 12 runs. The team has also produced on the defensive side of the game. "Defensively, they're all playing well," Repicky said. Although the team had a couple of errors, Repicky said they came from aggressive play which is a positive for him. "We've been able to pull ourselves out of some jams defensively," he said. Nicole Lown led the team from the mound and had five strike-outs and three walks. A lot of the players did very well at the plate in that game. Kristen Burgess went two-for-three and had a triple, a run and an RBI. Burgess has been hitting well all season and is .500 from the plate so far this year. "The bats were really doing

well," Repicky said. Alexis Jolly also stepped up to the plate and knocked in three runs. She has been doing very well on the year, batting .400 as the DH. Danielle Bongero went two-for-four with a single and a double along with a pair of runs and an RBI. Kat Aschinger went one-for-two with a sacrifice and an RBI. Nicole Tucker went two-for-two and scored twice. "Nicole Tucker has been playing great ball," Repicky said. This was also the game that the team used to bounce back from their earlier losses. According to Repicky, the team took everything that happened in the previous games and used it to gain experience for this one. "All the stuff we worked on all week... worked out in that one," said Repicky. **Walled Lake Western 2, Livonia Churchill 4** The Warriors were not nearly as successful from the plate against Churchill last Wednesday. They had to face their ace, Meghan Misiak, who pitched very well and only allowed three hits the whole game. She also struck out 12 batters, which is down from the 19 she struck out last time Walled Lake Western played Livonia Churchill. "She's just a very dominating pitcher," Repicky said. The game was close all the way through. Churchill started off the

scoring with a run in the second, but didn't score again until the fifth inning when a bases-loaded triple drove in the rest of their four runs. "...that hurt," Repicky said. Although Walled Lake Western did do better as the game went on, they were unable to knock in enough runs to get the lead. Burgess had both of the RBIs in the game. Jolly also had a hit. "We had a tough time putting the ball in play," Repicky said. "We were putting the ball in play towards the end of the game." The team also had some problems in the field. "We made two errors and that certainly didn't help anything." **Walled Lake Western 1, North Farmington 2** Two days before the loss to Churchill, the Warriors fell in a close one to North Farmington. The game was scoreless all the way until the eighth inning, but North Farmington ended up pulling away to notch the victory. The team hopes to learn from those games and go on to do well in the rest of their season. "First and foremost," said Repicky, "we have to do well in our league." Brian Doyle is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

WLC tennis starts roughly

Vikings still winless in Western Lakes Activities Association

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Bad weather resulted in the Walled Lake Central boys tennis team having a rough, slow start and they're now picking up the pace. The Vikings had a full week of five games, five days in a row. It has left them with a 2-2-2 record over all and 0-0-2 in their conference. Coach Clay Tinham said the lack of preseason play made the boys rusty, and they need more matches so they can begin to get together as a team. "We're hoping this week things will start to fall together," said Tinham. Walled Lake Central will be playing Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem and Northville

next week. "If we play well, we'll have a couple conference wins under our belts," said Tinham. Tinham is looking for his four and five doubles teams to continue to play strong. This includes co-captain, senior Pat Nevzie and his partner, Eric Conforti, who have been playing well and are pushing the top players to work harder. "They all realize they aren't playing up to their potential," said Tinham. "They are working on tightening up and playing how they know they can play." Motivation for the boys is coming from parents, the JV team and senior captains Dave Brown and Henzie. With a team full of underclassmen, the future is looking good for the Vikings. Coming up in the

ranks is sophomore Chris Price who is playing singles as a returning varsity player. Like Tinham said, there is a difference between a 15-year-old and an 18-year-old playing at the varsity level. Lucky for the Vikings, they won't play their toughest opponent, North Farmington, until their last match. This is the last year that North Farmington will be in Walled Lake's conference. Coming up for the boys is the Dakota Invitational. Last year they placed second by one point and hope to win it this year. Sara-Beth O'Connor is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

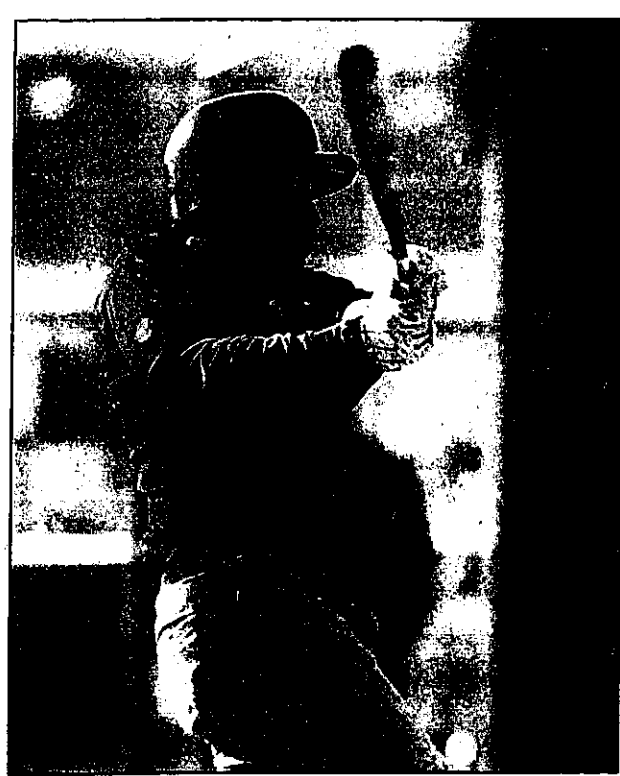


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Warrior Kyle Wade got a base hit on this at-bat against the Vikings during a mid-April game at Walled Lake Central.

A swing and a hit