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"This was the first time in my life I've gotten honored. Novi should be proud. What they did here was good."

Harry Nisser
Vietnam War veteran



Veteran George Terzes, showing the Purple Heart Award he earned, at the Vietnam Veterans "Welcome Home Celebration" held Sunday at the Novi Civic Center.

Welcome Home Novi thanks Vietnam veterans

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

War. What is it good for?
"Absolutely nothing," muttered Harry Niser to the rhetorical statement made by one of the speakers during the City of Novi's Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration held last weekend.

Niser was just one of the close to 150 veterans honored at the Novi Civic Center for his service to the country during the Vietnam War at the Sunday afternoon event.

Decades of built-up frustration and anger came out in tears as the veteran was thanked for what the U.S. Marine said was the first time since he had set foot on American soil.

"This was the first time in my life I've gotten honored," Niser said. "Novi should be proud. What they did here

was good."

Niser said when he returned home from the war, someone in California spat on him and since that day his dedication to the United States has been overlooked.

"It hurts, but I'm glad I came," the soldier said with tears in his eyes.

His sentiments mirrored those of other veterans honored with proclamations signed by Michigan officials including Michigan's Governor John Engler and Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus, State Sen. Bill Bullard Jr. (R-Highland) and State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) at the more than three-hour ceremony.

Many other veterans were in the crowd but chose to remain as spectators.

Also honored at the event were those who could not be there because they have not returned home.

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Schools say, 'Turn that dial down!'

Novi Schools hopes to reduce energy costs by \$75,000 for the next school year

By Angelo Parlove
STAFF WRITER

As part of a budget cutback, Novi Schools is looking to a district-wide "dial down" to reduce energy costs by about 7 percent for the 2002-2003 school year.

Crunched by tighter state funding and a flattening enrollment, Novi Schools is squeezing its budget to cut about \$800,000 from its general operating fund for next school year. The district hopes a

collective conscious effort to reduce gas, electric and water consumption will knock out about a \$75,000 chunk from this looming number.

The bulk of this new conservation plan falls on the shoulders of Jeff Sozzen, Novi Schools building and maintenance director, who mans the district-wide energy management system from his desk at the maintenance building on 11 Mile Road. With a keystone, Sozzen can heat up or cool down the room temperature of each classroom, each office, each library in the district.

"You can't magically stop energy from being consumed without changing some things," Sozzen said.

And that means the building temperature gatekeeper will be tweaking the numbers of the energy management system over the

next year, dialing back the thermostat in the winter and turning it up in the summer.

The new plans include minimizing heating and cooling times during after-school, sporting and special events. Sozzen said the district will now reduce run times from about an hour before an event and up until the exact time it finishes. This means no more special treatment for those who do the event set-up and tear-downs.

"The real savings is in not running," Sozzen said. "We are running big equipment with high amperage. Anything you can tweak out of it will save dollars."

Sozzen also said the days when individual classroom temperatures would be set to each teacher's liking is numbered. Now, frugality trumps accommodation.

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City settles suit with Sandstone

Seven years of litigation finally comes to an end

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

All the signatures are on the dotted line, ending the \$72 million lawsuit looming over the City of Novi for seven years brought on by Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership.

After receiving approval by representatives of the city and Sandstone on June 25, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled and granted the joint motion to have the matter returned to Oakland County Circuit Court where the settlement judgment will be entered.

"The burden and uncertainty that had hung over the city for seven years has been removed," said City of Novi Mayor Richard Clark. "The city can now plan for its future and focus more intently on the positive."

Other Novi decision makers stand behind the agreement, saying it follows "the general development trend along the Twelve Mile Road corridor." According to settlement documents, the city will satisfy the judgment:

- by making agreed upon payments to Sandstone;
- by fully performing all of its non-payment obligations; and
- by the controversial advance of North Novi Park acreage.

In December, members of Friends of Novi Parks - a group created to support the protection, acquisition and development of parks and open spaces within the city of Novi - took the city to court trying to prevent the now-finalized sale of about 87 acres of what members said were the most functional portions of the land located north of 12 Mile and west of Dixon roads.

"It is a real tragedy that the voters were never allowed to vote on the sale of the parkland," said Andrew Mutch, Friends of Novi Parks member. "State law is supposed to give the voters, not the city council, the final say on whether a city will keep park land or sell it."

Mutch also said the settlement is very unfortunate because the types of buildup that will occur the park land puts Novi one step closer to being overwhelmed by development.

"Some people even think we have reached that point when the city council sells out one of the last remaining green spaces in our city to greedy developers, something is seriously wrong," he said.

Members of the city council and other decision makers have maintained all along they needed to "transfer" the land to keep the burden of paying Sandstone out of the wallet of Novi taxpayers.

According to court documents, the land advanced to Sandstone may be used for residential development with the exception of a portion which is stipulated as commercial zoning for a restaurant, day-care, drugstore or hotel.

The judgment does state the property will not be actively developed until on or after one year from the

SUIT BACKGROUND

■ This settlement came about 10 days before the Court of Appeals was to begin hearing oral arguments in the case ruled in favor of Sandstone in July 1999 by Oakland Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard.

■ After a lengthy trial, the Oakland County Circuit Court entered a monetary judgment against the city in 1999.

■ At that time, the city owed Sandstone about \$35 million. Interest compounding annually at 12 percent brought the judgment to the \$72 million amount.

■ Representatives from Sandstone accused the city of sabotaging its Vistas of Novi by blocking access to the development.

date of entry of the consent judgment meaning construction on the site will not begin until next year at the earliest.

In order to make the necessary payments, the city is obligated to pursue claims against its two insurance carriers, the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool and the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, which are currently in dispute.

If the city does not receive \$7.75 million from the insurance carriers to forward to Sandstone, then Novi officials will have to transfer additional land to Sandstone.

If the city does forward the proceeds on or before July 24, Sandstone's right to the additional land will terminate, but according to the agreement, the partnership will receive the city's consent to utilize a portion of the commercial component for one free stand-

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Richard Clark
City of Novi mayor

ing fast-food restaurant. The non-monetary compensation portion of the agreement includes the obligation to remediate portions of the property where arsenic levels are too high for Sandstone's intended uses.

The city will also have to issue general obligation limited tax bonds in "an amount necessary" to defuse the portion of previously issued bonds attributable to attaining the property.

The final major component of the settlement discusses terms of Sandstone's original property, the subject of the lawsuit.

The partnership received the go-ahead to build up to 170,000 square feet of retail space at the 13 Mile and Novi roads location.

Members of the city council adopted a resolution last week authorizing the entry of the consent judgment.

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Conventioners can't get enough of those hot cars and cool tattoos

By Sam Eggleston
STAFF WRITER

It seems that it used to be that military personnel, bikers and prisoners were the only ones sporting tattoos. Eventually, it became the thing rebellious kids did to shock their parents. Now, it's just something that practically everybody does.

For the artists who are responsible for crafting the designs people choose to have inked onto their skin, the popularity of tattoos has boosted their business and forced them to adjust to changing times.

The popularity of tattoos and classic cars met outside of the Wyndham Hotel in Novi June 29-30 at a convention dubbed Skin and Tin.

"It was basically a hot rod, custom car show outside of the Wyndham with a live band," said Mark Madigan, of the tattoo parlor American Graffiti in Brighton. "Inside, there were tattoo artists and different kinds of artists from all over the country. They were tattooing, piercing and selling pin-stripping, artwork and vintage clothes."

Madigan, who is one of the directors of Skin and Tin, said that this type of convention has been going on

in other areas for some time now.

"There is a big one in New York and one in California," he said. "We basically have had them on both coasts, but nothing in the middle of the country. This is really the first one of these in the area."

Madigan said Skin and Tin is much like a business convention. At this type of a business convention, artists are able to share techniques on shading, share flash (the artwork that customers can choose from at parlors), talk about the new and different inks available and of new machines.

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Photo by Tom Hibbeln

Chad Barrett (right) flew in from Las Vegas to be tattooed by Scott Ferguson, of Bulletproof Tattoos. This took place at Novi's Tattoo Convention, held at the Wyndham Hotel on Sunday.



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Police Report

Novi Police Dept.

What's Your Name

On June 26 at about 3:20 a.m., the Novi Police Department received a call to report to JW's Sport Club on Novi Road. Upon arrival, the officers were greeted by the club's manager and were told someone tried to enter the bar earlier that evening with a fake driver's license. The manager told police a person came in at about 11:30 p.m. and presented the door-man with a Michigan license that did not belong to him. He told police he had the man sign his name several times and it never looked like the signature on the license. According to the report, police were also told that the person changed the way he signed the name each time. JW's kept the license and gave it to the police as evidence.

Hard of hearing

The volume of a Friday night party kept neighbors awake and police on the front porch in Novi. On June 21 at about 12:30 a.m., the Novi Police Department received a call from a resident in the 42000 block of Joyce in the area of 13 Mile and Novi roads, reporting a disruptive party. When police arrived at the complainant's house, the man told them his neighbors were drinking, being

loud and throwing objects off their balcony. Officers went to the party house and knocked on the door, but no one answered. According to the report, the officers could hear loud music coming from inside the house. The officers tried several times to get someone to come to the door, including continuing to knock and shining their flashlights into the windows, with no luck. After quite some time, police said a 21-year-old man opened the door and let them in. There were two minors in the house. The owner was issued a ticket for the loud music and was made to clean up the glass which was thrown off the balcony into the street.

Reckless smokers

Two Novi officers were on bicycle patrol when they came upon a couple of young marijuana smokers. The officers were riding in Chateau Estates Park in the area of Le Grand and Carousal on June 21 at about 10 p.m. when they noticed a lighter flame coming from inside a vehicle parked in front of a home in the 29000 block of Carousal. As they approached the vehicle, one of the officers noticed the passenger putting something under his seat. Upon closer investigation, he also saw a clear plastic bag containing marijuana on a flat book resting on the lap of the man in the driver's seat. According to the report, when the 19-year-old Novi male and the

17-year-old Farmington Hills male were asked why they tried to conceal the marijuana they said, "we were just smoking a bowl." A search of the vehicle produced a pipe and about two grams of pot. Both men were arrested for possession of marijuana and narcotic paraphernalia.

Walled Lake P.D.

Stolen Sierra
A 40-year-old Walled Lake man, living in the 1300 block of N. Pontiac Trail, walked out of his residence June 20 to take a ride in his car. However, his 1994 GMC black Sierra was missing from where he parked it the night before. He told police he did not leave his keys in the ignition. He said he last saw his car June 19 at 11:30 p.m. The car was entered into Ilen and the case is closed.

Pot bust

Walled Lake police arrested a 34-year-old Novi man June 18 for possession of marijuana after he was pulled over for a broken headlight. When the officer approached the 1983 Dodge Colt, he noticed smoke pouring out of the driver-side window and it smelled like marijuana smoke. The officer noticed that the man's eyes were bloodshot and

Relay raises \$17,000

This past weekend, the American Cancer Society rallied participants from Novi, Northville, and the surrounding community to participate in the third annual Relay For Life. The event was a tremendous success, raising \$17,000 to aid in the American Cancer Society's on-going programs of research, education, advocacy and service.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life, a team-based fundraising event, is a unique, empowering and fun way to make a difference in the fight against cancer. This past weekend, nearly 250 participants spent a full 24 hours at Novi Middle School walking laps on the track, socializing, picnicking, playing games, dancing, participating in planned activities. Participants raised an amazing \$17,000 by collecting pledges and selling lunarians.

Numerous awards were presented at the Relay For Life to those individuals and teams who went "above and beyond" in their fundraising and community camaraderie efforts. These winners included:
Most money raised by an individual: Kristen Way, \$580.
Most money raised by a team: Team Novi High School Varsity Pom Poms, \$3,800.
At the heart of Relay For Life were the opportunities to pay tribute to those who have battled cancer. During the Cancer Survivors Victory Lap, 15 cancer survivors from the surrounding community walked a celebratory lap around the track together. At sundown, over 1,200 luminarias were lit in honor and in memory of those who have battled cancer.

This year's event in Novi/Northville is supported by numerous community sponsors, including Providence Hospital and Medical Center and The Oakland Press.

For the most up-to-date cancer information and support, contact the ACS at 1.800.ACS.2345 or www.cancer.org.

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Wixom plans to expand DDA boundaries

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

City council members adopted a resolution of intent to expand Wixom's Downtown Development Authority area at the June 25 council meeting.
They also set a date to hear from the public about the expansion at the July 23 council meeting.
"The purpose of the DDA plan is to encourage and improve economic development and to improve the area," said Tony Nowicki, assistant city manager. Wixom created the DDA in 1975

to stop property tax deterioration, promote growth and increase property tax valuation within the DDA district.
The DDA district area is currently 23 acres south of the railroad tracks to build the future downtown. The Village Center will re-create the downtown that was lost in fire in the late 1800s.
Nowicki said the expansion will

benefit residents and business owners, who are in the expanded district.
"Once we are able to do that, we will be able to capture certain tax dollars for the expanded district and return the money to the area by way of improvement projects," Nowicki said. "The capture of tax dollars will allow us to re-invest in the DDA area."
However, residents don't have to worry about paying higher taxes, Nowicki pointed out. The taxes would not increase in the expanded district. Instead, a portion of tax dollars that are

already obtained will be allocated for DDA use.
School taxes will not be captured to fund the expanded DDA use, he said.
The expansion is important to create a thriving future village center area, he said. Wixom residents will be able to walk to downtown shops, instead of driving to surrounding communities to shop.
"We will be able to provide for their needs right here in their own community," Nowicki said. They want to create a sense of community through the village center area."

Residents and business owners are encouraged to voice their opinions on the expansion at the public hearing. However, they can send letters to city officials about the expansion if they can not make it to the meeting.
"They can address it to the city clerk or me," Nowicki said. "We will see that they are listened to."

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New shops, restaurants on the way to Wixom

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Retail shops and restaurants are on the way at the corner of N. Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail in Wixom after two 8,400 sq. ft. buildings are constructed.

The corner was home to Wixom Country Corners mill, which was demolished June 22 along with other dated buildings on the site.
"Marvin Poota, who owns the land with his father, Sam Poota, said he hopes to break ground on the project later this year."

"It's within the zoning of the village center area," Marvin Poota said. "We're working with Comerica Bank, and we're excited to get it going."
The buildings will have a traditional colonial look with a pitched roof, he said. It will have gables and limestone and other attractive features. There will be plenty of trees and landscaping with brick pavement leading the way. A canopy will connect the two buildings.

"We're going to try and make it pedestrian friendly," Poota said and added that their will be benches to sit and relax.
Currently, many Wixom residents have to drive to Milford or Novi to shop. However, they can shop locally when the buildings are filled with new businesses.

Local businesses not connected to the buildings will prosper, he said, because after residents dine at a restaurant or buy from one of the stores they will stop in their businesses.
"We're trying to keep it in Wixom," Poota said of local shopping.

He said he is pleased to bring the project to the city.
"We're going to give Wixom a facelift," Poota said. "Everyone who lives in Wixom sees that corner everyday. We're trying to improve it."
The project is still in the beginning stages, he said. A lot has to be done to the site, before ground breaking can take place.

"We're working out environmental issues," Poota said.
The site is contaminated due to underground fuel pumps, he said.
"When we get through that, we will be underway," Poota said. "We're dealing with that as best as we can." City Manager Michael Dornan is helping the Poota's find state or federal programs to fund money to clean up the site.

Nevertheless, he is happy that the project will be the start of future projects by other developers.
"We're going to start with this and hope it starts a chain reaction," Poota said.

Dornan pointed out that the design will fit in nicely with other buildings in the city.
"We have been working hard with owners to ensure design elements complement and coordinate with each other and the surrounding properties," Dornan said. "Particularly the Kieba building across the street."

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Marvin Poota and family

Promoting a safer summer

Survivor star and authorities serve, promote alcohol-free drinks this holiday

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Local celebrities, including Survivor Australia star Michael Skupin, were encouraging people not to head to the bar this Fourth of July last week at the Boathouse in Walled Lake.
The June 28 Safe Summer Celebration, sponsored by The Prevention Coalition of Southeast Michigan, was to promote the campaign "By Land or by Sea, Drive Alcohol Free."

Local celebrities traded places with Boathouse servers to show people that they can enjoy alcohol-free drinks without getting tipsy by the hard stuff.

Celebrity servers, including Skupin, at the June 27 event included David Gorevay, Oakland County prosecutor; Lt. Tim Atkins, Oakland County Sheriff's Department; George Miller, Oakland County Health Division manager; and Carole Ravechlo, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Skupin, who grew up with Gorevay, was pleased to promote a safe Independence Day at the event. He said he lives on a lake in White Lake and understands the importance of abstaining from alcohol while on the water.
"It's sad that it sometimes takes a tragic event to wake people up about how disastrous drinking alcohol on the water can be, he said.

"I enjoy the opportunity to give



Photo by John Heider

As part of the Oakland County Sheriff Department's "By Land or by Sea, Drive Alcohol Free" program celebrity bartender and CBS Survivor contestant Michael Skupin gives a taste of a drink to his daughter Emily, 4. The alcohol-free drink, as all were at Walled Lake's Boathouse, is called "Skupin's Summer Splash" and featured cranberry, Sprite, and pineapple juice.

back and make a difference," said Skupin, who now makes a living from public speaking. However, when he speaks it has to mean something to him. "It has to be something I believe in and I believe in this cause. It's a cause I will have to start thinking about when my son starts driving in three years."
He talks to children in schools about staying away from drugs and alcohol. He said he is able to

get their attention because they know him from watching Survivor.
Michele Compton, director of the local chapter of MADD, said some people think it's just the holiday's that are the deadliest for people drinking and driving cars or boats. However, the entire summer is often marred by tragedies due to alcohol consumption.
"I don't think people know that the most fatalities happen during the summer months," Compton

said.
People who drink on the water don't notice how much they are consuming because of the heat. And if they drink and don't drive the boat while intoxicated, they get into their car afterward and drive while under the influence, she said.
Gorevay said the campaign to educate people about not drinking while on the water is important.
"It seems every holiday there are deaths and serious disfigurements

due to alcohol consumption," said Gorevay. "Sometimes there are cases where there are multiple deaths that involve alcohol. You don't need a chemical degree to know that a mixture of alcohol and machinery is deadly."
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Local police want a safe Fourth of July

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Police do not see a huge increase of alcohol-related accidents or arrests on the Fourth of July. However, that's not the case for Wolverine Lake Police.
Captain John Woychowski, of the Walled Lake Police, pointed out that marine patrol and police are patrolling Walled Lake's waters as well as its roads to keep the city safe on the Fourth of July.

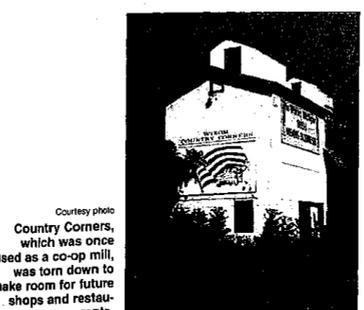
"Everyone is working together to coordinate efforts to curb drunk driving no matter what the vehicle of choice is," Woychowski said.
However, he believes Independence Day is not the day

of the most alcohol-related offenses and accidents.
"The worst drunk driving day, in my opinion, is St. Patrick's Day," Woychowski said.
However, Chief Joe George of the Wolverine Lake Police Department, said he sees a lot of alcohol-related offenses in his village during the Fourth of July holiday.
Village residents purchase Tiki candles and align the waterways on July 3. The next day they participate in an annual boat parade on the lake.
The events are a nice way to celebrate the holiday. However, occasionally people consume more alcohol than they should, he said.

People tend to drink more when they are in a boating environment, he said. Nevertheless, people who get out of hand with consumption will be arrested.
"Don't drink and drive," George said of people driving a boat while consuming alcohol. "It's the same as if you were in a car."
The United States Coast Guard reported that in Michigan in 2000 there were 25 boating accidents involving alcohol, which included 22 injury accidents and seven fatal accidents.
The Coast Guard study further states that alcohol was involved in 31 percent of all boating fatalities in 2000. The study showed that boat operators with a blood alco-

hol concentration of above .10 percent are projected to be 10 times more likely to be killed in a boating mishap than boaters who did not drink.
June and July seem to have the highest number of alcohol-related crashes in Michigan involving watercraft and cars.
Lt. Tim Atkins, of Oakland County's Marine Division, had strong warnings for anyone who consumes alcohol on the Fourth of July or any day.
"Consuming alcohol and operating a motor vehicle will not be tolerated in Oakland County," Atkins said. "Use common sense and have a safe holiday weekend."
David Gorevay, Oakland County

prosecutor, agreed that there will be stiff penalties for people caught drinking while driving a car or operating a watercraft.
Not only will offenders be fined but they will also be arrested and lose their license. There will even be harsher penalties if there is a fatality.
"If you hit and kill somebody, you will spend time in jail — and there are not only consequences socially but criminally," Gorevay said.
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Courtesy photo
Country Corners, which was once used as a co-op mill, was torn down to make room for future shops and restaurants.

Mill demolished for new Village Center project

By Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

What started in Wixom in the late 1800s as a dream for the future, came crashing down to make room for another dream in the city.
Wixom Country Corners mill, located at the corner of N. Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail, was demolished June 22 to create a new construction project, which will kick off the city's Village Center project.
The mill was purchased by Sami and Marvin Poota about four years ago to begin Wixom's future downtown.
However, the mill was originally

developed in 1871 by Willard Wixom and Judson Sibley, who were the sons of Wixom's early settlers.
They shipped a great amount of products by the way of the railroad," said George Woodworth, a Wixom historian.
As their business and the railroad grew in Wixom, the downtown also began to flourish along Pontiac Trail. By the late 1800s they began shipping grain and other products in box cars. However, Sibley and Wixom soon dissolved their business.
Wixom was killed a few years later when the horse he was riding was struck by a train.

The mill changed hands several times until it became a co-op for Wixom farmers in 1916.
A group of farmers and businessmen purchased stock and received dividends," Woodworth said. "There were 30 original stockholders and five leaders."
By 1917 assets were up to \$10,000, he said.
"At that time they decided to go into the elevator business," Woodworth said. They added loading docks and elevator equipment to move products up for storage and processing.
The co-op business increased to \$76,000 in 1930 and then topped \$100,000 in 1935, he said.

However, the business slowed in the 1940s.
"After World War II, farmers realized their land was more valuable on the real estate market," Woodworth said.
The mill fell into private hands and has remained in private hands since, he said. However, a Texaco gas station near the site remained active years later.
Woodworth, who now lives in Milford, said he has memories of the mill as a young boy growing up in Wixom. He once lived in Wixom's former house.
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 TIME: mornings
 DETAILS: Free well-care services for pre-enrolled children to 3 1/2 years who do not have well-care insurance or Medicaid.
 PHONE: (248) 926-3341

Summer Concert Series
 DATE: Mondays
 LOCATION: Walled Lake Villa is located at the intersection of Lark Road and Pentiva Trail. The Gazebo is located at Riley Park on Common Street near the intersection of W. Walled Lake Drive and Pentiva Trail. The Boathouse (for water heaters) is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive.
 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
 DETAILS: Free concerts in Walled Lake:
 July 8 - Hi-Lites - Walled Lake Villa
 July 29 - George MHSap, Melissa, R&B - Gazebo
 August 5 - Dixie Ramblers - Walled Lake Villa
 August 25 - Rambo Rock - The Boathouse (Market Days, 3 to 5 p.m.)

International Association for Exposition Management 8th Annual Golf Outing
 DATE: Wednesday, August 7
 LOCATION: Links of Novi
 TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. registration, 10:00 a.m. shotgun start, four person scramble format, steak dinner and awards reception immediately afterward.
 DETAILS: Whether you are a veteran golfer, or just beginning to learn the game, we invite you to join in the fun! Proceeds to benefit I.A.E.M. and The Dwarf Athletic Association of America.
 PHONE: For additional information, please contact Terry Frying at 248/348-5900 ext. 205.

Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing
 DATE: Thursday, Aug. 15
 LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 10 Mile Road, Novi
 TIME: 9 a.m. check-in, putting contest; 10 a.m. shotgun start
 DETAILS: 15th annual Novi Chamber of Commerce outing, scramble format and rules; lunch at the turn; contest holes, games and prizes; 50/50 raffle; steak dinner and team awards.
 PHONE: (248) 348-5600

Quick Date
 DATE: Tuesday, July 9
 LOCATION: Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi
 TIME: 7:15 p.m.
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Novi company awarded school district's electronics upgrade

By Angelo Parlove
 STAFF WRITER

Increased video services within the district project, with final bids being opened on May 20.

The Novi Schools awarded a contract bid to VSC In Nov to upgrade analog video services at the Novi Middle School and Deerfield Elementary.

The Novi Schools' Board of Education approved the award at its June 20 meeting. The project cost, which includes the installation of analog video electronics, televisions and VCRs, is \$124,385, well under the district's estimated budget of \$161,376 for the project.

The upgrade will provide to Deerfield and Novi Middle School cable and district television services, including video distribution equipment, 79 televisions, VCRs and other related equipment to bring the buildings up to the district standard for analog video services.

The district video system will also be expanded by five additional channels to accommodate

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Find your Fourth fun at Gilbert Willis Park

By Diane Dempsey Deel
 STAFF WRITER

Everyone will have the opportunity for a fun filled Fourth of July as the day is celebrated to the max at Gilbert Willis Park in Whitom.

Linda Hinkley, parks and recreation supervisor, said the Fourth of July Festival, in the park located off of Loon Lake Road, offers something for everyone.

"It's an event that we have been working on a year," Hinkley said. "There's something for everyone."

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. as runners register for a One Mile Pacer/runner Fun Run or a Four Mile Pacer/runner Fun Run. There are four different age divisions for the four mile run.

"You can walk the one mile run," Hinkley said. "There's trophies for the four mile run. Everyone receives a T-shirt."

Whom dogs will also get a chance to get their exercise at the Doggie Dash, where dogs and their owners walk or run for a mile.

"All dogs will get a bandana and a dog treat bag," she said.

Children can find their treasure at 11 a.m. as they dig for pennies.

"There's not a penny to be found after they're done," she said. "It only takes about 10 minutes for each age bracket."

The official opening ceremonies will begin at noon, although there's a lot for residents to do before then. Veterans of Foreign Wars will start off the ceremony with the National Anthem and raising of the flag. Mayor Michael McDonald will give a Fourth of July speech.

Residents can participate in a volleyball tournament either for competition or just for fun. They can also enjoy amusement rides, petting farm, facepainting, cake walk, puppet show, a clown and other fun events throughout the afternoon.

Children can have a good time at the Kids Fun Tent and the Kids Games area, where the McDonald will coordinate Greco stacking contests, bubble gum chewing contests, watermelon eating contests and water sponge games.

"He's been doing it for years," she said. "He enjoys it and he gets kids excited."

Teenagers can participate at the Teen Zone from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. by playing Football, an obstacle course, just air hockey or get their fortunes read.

Senior citizens are not left out from having a good time as well. They can play Senior Bingo from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The evening hours are filled with kids inflatable Stations, a climbing wall a teen challenge mobile and with music as the rock-n-roll band Mass Transit begins to play.

The day is topped off when fireworks hit the evening sky at dusk.

"We would like everyone to come out and have a great time," she said. "You can bring a picnic basket and come and cookout. We will exercise caution to make it a family friendly event."

Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or dddee@nl.homecomm.net.



Brandon Todd, 5, hauls his sister Brianna Meisner, 11 months, around the water of Walled Lake's Mercer Beach last Thursday afternoon.

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Skin and Tin draws 'em in

continued from front

"We share a lot of our faith," he said. "It gives more things for people to choose from when they come into the shop."

It also helps keep everyone updated on the new and improved health codes and policies.

"It's a field that is changing a lot now a days," Madigan said. "It is becoming more popular and very mainstream."

Madigan noted that when his business first started, it employed two full-time artists — now they have five that work full-time and year-round.

"I tattoo accountants, school teachers, policemen," he said. "It is so popular now and you really wouldn't know it by looking at many people. Start talking about it at parties though and everyone is like 'Oh yeah, I have one.' Even very conservative people are getting tattoos."

Also at Skin and Tin was plenty of body piercing. "We did a fair amount of on-site piercing there," Madigan said. "That type of event draws a lot of people with exotic piercing. That's not really my area, but it kind of goes with the tattooing group."

But there wasn't too many strange things to be seen at Skin and Tin as many may expect — or at least not strange to Madigan's eyes.

"To be totally honest, none of it seems too strange anymore," he said. "At this particular event, they wasn't a lot of weird stuff."

Madigan partially contributes that to the fact that there was also a large crowd that was there specifically for the custom cars — but that also led to some beautiful tattoos.

"One of the best tattoos there was a guy with a 50 (Mercury) done on his forearm with a skeleton driving it," Madigan said. "I believe they worked on him for something like six or seven hours."

Madigan said he and the other directors of the Skin and Tin are planning on making it into an annual event.

"That is what we are going for," he said. "The whole goal of the event was to show everyone a good time. The general public has a lot of weird perceptions and many thought that this event was going to have a wilder and more insane crowd. It was a good time for everyone who attended — at least that's what I've been told so far."

Madigan noted that Skin and Tin was appreciative of their host city.

"We really appreciated the City of Novi for letting us hold it there," he said. "We were received well. We are going to do it again next year."

Madigan thinks the event will be back next year, probably in June.

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Register to vote

Monday, July 8 is the last day to register to vote in the Aug. 6 election. Voters may register at any Secretary of State office, in person at the Novi City Clerk's Department or at any city village or township clerk's office. Mail-in forms are also available at the clerk's department or on the City of Novi's Web site.

Michigan law requires that the same address be used for voter registration and driver license purposes. For more information, call (248) 347-0150.

Novi Theatres

The Novi Theatres is proud to present "Cherella," or if the Show Bits, written by Linda Wickert, director of the Novi Theatres. Those expecting the usual Cherella story won't be disappointed in this original adaptation of the popular tale.

It is in the search of the woman who fits the glass slipper that the story takes a turn. As the prince knocks on each door throughout the city, a familiar character answers, revealing a different fairy tale. Be Hope Goldblums, Miss Muffet, Sleeping Beauty and Snow White are some of the familiar faces adding a new twist to the tale.

All involved promise the production will be a delight for all ages. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department inside City Hall. Advance purchases are \$8 or \$10 at the door. Performances will be on the Novi Civic Center stage at 7:30 p.m. July 12 through 13 and 3 p.m. July 14. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Coit outing

The Novi Lions Club is hosting an eighth annual golf outing and silent auction July 11 at the

Links of Novi located at 50395 10 Mile Road. The special fund-raising day begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start and continues on with contests and prizes including a new car for the winner of the hole-in-one competition. The \$110 per person admission includes 18 holes of championship golf with a cart, continental breakfast, driving range before breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course and a steak dinner at the Links of Novi clubhouse. All proceeds from the outing will benefit the "Pawtucket" Center for Blind Children in Taylor. For more information, call Jerry Connor at (248) 348-0531 or Pete Hoadley at (248) 960-9042.

Parks and rec meeting

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is holding a public input meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 at the Novi Civic Center. The purpose of the meeting is to hear input from Novi residents which members of the department will keep in mind as they initiate a five-year master plan. City officials said the plan is being created to better meet the community's needs. For more information, call (248) 347-0100.

Novi watering notice

With the hot weather, city officials want to remind all residents of Novi's Alternate Day Lawn Watering program. The program allows the watering of lawns and landscaping on even-numbered days for properties with an even-numbered address and on odd-numbered days for properties with an odd-numbered street address. To determine if an address is even or odd, number refer to the last number in the street address. The Alternate Day Lawn Watering program was developed to conserve the city's water pressure to meet the domestic and fire flow requirements of all its customers.

Summer tax bills

Summer property tax bills were mailed out to all City of Novi property owners last month. Payments are due without penalty on or before Aug. 31.

How does your garden grow?

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Something as simple and beautiful as a butterfly garden brought together two generations of volunteers in Novi last week.

Walled Lake students from Nancy Turner's fourth grade Meadowbrook Elementary School class joined together with future residents of Fox Run Village, digging and planting a garden on the grounds of the school located in Novi.

The idea for the project came about when Turner's students became concerned when the nearby land started to be cleared, making way for the retirement center scheduled to open in the Spring of 2003.

"The students were upset about the excavation that was occurring," Turner said. "The teacher said they were especially concerned about where the wildlife would go."

"I impressed upon the students that it was our job to address their concerns by coming up with an idea to support the environment," she said. "Eventually, we all agreed upon planting a garden at our school that would be made up of plants and flowers that attract butterflies."

Turner said as the two talked, Moschetti told her when the center opens in the spring, the residents planned on planting a wildflower garden. She said she then told him her students wanted to plant a butterfly garden.

It was then Moschetti said Fox Run would help create the foundation for the garden by having a large amount of soil from Fox Run's property delivered to the school from Glencoop of Sterling Heights - the development's excavating contractor.

With great appreciation, Turner invited the future residents of the community to come and help plant the garden.

"It was just a great day," said Barbara Birmingham, a future Fox Run Village resident. "I am a retired teacher, and this was so much fun that I'm thinking about volunteering at the school once my husband, Roy, and I move into Fox Run Village."

Birmingham said it is so great the students' concerns led to such a wonderful project.

In the spring, the students plan to take a field trip to the retirement community to help plant its wildflower garden.

"It's fun learning about gardening from someone who has done it for so many years," said Michael Siebing, Meadowbrook Elementary fourth-grade student.

"They were so nice to us. I can't wait to help residents plant their garden next year."



Future Fox Run Village resident, Roy Birmingham, helps Meadowbrook Elementary School student Shelby Rothenberg plant the students' Novi butterfly garden.

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Welcome: Novi honors Vietnam vets

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The names of 60 men from Michigan who remain missing and unaccounted for in southeast Asia were read followed by the toll of a bell.

Veterans and family members of the silent men came forth holding signs marked with their loved one's names.

Mary Eddy, president of the POW/MIA Committee of Michigan, spoke of the missing on stage near the missing man table.

The table was one of the focal points and speaking of its importance was Debbie McClain a representative from the committee.

The day of remembrance began with patriotic music selections performed by the Novi Concert Band.

Director Jack Kopnick led members through the band's musical tribute as a lighted mural of the American flag hung over the nearby main stage.

The crowd stood at attention as members of the Royal Canadian Legion Color Guard Maple Leaf Post 84 and Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 525 presented the United States and Canadian flags followed by the anthems of both countries.

City of Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark remained all of the many men

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who crossed the border, coming into the United States to serve with honor and distinction in our Vietnam forces.

Pastor Calvin Ratz from Brightonor Christian Church presented the invocation leading to remarks and sincere thanks from many Michigan officials, including Clark, Cassis, Posthumus and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing).

"Let me begin by saying welcome home," Clark said on behalf of the city. "It is long, long overdue."

Clark spoke of what Vietnam veterans did for us today saying, "for each of them suffered, bled and in some instances died in the cause of freedom."

"Each of you were true to your country," Clark said.

Clark issued the long-time-coming apology, letting all veterans know they did not fail us, but instead we failed them.

"Thank you, for the sacrifices you made were not in vain," the mayor said. "God Bless each of you and every one of you."

Posthumus gave thanks on behalf of the state saying, "You have helped make this life and this country possible. We promise you your sacrifice and the sacrifice of your friends will never, never be forgotten."

Niser's favorite portion of the program, along with many others, was an original production directed by Linda Wickert, director of the Novi Theatres, entitled "Vietnam Voices."

Derek Smith, Julie Landry, Frank Rosamond, Scott Schwarzsosc, George Giese, Joey Kliek, Dick Wheeler, Ben Landry, Ben Roney and Matt Topper poignantly read letters written by soldiers in the Vietnam War to their loved ones back at home.

The oral presentations were followed by the name and fate of the soldiers, which was not always to live, narrated by Carrie Wickert.

One letter introduced the terms many of the veterans experienced including the countless, unmarked battlefields and the over, unmarked enemies.

"They put me over there and had me do something I didn't want to do," Niser said. "I had never even killed an animal before."

Mary P. Bailey Ph.D., a nurse in the war, spoke her reflections before the veterans emotionally received their official proclamations as family members and friends emotionally watched the meaningful exchange.

Russ Imman, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Oakland County Chapter 133, presided over a big ceremony at the conclusion of the recognitions followed by a benediction by Ratz and closing remarks by the mayor.

The event coincided with the song " Proud to be an American," sung by Julie Landry and Frank Rosamond, and "God Bless America," sung by all.

Attendees enjoyed a catered reception in the atrium afterward.

intending and browsing the many Vietnam War displays donated for the occasion by veterans and members of their families.

Actual footage from the Vietnam era was played in the council chambers and interactive computer stations were available to look and learn more about the war.

The event was made possible by many volunteers, the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Committee and generous donations made by Border Cantina, Jonathan Brateman Properties, Nancy & Victor Cassis, Richard & Diane Clark, Faber Agency-Allstate Insurance, Marly Feldman Chevrolet, Novi Hilton, JCK & Associates, Kectors Novi Tasting, Leon's Family Dining, Local Color, Brevrey, Maria's Italian Bakery, McDonald's located at 10 Mile Road, and Grand River Avenue, Michigan, CAT, Novi Concert Band, Novi Expo Center, O'Brien Chapel Ted C., Sullivan Funeral Homes, Providence Hospital, Rainbow Signs and Wyndham Garden Hotels.

This is the third veteran-recognition ceremony hosted by the City of Novi.

In 2000, World War II veterans were recognized, and last year veterans from the Korean War were saluted.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at vsadlocha@nl.honocom.net.

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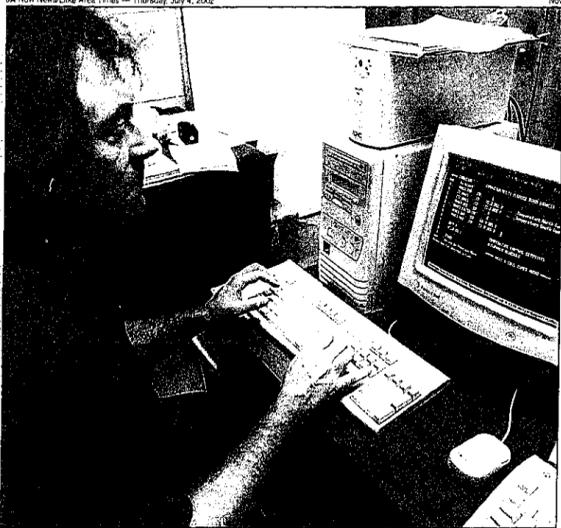


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With this computer in his office in the Novi School District Maintenance/Operations building Jeff Solzen can control the cooling and heating of every room in every school in Novi.

Schools say, 'Turn that dial down!'

continued from front

"There will be more standardization. I can't give everyone everything they want and still save money," Solzen said. "It will take sacrificing on an individual basis to accomplish this goal."

"Let's not waste energy. Let's not wait for the custodian to turn the light off when you leave the room," Solzen said.

play the stern father next year, hopping from building to building to make sure the new rules are enforced. Instead, he hopes to bring awareness to the need and instill a new district attitude towards energy conservation.

"People need to buy into these concepts to conserve energy," he said. "We need to take steps now to heighten the awareness that we all need to participate in this to be successful. Our leadership needs to start the process and make it a priority for us."

"Still in its early phases, only time will tell how the district will respond to such budget cutback plans.

Angelo Parlow is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at aparlowe@h.com.com.net.

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Jeff Solzen
Novi Schools building and maintenance director

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 02-027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that B & B Concrete Placement, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of one construction trailer and one container unit at 41000 Thirteen Mile Road (Fox Hill Village) from July 10, 2002 until July 10, 2003.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on July 10, 2002 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to July 10, 2002.

SARAH MARCHIONI
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
(248) 347-0415

(7-4-02 NN 1117333)

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2002

To the qualified electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 8, 2002 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2002. If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your present address you may do so at the following locations:

- At the City Clerk's Office or at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for citizens receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By obtaining and completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official listed below by the close of registration deadline, July 8, 2002. A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote the first time in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Novi or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped. Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting: Marianne Cornelius, City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 (248) 347-0415

Effective April 1, 2000, Public Act 18 of 1999 amended the Michigan Vehicle Code to correspond a person's voter registration address with the person's driver's license address. An address change submitted by an individual to update his or her driver license record will automatically carry over to the individual's voter registration record.

(6-27 & 7-4-02 NR/NN 1115543)

CHANGES ARE MADE IN DETERMINATIONS OF THE CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BASE (1% ANNUAL CHANGE) FLOOD ELEVATIONS (BFES) UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)

On May 3, 1993, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) defined Special Flood Hazard Areas in the City of Novi, Michigan through issuance of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Federal Insurance Administration/Mitigation Administrator has determined that modification of the elevations of the flood having a one-percent chance of occurrence in any given year (base flood) for certain locations in the City of Novi, is appropriate. The modified BFES amend the FEMA FIRM for the community.

The modification to the effective FIRM reflects a bridge, a culvert, channelization and excavation as well as updated hydrologic and hydraulic analysis and new topographic data. As a result, there are changes to the flood hazard information shown on the FIRM for City of Novi.

The revised BFES are as follows:

Location	Base Flood Elevations (NGVD) Effective	Revised
Minion/Don Drain	'949	'960
At Meador Road	'949	'960
Just upstream of Ten Mile Road	'956	'960
Tributary C	'946	'954
At the confluence with Novi-Lyon Drain	'953	'946
Just downstream of Wixom Road	'955	'954

*Elevation in feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum

The changes are made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (PL 93-234), and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, (Title XII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, PL 90-448) 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65.

Under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973, the Federal Insurance Administration/Mitigation Administrator, must develop criteria for floodplain management. In order for the community to participate in the NFIP, the community will be using the new BFES to administer the floodplain management measures of the NFIP. These modified BFES will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents.

Upon the second publication of notices of these changes in this paper, any person has 90 days in which he can request through the Chief Executive Officer of the community that the Federal Insurance Administration/Mitigation Administrator reconsider the determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or new scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that until the 90-day period expires, the Federal Insurance Administration/Mitigation Administrator's determination to modify the BFES may be changed.

Any person having knowledge or wishing to comment on these changes should immediately notify: The Honorable Richard Clark, Mayor of the City of Novi, Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375-2024 (7-411-02 NN 116615)

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 02-026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Motor City Electric Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of one construction trailer and one storage trailer at 39005 W. 14 Mile Road (Haggerty Pumping Station) from July 10, 2002 until July 10, 2003.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on July 10, 2002 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to July 10, 2002.

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(7-4-02 NN 1117332)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 10, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, Site Plan 802-21, CINCULAR, WIRELESS-BRIGHTMOON, located on the Brightonwood Tavernock Church property west of the M-5 Freeway and north of Thirteen Mile Road for RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT. The applicant is proposing a 130-foot South cellular tower with a 12x20 shelter.

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(7-4-02 NN 1117335)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL # 164 CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, has determined it to be necessary to make the following described public improvement in the City of Novi:

The construction of approximately 2.685 feet of 8" water main in Section 20 which will provide a direct benefit to the twenty eight internal parcels in Birchwoods Subdivision and six parcels along DeWitt Drive.

The City Council has determined that all of the cost of the above described public improvement shall be assessed against the following described property abutting the above described improvement:

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council has caused reports concerning said public improvement to be prepared, which reports include plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of cost of such public improvement, a description of the assessment district and other pertinent information and these reports are on file in the office of the City Clerk, and are available for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on MONDAY, JULY 15, 2002, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in the Council Chambers in the City of Novi for the purpose of hearing comments to the making of such public improvement.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An appearance or protest may be made by an appearance at the hearing to protest the Special Assessment or by filing an appearance and protest by letter.

THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan. MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK 347-0456 (7-4-02 NR/NN 1116706)

Tobacco? **Don't get me started...**

Engagement



Mann-Barber

Keith and Connie Barber, formerly of Novi and now of South Lyon, announce the engagement of their son Keith A. Barber to Amanda R. Mann, daughter of Lori Haddad of Holt and Rick Mann of Clayton, Calif.

The bride-to-be graduated from Ciolarra in Ann Arbor in 1996 and from Lansing Community College in 1999.

The groom-lect graduated from Novi High School in 1995 and from Madonna University in 2000.

A September 27, 2002 wedding is planned.

Obituaries

MURIEL GRACE OLSON

Muriel Grace (Marge) Olson of Farmington Hills died June 25, 2002, in Dearborn. She was 86. Mrs. Olson was born October 15, 1915. She is survived by her husband, Gerald Olson; her children, William, John (Irene), Regina, Gary (Ann), Robert (Kelly), Douglas (Leah), Dennis (Shawn), Diane (Robert) Bent, Richard and the late Thomas; 22 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Visitation and service were held on June 28 at the Holy Family Church, Novi. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia 48154-5010.

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She was born December 25, 1946 in Highland Park to Jack W. and Edythe (Watson) Chism.

Kathy graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1964 and Eastern Michigan University in 1975 with a Bachelors Degree in Music Performance and Psychology. After high school, Kathy toured South America with the Michigan Youth Chorale. While at EMU, Kathy composed a piece of music, which later she performed with three members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a public performance. She participated in the music program at Holy Trinity Chapel on the EMU campus and St. Mary Church in Ann Arbor.

Survivors include her mother, Edie Scovell of Chelsea, one brother, John P. (Antia) Chism of Wixom, one step-brother, Donald B. (Kathleen) Scovell of Calif., her aunts and uncles, Geraldine Morse, Mary & Don Meyer, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Chism in 1956 and her step-father, Louis Scovell in 2002.

A memorial service was held July 1 at Chelsea Retirement Community with Rev. Richard Dake officiating. A private burial will be at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Full Circle Community Center or Catholic Social Services.

Arrangements were made by Cole Funeral Chapel, 214 E. Middle St., Chelsea, Mich., 48118

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Why we celebrate the Fourth of July

Freedom. It's worth fighting for. It's worth dying for. Our nation celebrates its freedom today. The date - the Fourth of July - has a magical ring to it for Americans.

We have been involved in numerous wars in the last 226 years. In the name of freedom. The number of lives lost would be staggering if tallied - all the more reason we should give special respect and attention to this day each and every year.

Don't take for granted the freedoms and rights we have that others would literally die for.

Freedom of speech. Freedom of the press. The right to vote. We send our countrymen overseas to fight for these rights for others, too. And when they come back, we need to treat each and every one of them like heroes.

The City of Novi did just that Sunday with a Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration. What a wonderful event. Yes, it took nearly three decades, but ask any of the veterans in attendance if it was appreciated and you'll probably get unanimous approval. For many veterans of that war, this was the first time they had been thanked or even recognized for serving their country in what

can only be labeled an unpopular war.

Like those who went to war before them, these men and women did what their country asked them to do.

The difference is they were neglected upon return. This country turned its back on a generation. Slowly, we've been trying to make up for it.

"It is long, long, long overdue," said Novi Mayor Richard Clark of Sunday's recognition, indeed.

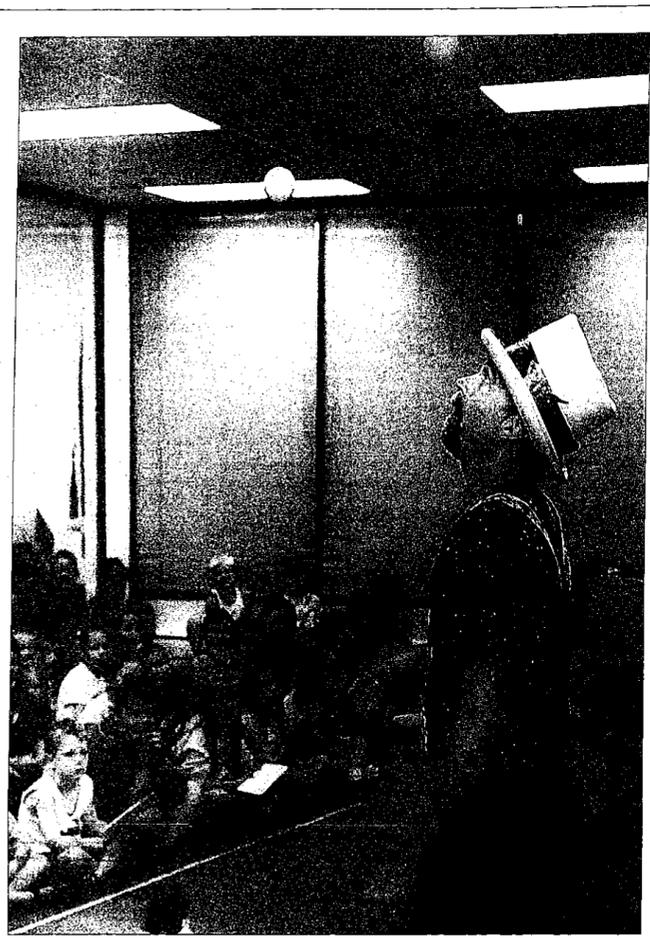
But don't let it stop there. In this age of fast-food and immediate gratification, we tend to move on quickly to the next thing.

Don't look at Sunday's celebration as a one-time event. Don't feel that since we paid tribute to these veterans, now we can move on.

These veterans and all those before and after them should be honored constantly - and not just on Veterans Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July.

We need to show our service men and women respect day in and day out. For without them, we would not enjoy the freedoms that many of us don't even give a second thought to.

Yes, enjoy your Fourth with fireworks, cookouts, games, etc. - but remember and thank those whose dedication to this country made it possible.



John Flower, part of the Obtuse Jugglers, performs last Wednesday for kids involved in the Novi Public Library Summer Reading Program. Flower juggled, balanced on an old ironing board, and un-cyclized.

Photo by John Halder

LETTERS

Kowall stopped 'slamming'

I was recently "slammed" by Energy America, who was not only supplying my gas without my knowledge, they were charging me double the cost of Consumer's Energy.

After two weeks of phone calls and getting absolutely nowhere with Energy America, I decided to call on my state representative, Mike Kowall, for help. By the time I spoke with Representative Kowall, I was discouraged and upset. Mike was sincere in assuring me he would do his best and "if it could be fixed, he would fix it." I was delighted that he kept in touch with me every step of the way.

Within a week he notified me that my account with Energy America would finally be closed and I would be receiving a refund check for the amount I was overcharged. What a relief to have him on my side!

Teresa Berres
White Lake

Appreciates police endorsement

I would like to thank the Novi Police Officers Association for their official endorsement of my candidacy for the newly-created judgeship at the 52nd District Court 1st Division. Even though the district court is located in Novi, it does encompass a total of 12 communities. The Executive Board of the NPOA interviewed all of the candidates and asked very thoughtful and insightful questions concerning our qualification to be a district court judge. I was very pleased to have obtained the endorsement from this highly-respected organization.

I appreciate the community involvement

of the NPOA and I look forward to the August 6 Primary Election with their support and, hopefully, with the support of the citizens of the City of Novi and that of the other 52-1 District Court communities.

Matthew C. Quinn
Novi

Mayor supports Cassis

The upcoming August Republican primary for Michigan's State Senate District 15 will help us nominate a distinguished member of the Michigan House.

Nancy Cassis has served her constituents with dedication and a hard-working, "get it done" attitude. Over the past six years Nancy has been recognized by her fellow elected officials for positions of leadership in setting policy, formulating legislative bills, actively moving Michigan's taxes lower and providing more jobs for our citizens. Improving education and the health and safety of our kids has always been a major concern for Nancy and her staff. Working with both Republicans and Democrats, Nancy has made getting more funding for Michigan's schools one of her most important goals.

When Nancy was first elected, I was introduced to her at a Beck Road/Wixom Road Intersection Improvement Meeting. Nancy quickly realized that improvements at these two intersections, along Interstate 96, were important to the continued economic health of the region. With Nancy's help funds were secured from both federal and state road revenues to improve and modernize these two long-neglected freeway access points. Nancy saw that Wixom and Novi, two of the region's fastest-growing communities, needed help to secure ramp improvements to provide better roads for more jobs and safer travel. Nancy saw the task and helped lay out the plans that got the job done.

The voters in the 15th Senate District have the opportunity to elect to the Senate

one of the leaders that have moved Michigan's Workers, Kids, Seniors and our economic future forward. Nancy Cassis has made her mark by working hard, listening to her constituents and getting the job done. I hope you will join me and vote on Aug. 6 to make Nancy Cassis our candidate for the November Republican nomination for State Senate.

Michael McDonald
City of Wixom mayor

Thank you, Novi!

After 31 years as principal of Village Oaks School, my tenure has come to an end.

It has been a very special, wonderful experience serving the children and parents of this school community. Words cannot express the deep appreciation that I have for the over 7,000 parents that have been so cooperative in helping our staff provide their children a unique opportunity to grow and learn.

I have enjoyed each and every day that I have been at Village Oaks and I think that it would be fitting for me to also mention the fantastic staff that I was blessed to work with. They have always treated me with cooperation and respect and I will always treasure my special working relationship with each of them.

In conclusion, the primary motivation and inspiration for me has been the wonderful boys and girls that have provided so many laughs, smiles and clever responses. Without a doubt, there cannot be a better, smarter group of students anywhere and I will miss them very much.

I will continue to live in Novi and support the outstanding school board, administrators, teachers and support staff that give of their best on a daily basis to make Novi a fantastic, safe place to live and learn.

Dave Brown
Novi

OTHER OPINIONS

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Thursday, July 4, 2002

Cherry pie is a delicious way to celebrate Fourth of July holiday

Whether it's July 4 or Memorial Day or Thanksgiving, come holiday time my thoughts always seem to run back to my parents. Both my mother and my father died about a decade ago, and I still miss them.

They both contributed to our long family tradition of eating cherry pie on July 4. My mother was a good cook, and she left the red cherry filling was suitably patriotic for the holiday. My father loved cherry pie, in large part because his farm

was one of the first to plant cherries near Traverse City.

There are two pictures in our family photo album, both taken around the turn of the century. One shows my great-grandmother Celestia Power, dressed in a long cotton dress, sitting on the front porch of the old family farm in Elk Rapids. The other shows my great-grandfather Eugene Power, dressed in a dark suit, white shirt and Panama hat, looking proudly at a row of newly planted cherry trees.

Family legend has it that he was one of the first farmers to plant Montmorency cherries (called "sour") to distinguish them from the dark red eating cherries, "sweets" in northern Michigan. They became the dominant crop in the region, thriving on the sandy, well-drained soil and the moderating influence of Lake Michigan. Michigan produces something like 70 percent of the nation's tart cherries, and most of the land that hasn't been raped by the developers is still in cherry orchards.

My father used to tell me endlessly that his first job was out on the family farm, picking cherries for 10 cents a jug. His father, Glenn, who started out as a surveyor, helped great-grandfather Eugene lay out the cherry trees in long, straight lines.

Together with my cousin Tom, a circuit judge in Traverse City, I visited the old farm a couple of years ago. The house is gone, of course, but there were just a few very, very old cherry trees still standing to remind us of our family heritage.

It wasn't easy to be a pioneering farmer way back then. You couldn't be sure the trees, once planted, would thrive or bear well. And, as the cherry farmers learned this spring, there was always the risk of a late frost killing the flowers and ruining the fruit set. But the farmers of those days were a tough and determined lot. Honoring their hard work seems apt at this time of the year.

And even though the crop of small this year, if you look hard you'll still find just a few tart cherries, enough for a fine, patriotic cherry pie on July 4.

Here's our family recipe:

Montmorency Cherry Pie
For the crust:
1½ cups all-purpose flour, plus additional for rolling
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup lard
3 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 tablespoons vegetable shortening
2 tablespoons ice water
1 teaspoon white vinegar
2 eggs

For the filling:
4 cups pitted tart cherries
1 cup granulated sugar
½ cup brown sugar
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca

For the crust: Combine the flour, taking powder and salt in a mixing bowl. Add the lard, butter and shortening and mix with your fingers or a pastry cutter until the mixture forms coarse crumbs. Whisk together the ice water, vinegar and one of the eggs. Add to the flour mixture and mix with a fork until just combined; do not overwork the dough. Refrigerate for 30 minutes on the top.

For the filling: In a large bowl combine the cherries, sugars, tapioca, almond extract, maple and kirsch, if desired. Let stand for 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Roll out half of the dough on a lightly floured surface. Line a 9-inch pie shell with the dough and trim the edges. Pour the filling in the pie shell and dot with the butter. Roll out the remaining dough and cover the pie or, if you're ambitious, make it into a lattice top. Whisk the remaining egg with 2 teaspoons of water and brush the egg wash on the top.

Bake for 10 minutes, then lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees and continue baking for 30 or 40 minutes longer, or until the juices are bubbling up in the center of the pie (you may want to put a baking sheet under the pie pan to catch the juices). Cool briefly and eat warm.

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3 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces.
2 tablespoons Kirsch liquor (optional)

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Even when the temperature gets as hot as it has been this past week, you've got to love getting outside and enjoying some of the great festivals Michigan has to offer. On Saturday, I got to experience two very different events - Yankee Doodle Days in Grand Ledge and the Michigan Challenge Ballooning in Howell.

The former is the epitome of a small-town celebration of the Fourth of July, complete with a grand parade led by Uncle Sam and a marching band.

My band played the festival, after the parade ended. We set up in a tent that

was toasty, to say the least, but fun nonetheless. Unfortunately, my three children lost interest after about three songs and proceeded to drive my wife nuts. She took them home and got a babysitter to take them swimming. That's a child's idea of a summer festival - water.

We finished playing in Grand Ledge around 4 p.m., loaded our equipment and headed down to Howell for what we thought was another small-town event.

Not quite. This was the 18th year of the balloon-fest, and it was their biggest turnout ever. The crowd was estimated at 100,000. For a band that's used to playing to less than 100 people in smoke-filled clubs, it was a little mind-blowing to look out at a sea of humanity.

We kicked off around 7 p.m., about a half an hour before the balloons were launched. We kept playing until the balloons were brought back for the final "glow" around 9:30. What a spectacular sight. The organizers and volunteers who

made the event a rousing success should be commended for a job well done. Speaking of festivals, we've got our own coming up here in Novi in three weeks - Music & Motor Fest 2002.

Because this newspaper puts together the official festival program, I'm in contact with Jane Thomas, festival manager, on a fairly regular basis. This will be my first MMF, and it sounds like it's going to be a good one.

Of course, there's good music. Those of us around in the '60s remember The Raspals, and they'll be bringing back their hits. A couple of Detroit's finest - The Sun Messengers and Mudpuppy - will be getting called up as far as can be. But I think up-and-coming bluesman Doug Deming (& the Jewel Tones) is going to get a lot of attention.

Stay tuned for more festival updates in the weeks to come. Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or cstone@homecomm.net.

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9 Household furnishings, 25 Misc. boxes/bags, 2 Toys, 2 Exercise equipment, 1 other misc items

Space Number: B-96
Alan Fields
7 Misc. boxes/bags

Space Number: C-132
Terry Monroe
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- Blaszczak, Nicole E
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- Brusky, Jeremy J
- Brunson, Richard D
- Brunner, Laura M
- Burlew, Michelle
- Bull, Brendan J
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- Carby, Sharon M
- Cebal, Sarah M
- Chaklos, William D
- Cheng, Winky
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- Collins, Kristen L
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- Frontier, Elizabeth Marie
- Garbach, Catherine M
- Ge, Keven D
- Glaney, Jessica E
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- Bailly, Robert James
- Balon, Heather
- Barry, Jennifer
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- Bates, Jason
- Beerhower, Ana Caroline
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- Calvin, Shawn
- Cameron, Lesley
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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Have you taken a stroll through Milford lately?

By Annette Jaworski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You've seen the signs. You've read about it in the paper. And now with the new improved sidewalks, there are more reasons than ever to take a stroll through downtown Milford. And if you haven't tried the service and merchandise of downtown vendors, you're in for a pleasant surprise. And there's no better time than during the upcoming sidewalk sales. It's one of the oldest continuous traditions downtown, now in its 49th year.

"It's all here in this little half mile area called Main Street," said Mike Palazzolo, President of the Milford Business Association, and owner of LaStrada d'Eleganza with his wife, Judy. "There's someone to do your income taxes, a CPA, attorney, graphic designer and a printing company," just to name a few services. In fact you can buy a home, get a loan and insurance all within a couple blocks.

But one of the most outstanding trademarks of the village is their array of unique shops - like Art & Soul, which offers classes and supplies in rubber-stamping and Sweet Retreats with its gourmet chocolates. Or Studio Beds with all the supplies and classes to help make your own jewelry. And Legends of Time contains the largest inventory of Native American merchandise in the state of Michigan, such as colorful Navajo rugs and Mesa Verde pottery.

Undoubtedly, one of downtown's greatest resources is its ambience. It's quaint. It's quiet. It has great atmosphere...an atmosphere the malls don't have. And I know most of my customers by name," says Dan DeClark, owner of Legends of Time. "We'll be the best looking one (community) in Oakland County once we finish the streets and the sidewalks."

"It's the value added that sets apart local merchants from the traditional chains explains Palazzolo. Giving their customers something over and above the customary service is another special touch you'll find with the small town merchants.

"A lot of these things we do as a courtesy. People develop a relationship while giving personalized service," he added.

For example, he recently helped a LaStrada client select a special gift by choosing several items, taking them to Dearborn, right along with the wrapping paper and bow.

Other Milford merchants go out of their way to serve as well.

"The other day I had a lady in here that couldn't carry her packages because she had arthritis. I just closed the door and walked her across the street," said DeClark.

"When it comes to service, Palazzolo says the most important things they can do is to get to know their clients. He and DeClark keep an eye out for items they might be looking for, keeping a list of names and numbers and requests they'll try to fill.

Keeping the customer first is another reason that merchants work together.

"I'd say about 95 percent of the merchants work together here. If they don't carry it in their store, they'll send them to someone else who does," said DeClark.

"You won't have to struggle to find a parking spot and then walk for what seems like forever to the mall, the downtown area contains centrally located shopping and plenty



The new brick pavers are in place. It's time for you to take a stroll through downtown Milford.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Arms Brothers has been in business since 1836.

- Four generations of Arms Brothers have kept the shop running until it was finally purchased by its current owner, Tom Motley.

- "We've found out last summer that we're the oldest retail store in Michigan," says Ron Barnett.

- If you have musical children, chances are that one of them has taken music lessons at Milford Music. About 20 instructors teach any instrument or musical style to approximately 550 students at any given time.

- Read Between The Lines BookSellers has hosted numerous authors such as Jan Brett, Steve Hamilton, David Baldacci, Robert Sabuda, John Szeszka, Tom Lynch, Richard Kan, Mitch Albom, Katie Brown and Tomie De Paola.

- Dianna Morgan, Membership Director of the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce says another good reason to support our downtown merchants is their generosity to local groups and organizations.

- The merchants in our town are some of the most generous merchants around. They support the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, band and

- Wind River Gallery hosts artists for their customer's enjoyment and carries approximately 2,000 types of frames. They also offer custom made shadow boxes with memorabilia or sports items.

- The Breadsmith offers about 14 types of bread daily. It's European style bread with no preservatives. Flavors might include potato cheddar, chive, rye, raisin cinnamon and more.

- Main Street Art carries artist supplies and LaStrada d'Eleganza also offers interior design services.

- Milford Coffee Works serves about 23 different types of brewed coffees and 20 different types of lattes, also frozen coffees and smoothies.

- There's a lot going on in these three blocks," agrees DeClark. Weekends are also filled with fun events like the parades, the Ice Spectacular, Milford Memories, The Garden Club Garden Walk, the Home Tour, Sidewalk Sales and the Chili Cook Off.

- almost every group you can think of. Through those groups they're always giving back to the community, so it's one of the ways to give back to them by supporting them," said Morgan.

- Something For Everyone
- Dianna Morgan says there's absolutely no reason that the entire family can't find what they need while enjoying themselves shopping in downtown Milford. Take dad to Arms Brothers for

Business in brief

Vannier named president

Norville resident Prudy Vannier was installed as the 2002-2003 president for the Society of Decorative Painters in May at the Society's 30th annual meeting in Charlotte, N.C.

St. Onge serves on Standards Board

Francis J. St. Onge, CFP, of Total Financial Planning served on Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards' Board of

Examiners committee to help develop questions for the CFP Certification Examination.

St. Onge has been a CFP practitioner since 1991 and established Total Financial Planning in 1993. His practice provides financial planning and tax services to middle-income clients in the Brighton and surrounding areas who desire to gain financial independence and control over their financial future. He also provides seminars for a company's employees who wish to learn more about developing their own financial plans.

Sign-A-Rama under new ownership

Sign-A-Rama, the world's largest sign franchise, has a new owner at its Brighton location. Resident Kaylee Marcus and Dave Fierle now own the business, which provides a full range of comprehensive sign services at more than 600 locations around the world. For more information about the Brighton location of Sign-A-Rama, call (810) 494-SIGN.

RBS leases space

RBS Companies Inc. has leased space in its Genoa Office Park in Brighton to a new orthopedic medical practice called Advanced Orthopedic Specialists. The company has leased 4,600 square feet and will move approximately 10 employees to the new offices. The move-in date is scheduled for September.

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Area athletes shine, get HomeTown nods

Haberman, Pisha and Trailer all get top spots

By Sam Eggleston and Steve Bell
SPORTS WRITERS

In a year that found some surprises (like Novi blowing away the KVC), it wasn't hard to collect one of the best HomeTown East All-Area teams ever. Here we have managed to compile what we would like to consider the best of the best in our coverage area. If only we were coaching and directing a team like this — we would be winning a state championship instead of writing about one.

**— Player of the Year —
Mike Pisha
Senior Pitcher/Infielder
Walled Lake Western**

The thing that is probably most noticeable about Pisha is not the way he takes to each and every game like it is his first and last, but the way he gets the rest of his team pumped up to do the same. Pisha quickly became a mainstay for the Walled Lake Western Warriors baseball team this season under the guidance of coach Ken Connor. There were times that other teams lit him up like the Fourth of July, but the majority of games found Pisha simply dominating. His steady control over the corners of the plate and a fairly wicked fast-ball were even enough to douse the strong arm of Michigan State's own Drew Stanton during the regular season. That wasn't all this stellar player could do either, his batting was just as potent as his pitching and he was just one of three batters to collect a hit against Stanton and the Hawks in their second meeting of the year.

**Ben Darga
Junior SS/pitcher
Milford**

HomeTown East's Player of the Year in 2001, Darga was the KVC Player of the Year in 2002. He won 11 games and played stellar defense at shortstop.

"Ben became a complete player," Milford coach Jason Melynychek

said. "When he goes deep in the hole he makes tremendous plays look easy."

**Kyle Fedorka
Junior shortstop/pitcher
Lakeland**

In his third varsity season Fedorka set the bar high, batting .411 and reaching base nearly six times for every 10 at bats (.592 on base percentage). He had three home runs, 27 RBI, 25 runs scored and stole 21 bases. Fedorka was one of only two juniors to make first-team All-KVC. He was second-team all-conference as a sophomore. And things may only get better.

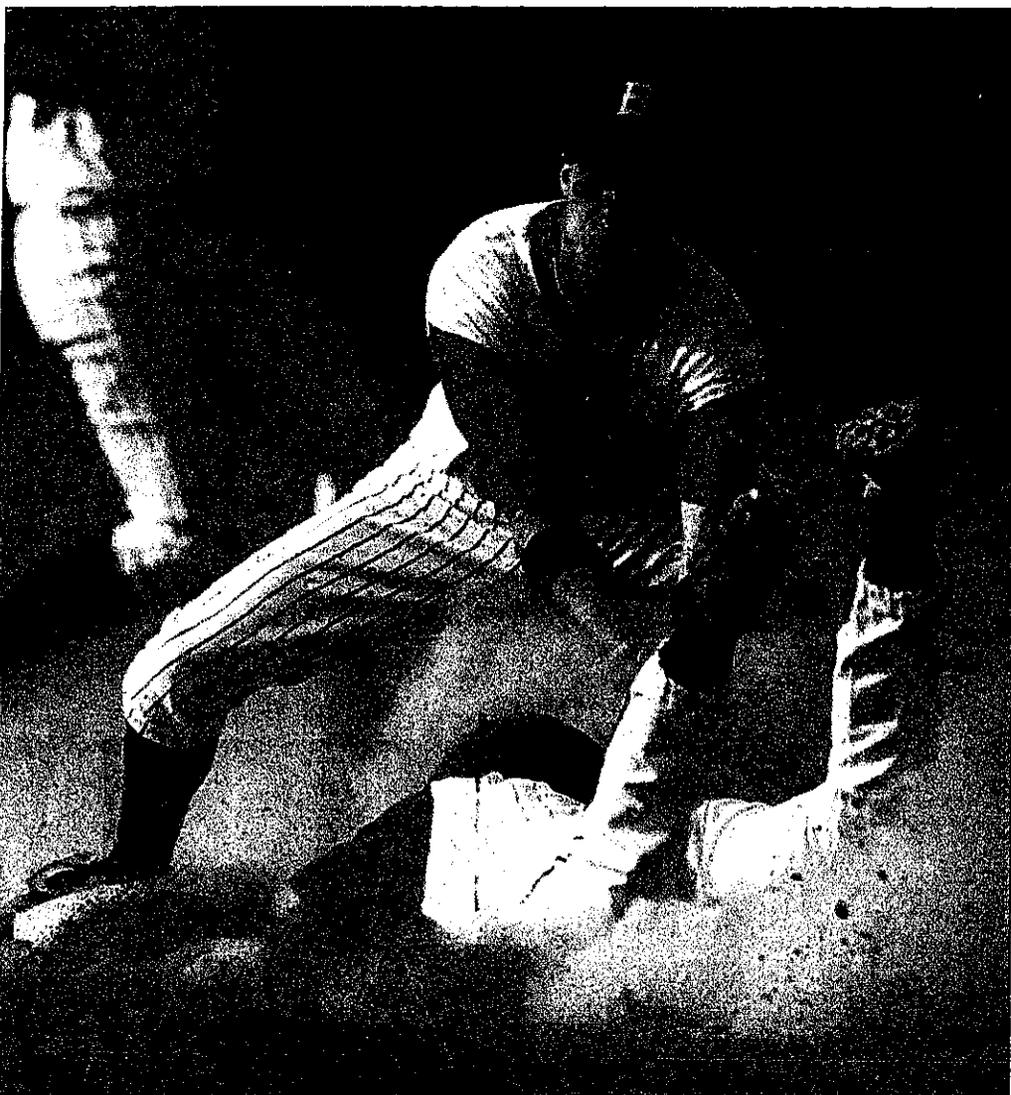
"Kyle is a young junior who is still growing and improving," Lakeland coach Brad Farquhar said. "If he shows the same improvement next year as he did this year, he could be one of the best to ever play at Lakeland. At the plate, I feel that Kyle is one of the toughest hitters in the state to get out. His on base percentage is extremely high, especially since he was the featured hitter in our lineup and other teams knew it."

Splitting time between shortstop and the mound, Fedorka was 6-5 with a 3.19 earned run average and 34 strikeouts in 41 2/3 innings pitched.

"Kyle's ERA is respectable," Farquhar said. "It went up a little from last year but that was due to two bad outings in which he was roughed up in the first inning. Other than that, two of his losses were in games in which he pitched the last inning and we blew it on errors. His record could very easily be 9-2."

**Tony Wiseman
Senior third baseman/SS
Lakeland**

Few high school players think the game like Wiseman, an all-district selection as a senior and two-time honorable mention All-KVC pick.



Novi's Matt Gorman slides into second base, avoiding the tag for the steal against the Livingston All-Stars during the HomeTown All-Star game.

Photo by HAL GOULD

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Remember and respect our heroes on July 4th

I know that I am far from an expert on things like correct etiquette and all of that good stuff. I am also well aware that I don't come from this area nor have I been here very long, but there is something that I have noticed that bothers me just a little bit.



Sam Eggleston

It seems that about half of the people who attend sporting events around here don't bother to cover their hearts during the playing of the National Anthem. Here I am, just a poor boy from the Upper Peninsula, but I was raised to understand that your right hand covers your heart when this nation's anthem was played and your eyes fall on the beautiful colors of the red, white and blue.

At just about every single sporting event I have been to this year, I have noticed that just about half of those in attendance (give or take a dozen or so) don't bother to cover their hearts. In fact, I've seen high school fans that don't bother to even remove their caps. That bothers me a bit, but not even close to as much as it bothers me when I see people talking during the National Anthem — especially on their cell phones. Honestly, how hard is it to shut up for a few minutes? Is your conversation so important that it can't wait for a song that helps define a nation like ours?

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Three Novi players picked for All-Area team

Stevens, Hobart, Colligan named to HomeTown team

By Sam Eggleston and Steve Bell
SPORTS WRITERS

Whew, that's what we call a softball team. With so much talent in the HomeTown East coverage area, it should have been a sure thing to pull as many top-shelf players onto our All-Area team — and it was! If only we could have had these players on a single team during the regular season and the playoffs — can you say state championship? Oh well, it was just as much fun getting to watch these players square off against one another as it would have been watching them play together.

**Lindsay Tomasak
Junior infielder
Northville**

The first thing that people will notice about Tomasak when and if they ever meet her is the fire in her eyes when she talks about softball. This girl is out to win — simple as that. This season she started to make her strong appearance in the second half of the schedule and became quite the impact player as the playoffs rolled into view. Though Tomasak and the Mustangs fell in their opening game of the post-season, her play and her desire to win helped mark her as one of the best players in the HomeTown East coverage area.

**—Player of the Year—
Lindsay Noren
Sophomore pitcher
South Lyon**

With just two seasons — and only this one as South Lyon's number one pitcher — Noren already has 298 career strikeouts. 223 of those came this year as she went 24-8 for the district champion Lions, setting a school record for wins. Noren threw 12 shutouts and had an earned run average of 0.76 while throwing a school-record 32 complete games.

She did damage at the plate, too, as the Lions' leading hitter with a .349 average on 45 hits — one

short of the school record. Noren was the team MVP, first-team All-KVC, all-district and all-region.

**Megan Colligan
Senior infielder
Novi**

Wham! Wham! Wham! That was the sound of Colligan cranking out the homeruns this season as she led her crew with an impressive .383 batting average this season. Her impact was also felt in the HomeTown All-Star softball game where she won the hitting contest in the final round with three straight smacks to left center, a devastating homer and a blast to deep right. As a Wildcat, Colligan led her team with a fierce intensity and a strong bat, making her one of the more feared batters in the KVC this season.

**Jessl Harmon
Senior catcher
South Lyon**

Harmon has been one of the rocks in the foundation of South Lyon's softball resurgence. She was a four-year starter behind the plate.

"Offensively her numbers weren't as good as last year," Lions coach Jeff Gale said. "But make no mistake, it's crucial to have a catcher who can receive the ball with a variety of pitches like Lindsay throws. Without that you run into all kinds of problems."

Harmon hit .279 and was a repeat selection for first-team All-KVC. She was also honored as South Lyon's Female Athlete of the Year.

**Lauren Talbot
Sophomore pitcher
Walled Lake Western**

There is little more to say about Talbot other than wow. Her softball skills and her ability to control the game from the mound made her one of the most valuable assets to Coach Ron Repicky's Walled Lake Western Warriors softball team this season. Talbot helped lead her team to a school-

record setting year as they collected their first-ever 30 win season and ventured into the semi-finals of the softball state tournament before falling to the eventual state champions, Portage Northern. Talbot's ability to control the plate with a variety of pitches and top-shelf control helped find her a place on the All-Area softball team.

**Kristen Burgess
Senior catcher
Walled Lake Western**

There is only one thing this Warrior wants to do in any game she plays — win. From basketball to softball, Burgess has showed that her desire to be the best at what she does propels her through the season with a desire for victory like few others. Her ability to pin down runners at the bags made her a catcher that teams quickly stopped trying to steal against, while her hitting ability helped lead her team to victory and a record-setting season. Burgess was one of two batters to collect a hit against the top pitcher in the state in their final post-season game as the Warriors finally fell in their hunt for the state title, 4-0 against Portage Northern.

**Candra Nabozny
Junior pitcher
Northville**

No statistics, no impressive plays — just pure determination and team spirit is what helped land Nabozny as one of the picks for the All-Area team. Just a handful of games into the season and Nabozny suddenly found herself on the sidelines with her jaw wired shut thanks to a line drive that connected with her face while she was warming up. Needless to say, the injury was expected to keep her out of the lineup for the entire season, but she managed to make a comeback by the final game against Novi in the playoffs to get a few swings in and play some infield. Though she didn't have the chance to play or practice,

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Photo by John Heider

Novi leftfielder Liz Stevens awaits a hit from a Lakeland High School softball player during an April home match. Stevens was one of three Wildcats named to the All-Area teams.

Sports shorts

Football camps
The Walled Lake Central Vikings, coached by Chuck App, will be holding various football camps this summer.

The first is a stunt defense camp geared toward sophomores, juniors and seniors and is open to any high school student that is interested in attending. The camp will be held July 8-10 and the cost is \$60.

July 15-17 will be the dates for a high school Wing-T camp geared toward sophomores, juniors and seniors as well as coaches. The camp is also \$60. If interested in attending both camps listed above, the price is discounted to \$100.

A camp for sixth grade through ninth grade will be conducted July 22-25. The first two days of the camp will focus on the Wing-T offense while the last two days will focus on defense. All four days of the camp are 60 dollars.

If interested in signing up for the camp or for more information, contact Coach Chuck App at Walled Lake Central, (248) 956-4778.

More football camps

Walled Lake Western High School's Warrior football program, coached by Mike Zaleski, will be holding a defensive and an offensive camp this summer. Both camps are offered for players, from any school, grades 7-12.

The defensive camp is June 14-16 and will be instructed by the WLV coaching staff and will include the fundamentals, drills and reads of the 4-4 and 4-6 defense. The offensive camp is July 15-17 and will include fundamental Wing-T series and drills.

Camps are \$70 dollars each or 100 dollars for both. For more information, contact Coach Mike Zaleski at (248) 956-4419.

Summer Baseball Camp

Total Baseball will be holding their Total Baseball Summer Baseball Camp July 15-17 in Wixom from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 7-17 years old.

Professional players and college coaches will instruct those who attend in the proper techniques of

pitching, hitting and fielding. Kids will be clocked on a radar gun for arm and lead speed. The cost of the camp is \$125. For more information, call (248) 669-0166 or email totalbaseball@comcast.com.

Lakes Area Football Camp

The Lakes Area Hawks will be sponsoring the 10th Annual Lakes Area Football Camp July 27-28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hawks Field. The program is open to all young athletes, ages 8-14, and will emphasize on learning the fundamentals of football.

This year's speakers will be High School State football Champion coaches Mike Zaleski, of Walled Lake Western, and Chuck App, of Walled Lake Central. Certified coaches are on hand each day for instruction at the best little league football camp in the state. The cost is \$65 per person. Please contact Pete Lesner at (248) 360-8724 for more information.

Walsh drafted by New York Rangers

Northville resident picked 143rd

By Brian Doyle and Sam Eggleston
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS



Northville resident and Catholic Central graduate 19-year-old Mike Walsh was drafted in the fifth round of the 2002 NHL entry draft earlier this month.

Walsh was selected by the New York Rangers in the fifth round as the 143rd pick overall in the draft. Walsh had been in contact with the Rangers as well as Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Ottawa before the draft.

When his name was called by the New York, though, Walsh said he couldn't have been happier.

"I couldn't be more happy to be a part of the organization," Walsh said.

Walsh will be attending Notre Dame in the fall on a full-ride scholarship and will play hockey for the Fighting Irish. Walsh had to choose between University of Michigan, Yale, Harvard and Notre Dame and ended up selecting Notre Dame because of the hockey at the school at the tradition of academic excellence associated with the school.

While at Notre Dame, the Rangers can contact him at any time and offer him a contract. They have his rights for the four years he is at school and he is still eligible to play NCAA hockey until Walsh signs a contract.

The draft was Walsh's initial step towards an NHL career, but Walsh knows that he has a lot of hard work ahead of him.

"I kind of got my foot in the door," Walsh said. "What I do from here on out will make or break me as far as professional hockey goes."

Walsh will be taking part in rookie camp with the Rangers in August and is excited about that. He also had an excellent time at

the draft and taking part in all that went on in Toronto.

"It's an experience I'm never going to forget," he said. "I had good friends come up and support me."

Walsh was selected by the Central Scouting Services as the 82nd North American skater. Walsh said that he was not disappointed that he was selected later in the draft, but surprised. A lot of European players were selected in the draft and that attributed to the spot that Walsh was selected.

"I knew there was going to be a lot of European draft choices," Walsh said. "I was just surprised at how many."

According to the Rangers' scouting report, they believe Walsh is a powerful, strong skater with breakaway speed and quickness. The report noted that he was hard to knock off of balance and was a natural scorer with a good touch in close. He can and will beat an opponent with a burst of speed and is a very effective player on the powerplay.

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for 2001-02. Walsh appeared in 53 games and collected 25 goals and 24 assists for 49 points while sitting in the penalty box for 69 minutes. He tallied four goals and two assists in six playoff games en route to the USA Junior-A national championship title in 2000-01. Walsh carried out 10 goals and 12 assists while taking 59 penalty minutes in 49 games.

In his career with the Ambassadors, Walsh did have professional scouts coming down to watch him.

"I knew that the interest was there and it did add some pressure," he said.

Walsh also said that if it wasn't for the team he was on, he's not sure if he could have been as successful as he has been in hockey.

"It's not about people getting ahead," Walsh said. "It's about pushing the kids to be the best they can be."

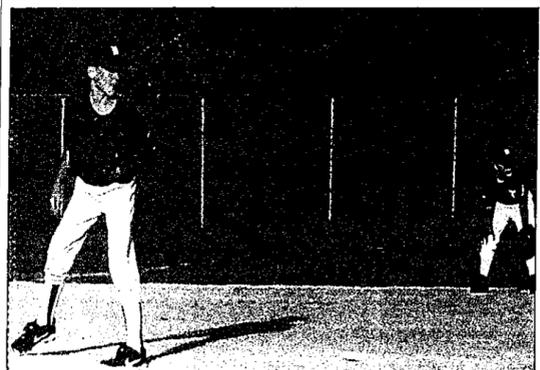
Walsh also said that he had to give a lot of credit to two of his former coaches, Todd Watson and Dave Limatta.

As he goes off to Notre Dame, Walsh knows that he has a lot to be happy about and a lot to look forward to.

"It's a good feeling to have," Walsh said. "I understand that it's only part of the process."

Walsh also knows that his future is in his hands. He said, "The rest is kind of up to me."

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Crouching Tiger, Hidden Fastball

Submitted Photo

Tiger's pitcher Michael Place takes a deep breath before hurling the ball towards home plate for a strike in one of his team's Novi Youth Baseball League games. Looking on at first base is Jack Higgins.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Minority Rules

Spielberg, Cruise bring very believable future to audience

By Sam Eggleston
STAFF WRITER

The first question that seems to come to mind when a viewer finishes watching "Minority Report," Steven Spielberg's dark, new science fiction thriller, is how much freedom would be worth giving up to live in a crime-free world?

The timely question is explored as Tom Cruise plays John Anderson, the troubled top cop of an elite 2024 government agency that, for the past six years, has eliminated all forms of murder in Washington D.C.

The squad, known as the Department of Pre-Crime,

employs three psychics, called "Pre-Cogs," suspended in a biological fluid and drugged into a semi-comatose state that helps them foresee murders — that way, the would-be killers can be arrested by Anderson and the Pre-Crime division before the crime even occurs.

The images that flash through the psychics' minds are channeled onto a computer where Anderson is able to separate and analyze the pictures to gather clues about the "victims," the "murderers" and where the crime will occur. The head of the Department is Director Burgess, played by Max von Sydow, who has led the way for the group through its first

eight years and is now about to lose control of it.

With the District of Columbia being crime-free, the Pre-Crime program is set to debut on the national stage, but a Federal Bureau of Investigation observer named Danny Witwer, played by Colin Farrell, has been sent in by the Attorney General to look for flaws in the system — more specifically, "human flaws."

When the trio of psychics predict that Anderson will murder a man he has never even met in less than 36 hours, he suspects that he is being set up by Witwer and flees certain arrest.

"Minority Report" is home to some of Spielberg's best-ever action scenes, especially during a chase scene that leads the audience on top of cars that travel down the sides of skyscrapers via a futuristic expressway and into a robotics car factory spitting out Lexus models at a record-breaking pace. It also has its fair share of creepy scenes as well, like when a doctor, played by Peter Stormare, performs a dual eye transplant on Anderson in the very grimy locale.

"Minority Report," like the 1980's "Blade Runner," was adapted from a story by sci-fi visionary Philip K. Dick and isn't without its dark imagery and controversial issues.

When Anderson isn't tracking soon-to-be criminals, he spends his time at home inhaling drugs and watching video of his six-year-old son, who disappeared after being snatched from a public pool years prior to the film.

The movie also touches on the debate of predestination or free will — a question that has philosophers and religious scholars have argued over throughout the years. To understand where "Minority Report" is headed, one has to ponder whether the future is set and can't be altered or whether free will makes a part of a certainty. Musings such as this one are the underlying



Tom Cruise, who plays lead character John Anderson, finds himself on one heck of an unexpected ride in "Minority Report."

heartbeats of "Minority Report," as well as a few others that are prominent in the storyline.

Other issues, such as moral and ethical ones, are touched upon as well. Is the safety of citizens worth keeping three humans enslaved? Are people willing to give up massive amounts of their freedom in order to be safe from murder?

There is plenty for action fans to focus their attention to, as well as those who enjoy a plot that catches you thinking of it long after the movie ends. For those who enjoy good special effects, you are in luck. Though many current movies offer dazzling effects without substance, "Minority Report" has both in equal servings. And for realists — it's your lucky day. Tom Spielberg did everything in his power to achieve a movie the represented a world 50 years from today — even going as far as gathering scientists and engineers to approve many of the devices in the movie, such as laptops and appliances that are voice activated, virtual reality commercials that are geared toward individuals as they walk

past them and cars that are no longer traveling on just tires.

"Minority Report" rivals some of Spielberg's top adventure/science fiction films like "Close Encounters" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Spielberg does seem to try to hold his film from growing too complex while making it easy for the less intense viewer to keep track of the storyline — which leads to less-than-spectacular dialogue and an ending that seems a bit off track given what the story gave to the audience before. All-in-all, the ending is a small price to sacrifice for one of Hollywood's most believable glimpses of the future for some time.

"Minority Report" is a heart-pounding movie that really makes you sit back and think afterwards. It brings with it believable characters and effects that will be copied by moviemakers for years to come.

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MINORITY REPORT

20th Century Fox
Director: Steven Spielberg

Based on a short story by: Philip K. Dick

Cast: Tom Cruise, Danny Witwer, Colin Farrell, Agatha, Samantha Morton, Dr. Iris Hineman, Lois Smith

Dr. Eddie: Peter Stormare
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Baseball/Softball
The Northville Tigers t-ball team played a very competitive game with the Northville Dodgers June 11th. The Tigers Ryan Donnelly led the offense with three outfield hits while second baseman Matthew Shaw keyed the defensive effort with several "heads up" plays.

The Northville Tigers and the Northville Expos played a spirited contest June 19th. A Conner McDowell to Joe Makela double play along with smart fielding by first baseman Christopher Gikas keyed the defense. Brian Smith went 4-for-4 hitting to lead the offense.

The Northville 18-and-under girls' travel fastpitch softball team finished in fourth place June 14-15 at the State USSSA Qualifier Tournament in Commerce, eventually losing to an All-Star team from Windsor who were the eventual tournament champions. The Northville team was led to their victories by pitchers Jane Kruszewski and Carrie Banner and behind the hitting of Amy Prentiss, Samantha Cooke, Allison Long and Kim Hayes.

Soccer
The Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL) recently announced the winner of the Northville Team trophy winners. The U-9 Boys Select Division II found the Sting being awarded with a tie for first place. They are coached by Gary Bell. The U-10 Girls Select Division I Sting were tied for first as well under coach Tiffany Graves. The Hot Spurs, coached by Steve Cuzzillo, tied for first in the U-11 Boys Division I while the Express girls were took first under the guidance of Steve McGuirk in the U-11 Girls' Division III. The Cosmos, coached by Steve Kowal, earned the trophy with their first-place tie in the U-12 Girls Division I as they went neck and neck with Coach Mike Weaver and his gang of Northville United Girls. The U-12 Division II found the Lightning striking in first place under Ken Nett's guidance while the U-13 girls Division I Lightning also struck in first place with Ray Widley at the helm.

Golf
Adrienne Downing of Northville took a first-place finish in the Meijer Junior Players Tour at Calderone Farms in Grass Lake, Michigan June 28 as she collected a 98 on a par 72 for 75 points. Michael Martinez of Novi took 13th place in the Boys 15-and-up division with an 85 on the par 72 for six points while Tim Kubiak of Northville finished in 27th with a 92.

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The future's so bright, we gotta wear shades

Schmitt sisters just a couple of the brightest super-novas in the high school athletics universe

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

One of the fun things about being a sports writer is getting to watch the area athletes grow from decent players into great players. For a few of our high school sports players, their true potential won't be seen until it has blossomed and comes as a surprise, while others are already showing signs of being some of the best athletes in the area.

Here, I have decided to name a few of the athletes from Novi, Northville, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central that I believe have the potential to lead their teams in the year and years to come. No doubt there are a few that will be overlooked, but remember that everything stated here is my opinion and mine alone.

Tim Downing, Football, Northville — There is just something about this runningback/defensive back that makes me want to watch him when he is out on the field of play. It could be his speed, or his moves or possibly his dedication to winning — to tell you the truth, I'm not sure. All I know is that when I watch Downing playing football, I see a player who is out there to win. His competitive nature isn't revealed in words that he says — in fact, I have to prod him just to get a comment. Instead, the nature of this beast is shown when he plays and by his actions on the field. I would go as far as saying that if he sees the ball enough this year, he will have a chance at breaking Brandon Langston's rushing record his senior year.

Matt Cornelius, football, Northville — It seems that new football coach Clint Alexander's plan on making the Mustangs a muscle-bound group of football maniacs is well on its way. From the first time I saw Matt Cornelius last fall to now has been a total transformation. His legs are bulging with muscle and the look in his eye is one that wants to see victory — I think it is safe to say that in his senior year, Cornelius is going to be an impact player. No doubt, he will be sharing time in the backfield with Tim Downing this season, but I can see both of their yard totals racking up in a hurry if they can get the blocking they need up front.

Chase Chandler, Football, Novi — Chandler has it all. Speed, a good vertical and a good head on his shoulders — everything you want in a defensive back. I am looking for this Wildcat to step it up a notch in his senior season with hopes of leading the Novi football program to the playoffs yet again. Look for this fast and furious grinder to see plenty of playing time matched up with the best receivers in the KVC and look for him to be winning more than a couple of those match ups. Chandler is going to be the X-factor for the Novi team this fall — when he plays good they will win. If he starts to get burned then so will the rest of the team.

Shannon Hogan, Swimming, Northville — If 16th-century sailors were to be transported into the here-and-now and were able to see Hogan swimming, they might mistake her for a mermaid — sans the flippers of course. With the way this Mustang takes to the water, some people might get curious and ask an official to check her for webbed-feet or gills. I can see that her times are going to steadily improve next season as she gets in the hunt for an individual state title, and hopefully those same times will continue to fall as she swims her way to a college degree.

Lindsey Miglio, Soccer, Northville — It is always difficult to shine when you are playing on the same team as Lindsay Dunmead, Larissa Fill and Kelly Anderson, but somehow Miglio managed to do that. It is expected that she will rise to be not only a leader on the varsity squad this season, but also one of the top players in the Western Lakes Activities Association. I say look for this kicker to step into the role of stellar player with ease as she fills the gap that Fill and Dunmead left behind with

their graduation.

Lindsay Tomasak, Softball, Northville — Ugh, it sure was a tough season for the Mustangs this year, but they had their bright spots. One of those spots that seemed to consistently shine was infielder Lindsay Tomasak. Her defense and her batting were definitely coming on strong in the second half of the season and was about to peak as the season ended. Look for this Mustang to be a solid leader next season under the guidance of a new softball coach. Northville will be tested by some of the stronger teams in the WLAA, but with the likes of Tomasak leading the way and the experience that was gained for the younger players they should be just fine.

Drew Hunt, Lacrosse, Novi — There isn't even a single shred of doubt in my mind that Hunt is going to see Division I lacrosse at the collegiate level. Heck, as a junior Hunt was already getting eyed by some of the better programs in the nation. If his squad is able to put together a run next year that is any where near the one they had this season then Hunt will probably be looking at an Ivy League school in hopes of signing his name to a national letter of intent and a scholarship.

Maureen Pawlak, Soccer, Novi — I've even had other sports writers comment about Pawlak. Her speed, determination and ability are showcased each and every time this Wildcat soccer player takes to the field of play and it definitely doesn't go unnoticed. She led her squad with goals this season as well as total points — as a sophomore. Look for her to be the premier soccer player in the Kensington Valley Conference in the next two years and, if she sticks with the sport, look for her to be heading off to play at the next level after she takes leave of high school via graduation.

Matt Emmenecker, Basketball, Novi — Wow. That's pretty much sums up the ability that Emmenecker brings to the court each night at game time. His talents haven't even sprouted yet, so I am expecting that his senior season is going to be the best of all. The thing that Emmenecker has going for him, besides pure basketball talent, is the taste for victory. He and the other returning Wildcats have snacked on the delicacy known as a District Title and they are definitely wanting to get their hands on another serving. Look for this 'Cat to be the one leading the way to the buffet of victory.

Nina Schmitt, cross country, Novi — Novi has quite the athlete in this particular Wildcat. Cross country, track, soccer — she seemingly does it all. I have no doubt that her impact this coming season is going to be one that is noticed, even if she is coming off an injury that ended her track and soccer seasons this last spring. I think she has the ability to not only come back from the injury, but to be even better and more determined because of it.

Angie Schmitt, Basketball, Novi — Yup, you guessed it. This intense competitor, better known as Angie Schmitt, is the younger sister of Nina. Just watch her when she is on the court and you can see her eyes flash with such intensity that it can give you chills. She will go inside and for the boards against the biggest and the baddest and won't come away from the fight unless she has the ball in her hands, and once her shot starts falling it doesn't quit until the final buzzer. Believe me when I say that even as a junior, Schmitt is going to be the shining star for the 'Cats this fall as she and the other Novi cagers look to make some noise on the hardwood.

Jon Michaud, football, WLW — When I first watched Michaud play football it was at a scrimmage against five or six other teams. I watched as he rolled out and rolled out to throw the ball — his height just wasn't enough to let him gaze over his towering offensive line. It was just about then that I wrote him off as a player that wouldn't have the impact necessary to lead his team into the playoffs — I finally just got my foot out of my mouth.



Photo by John Heider

Northville's Lindsey Tomasak fires a throw to first during a game against Walled Lake Central. Tomasak is just one of the many bright and promising athletes that the Northville Record and the Novi News get to cover next season.

No crystal ball at work in sports department

It is always hard to see into the future — especially in the world of high school sports.

There always seems to be that surprise player that came out of nowhere or that season-ending or hampering injury that slows the best players and stops them from being the impact on the game that they have become so accustomed to being.

Well, as you can see by this week's Athletes of the Future article, I've decided to try my hand at all of the psychic-friends stuff and predict who is going to be the impact players of 2002-03. Now, there is a chance (and probably a good one) that I missed the mark on one or two of these athletes as well as the likelihood that I also failed to mention one of tomorrow's stars, but this future-reading stuff isn't exactly science.

As you can see when you read down the list of these top athletes, many of them were already impact players from this

last year — that sort of helped me do that whole mystic reading thing too. I figured that with many of them, their past performances have to reflect a little of what they will be capable of this coming season, right?

Well, I am no tarot-card reader or anything, so I guess we will just have to wait and see if any of my "readings" will come true when the sports seasons finally make their way back to a starting point in August — the moment all of us high school sports fans (and writers) look forward to.

Well, I hope that many of you agree with my picks. I am sure there will be a handful of you out there that don't. Just keep in mind that it is all opinion. None of it is based on statistics or any logistical facts — just plain intuition. Good luck athletes and I hope my predictions to come true for each and every one of you, even those that I didn't name on this list. See you in the fall.

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Not only did this scrapper lead his team into the playoffs — he almost led them all the way through the darn things. If it hadn't been for those pesky Catholic Central boys, Walled Lake might have been celebrating another state championship with Michaud perched on everyone's shoulders. He may not have a state-championship caliber team this year (couldn't tell you until the season starts) but I expect he will have quite the impact to make on his squad and the WLAA this season.

Greg Hay, football, WLW — It's hard to believe this guy is only going to be a junior next season. He comes at the biggest players in the game as though he were going to hit a tackling dummy and he pretty much takes them down in the same way. I expect that Hay will find a home at middle linebacker and be quite

the player in that position. Listen carefully and you can practically already hear the sound of bones breaking.

Brandon Cassise, Basketball, WLW — Watch out WLAA. This little shooter when to the free throw line, this little shooter sunk at three-pointer. This little shooter decimated his opponents, and this little shooter is pretty much unstoppable. I like to call that the Four Little Cassises. This kid is pretty much just amazing. Teams just groan when they hear his name called as a starter and no one raises their hand when the coach asks "Who wants to guard him." He shoots from the outside, the inside, the left side and the right side. He'll go over, under, around and through you if you try to defend against him. Let's just say that I think he stands quite the chance for WLAA's player of the year next season.

Lauren Talbot, Softball, WLW — This Warrior softball moundmaster showed her ability to play even in the most intense situations as she helped lead her team to a record-setting best-ever season finish and the deepest the Warriors have ever ventured into the playoffs. I expect that not only will she have a repeat performance next season, but will probably go above and beyond where she is expected to be.

Heather Moehle, Cross Country, Northville — I would love to find out what Moehle's parents fix her for supper each night, but I am sure that it has a healthy dosage of energy mixed in there somewhere. This Mustang is the type of athlete who never quits on you. She runs, runs, run and runs before running some more. She is currently a record-holder at Northville High a few times over and will be looking to break those records next season in her senior year.

Devon Rupley, Track and Field, Northville — Is there anything that Rupley can't do? She is a cross country runner, a track and field star and an easy person to get along with. I have no doubts that this upcoming junior would start kicking goals if you gave her a soccer ball or started whiffing batters if you gave her a softball. There are few athletes that come along that seem as though they could do pretty much anything they wanted to do — Rupley is one of them. Look for her to be in the running for a state title in the 800-meter dash next season, especially with the only girl that beat her at states being a graduate this year.

Clark Paclorek, Cross country, Northville — Whew. I get tired just looking at pictures of this guy. As a senior this season, it is quite possible that Paclorek won't be breaking any records or even coming in first in every race he runs this year — but he brings something to his team that the rest of the runners feed off of: Desire. It just seems to ooze out of him in the form of sweat or something. Paclorek wouldn't give up in anything I don't think. Heck, if he was told that he had to run the Boston Marathon, he would give it a go and probably finish — that's the type of athlete he is and is why I think he belongs on a list of the top athletes next year.

Mark Moore, Cross Country, Novi — Believe me, I'm not say-

ing that Moore has the ability to follow in his brother's footsteps and win national titles or anything, all I am saying here is that this Moore has already shown signs of being a very promising long-distance runner and will no doubt continue to improve over the years. There would be no logic in trying to run with the same stride that Tim Moore runs with, but I think that if you watch closely you will see a lot of the same traits that makes Tim a success in his younger brother. Expect him to be one of the more consistent runners for Bob Smith next season as the 'Cats look to hold onto one of the top spots in the KVC.

Jen Mehl, Track and Field, Novi — Heck, she already made the state finals in the pole vault this season and as long as the MHSAA doesn't get any wild ideas about banning the event, I figure she will continue to be quite the point-getter in the event for some time to come. I've been told that not only does Mehl take advice from her coaches and those who have come and went before her (like Mickey Rzepka), she also seeks the guidance of coaches at clinics and camps as she strives to improve her personal record. I think she will do more than improve on her current PR, I think she will shatter it by the time she is done.

Layne Scherer, Golf, Northville — With the likes of Kate MacDonald golfing on the same team as you, one might have the urge to throw their clubs in the pond and bee-line for an exit knowing they would be hard-pressed to golf like that — not Scherer. She took to the task of shining even with MacDonald on her team and she did just that. Look for this linkster to have quite the year next season as the Mustangs try to defend the WLAA and Regional titles.

Well, that just about does it. I know I left out plenty of promising athletes, but I just write it like I see it. I wish the best to ALL of the Northville, Novi and Walled Lake athletes this coming school year and hope to see these names as well as many others gracing these sports pages.

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