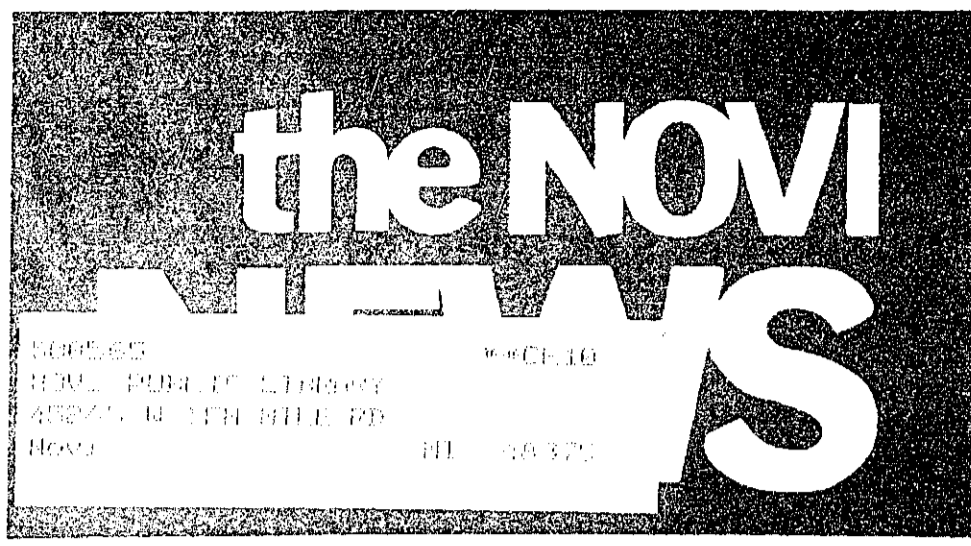


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Children are ready to haunt the city

Ghosts, goblins, witches and Mighty Morphin Power Rangers will be out in droves Monday night trick or treating on the streets of Novi.

The recommended hours for trick or treating are between 6 and 9 p.m., according to the Novi Police Department.

Motorists are encouraged to be on the look-out for young children jumping across streets and darting between cars in their pursuit of tricks or treats.

Drive carefully and use extreme caution, police are warning drivers this year. Children in dark colored costumes may not be easy to spot and their vision may be blocked by face masks.

Novi Police are offering a host of other tips for trick and treaters:

- Do's**
- Find places to go that are supervised by adults.
 - Dress in costumes that are safe. Use makeup instead of masks to disguise your face. Try to wear light or bright colored costumes. Costumes should not interfere with walking. Costumes should be fire resistant.
 - Carry a flashlight.
 - Use the buddy system, never go places alone.
 - Go early in the evening, during recommended hours.
 - Look both ways before crossing a street.
 - Have your parents check all your treats. Look for loose or opened wrappers. Look for sharp objects or tampered-with treats.
 - Report suspicious activity immediately.

- Don'ts**
- Don't go alone when trick or treating.
 - Don't eat treats until they're checked.
 - Don't be destructive: never destroy property.
 - Don't wear an unsafe costume

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Hillary Clinton makes a joke at the expense of the Republicans and to the benefit of Congressman Bob Carr, who was campaigning in Novi Monday for the U.S. Senate.

Hillary Clinton stumps for Carr at the Hilton

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Guess who were the first locals to welcome First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to Novi?

Not the mayor. Not the city manager. Lakes Area Residents Association President Harry Avagian and his friend, Jim Korte.

"We just got to wave and tell her to give our regards to her husband," Avagian said.

"I'm still a Clinton man."

Learning the First Lady was coming to town Monday, Avagian said he showed up at the Novi Hilton and wormed out of Secret Service-types exactly where she'd be entering the hotel. He's a local Democratic delegate to the Oakland County convention and a long-time party volunteer.

So while the Carr backers and media were herded to the north end of the Novi Hilton, Avagian, Korte and about five other people stood in the east side lobby to watch as Clinton arrived. She was then

whisked through a kitchen and into the rally.

There was no formal city delegation to welcome her to town, although local police were all over the place. City Manager Edward Kriewall said Novi officials were not formally notified of Clinton's visit here. "It was a private function."

Avagian and Korte got a closer look at the First Lady than the news media did, although they didn't attend the \$100 per person fund-raiser.

"There's no availability. They're running late," a PR type told the press.

The rally was staged by Women for Carr, who are backing Congressman Bob Carr, D-East Lansing, in his run for the U.S. Senate.

Novi school board member Dr. Michael Meyer, who is campaigning for Oakland County commissioner, was one of several Democratic candidates milling through the crowd of over 300.

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City says it wants historic Fuerst farm

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

While members of the Novi City Council aren't precisely sure what they'll do with the old Fuerst farm, they want it.

But the Novi school board isn't willing to hand the acreage over until they find out how the land at Ten Mile and Taft roads will be used by the city. And whether the City of Novi will buy the land outright or engage in some land trading with the school district remains unclear.

So to work out all the details, a subcommittee of two city council members will meet with two as yet undesignated school board members and report back sometime in January.

"We don't have any deeper pockets than you do, but perhaps our goals are somewhat different," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said at a joint meeting of the two governments Monday.

City council members say the Fuerst farm is historic and could be developed in a number of innovative ways. School board members contend that isn't their job.

"We are not going to get into the business of running some kind of operation that is only tangentially related to educational uses. I couldn't see us asking the citizens for money," Board Member Stephen Hitchcock said.

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■ The Novi News continues its election coverage with an in-depth look at the candidates in the 15th State Senate contest and the 17th County Commissioner race. The stories appear on page 8A.

■ Compare candidates on the issues with our general election grid. Charts for the Senate and commissioners races appear on pages 6A and 7A.

■ "As Novi goes, so goes Michigan," said Governor John Engler in an election interview in the city last week. The story appears on page 17A.

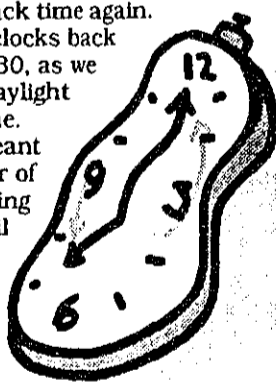
The persistence of remembering

Father Time is about to give us a little present: an extra hour of weekend.

That's right, it's fall back time again. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Oct. 30, as we make the switch from Daylight Savings to Standard Time.

Daylight Savings is meant to preserve an extra hour of daylight during the evening and is in effect from April through October.

Standard Time is intended to provide an additional hour of morning daylight.



Missing serviceman is finally laid to rest

By SHARON CONDRON
 Staff Writer

Twenty two years after her husband's military aircraft was shot down over Vietnam, Cheryl Wilson has abandoned hope of ever seeing him or his dog tags again.

Air Force officials declared Robert A. Wilson was killed in action this spring. His remains will be buried in Arlington Cemetery next month.

His dog tags, however, will remain in Vietnam.

The tags were found in the hands of a villager who lives in South Vietnam near to where the plane went down. Air Force officials tried to persuade the native to relinquish the tags, but the villager was adamant and held onto the tags with clinched fists.

"They keep them as trophies," Cheryl said. "He still has them. He wouldn't give them up."

It is a picture that haunts Cheryl and son Robb, 25 as they struggle to bring closure to this chapter of their lives.

"I still would love to get the dog tags back and give them to Robb," she said.

Cheryl said she was disappointed the Air Force hadn't used more muscle to persuade the villager to turn the tags over.

"They could have offered him money or something," she said. Robb agreed.

"We were a little disappointed we didn't get them back," he said.

Cheryl said military officials had told her there was little they



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Robert Wilson's wife Cheryl and son Robb find comfort in knowing he will finally be laid to rest.

could do to get the tags back. The natives are protective of their few possessions.

The dog tags and other remnants of the plane crash were found in the villager's hands when a team of military officials

traveled to the crash site last spring. Pieces of the plane were being used by others in town to dry rice.

It was the first time military

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Woman pulls 3-year-old from the Detroit River

By SHARON CONDRON
 Staff Writer

Jane Cameron may never know their names but she certainly won't forget their faces.

The faces are those of a 3 1/2-year-old boy and his father. Cameron saved the boy from drowning on the Canadian side of the Detroit River last weekend.

Cameron, who lives in Redford and works in Novi, had spent the weekend with her fiancé at the marina where the couple's boat is docked in Lasalle, Canada. The two were packing the car to head back to the States minutes before they became heroes.

Cameron said she passed the father and son team bike riding as she packed the car. The boy, who was seated on the back of his father's bicycle, waived and said hello, she remembers.

Minutes later, there was a commotion at the end of the marina. Cameron, was 100 feet away when she dropped the things she had in her hands and sprinted to the water's edge to see what was up.

That's when she realized the father had lost his balance on the bike and had fallen into the water.

The boy was still strapped to the bike seat but was under five feet of water, Cameron said. His father was struggling in the water to find his eye glasses so he could free his son.

"The dad was so frightened that he was hurt," Cameron said.

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Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

Friday, October 28

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction: The Novi United Methodist Church, 4167 W. Ten Mile Rd., is holding a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. The dinner is from 5-7:30 p.m. and the auction will run from 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Saturday, October 29

Chess Championship: The Novi Chess Club is hosting the 1994 Michigan Women's Chess Championship at the Novi Civic Center. There will also be a mini-swiss event for male players, including a low-cost, non-rated beginners section. National and state association memberships will be required except for the beginners section. For more details, call Tim Sawmiller at 344-4269 after 6 p.m.

Monday, October 31

Halloween: The Novi Police Department recommended Halloween trick or treating time is 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1

Seniors meeting: The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

Peaceful Parenting: Novi Community Education and Novi Youth Assistance are co-sponsoring "Peaceful Parenting" from 7-8:30 p.m. at Novi Meadows School Media Center. Discover how affirmation, cooperation, self-esteem, communication and feelings can work together to promote family harmony. The fee is \$7. Call 347-0410 regarding scholarships.

Menopause Support Group: Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly

menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

Board of Appeals: The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Chess Club: The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Amateur Radio Club: The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

Wednesday, November 2

Living Trust Seminar: Novi Senior Citizens are sponsoring a Living Trust Seminar from 1-3 p.m. at the Novi Senior Citizens Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. The discussion will be led by Paul LeDuc and include how to avoid probate, how to reduce taxes to your heirs and the advantages of a living trust. A question and answer session will follow. The event is open to the public and is free of charge. For reservations call 347-0414.

Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Business Network International: The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, November 3

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Friday, November 4

Horse Spectacular: Galloping good fun for the whole family at the Novi Expo Center. Demonstrations of dressage, polo, driving and more. Educational seminars. Special appearance by Jane Savoie, reserve rider for the U.S. Equestrian Team at the Barcelona Olympics. Pony rides for the kids. Fashion and art show. Model horse show. Fifty live horses on display. Trade show. Admission \$6 for adults, \$2 for children under 5 years. Call (517) 466-3684 for information.

Saturday, November 5

Sixth Annual Military Ball: Bison Herd No. 1 presents the Sixth Annual Military Ball, this year honoring Vietnam veterans, at the VFW Hall, 2659 Loos Lake Rd., Wixom. Live music played by the Dick Murphy Band. The doors open at 7 p.m., the program begins at 7:30 p.m., and dancing starts at 9 p.m. The public is welcome and tickets are \$10. Call 624-9742.

Monday, November 7

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE): The Village Oaks PTO will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters: The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Charisse Ryan at 420-2045. Visitors are welcome.

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John Srednicki plays the jester while other members of Novi High's choirs - left to right, Derek Wladischkin, Karey Hart, Jon Wroe, Rebecca Pylar, Dan Smoliga and Carissa Foreback don the dress of 15th Century England in preparation of the upcoming Madrigal Dinner.

Novi High choirs prepare to return to Olde England

The King and Queen and their Royal Court invite you to attend the third annual Madrigal Dinner Dec. 9 and 10 at the Novi Civic Center.

The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Novi High School choirs. Proceeds are used to fund choir activities throughout the year.

This year more than 160 choir students are participating in the event.

When you step inside the Civic Center on either of those evenings, be prepared to step back in time to a world filled with Olde English style and grace. Gary and Kathy Vermuelen were the original designers of the decorations that will adorn the hall and transform the evening into a night of splendor. And thanks to the research and handwork of Carolyn Schalm, students' costumes are true reflections of 14th and 15th Century England.

As is customary, "you won't find zippers or buttons, but laces and ties, jewels and pearls," said Mary Kay Davis, the event's chairperson.

So don't mind the court jester or the town crier, beggars or peddlers.

Instead, step back in time and take in all the splendor of 15th Century England. The Royal Court will open the festivities with a toasting of the Wassail followed by

the presentations of the Boar's head and flaming figgy pudding. A play and concert performed by the choirs will serve as the evening's entertainment along with town jugglers, strolling minstrels and magicians. In preparation of the Madrigal Dinner, students have studied the music and are living the history of the Renaissance period.

On the evening's menu is bistro baked archipel dip, young mixed salad greens, raspberry vinaigrette dressing, and winter chicken stew presented in freshly carved hearth bread bowls. For dessert try spiced house made apple cake. Dinner is being prepared by Two Unique of Bloomfield Hills. Two Unique is the winner of an Olympic Gold Medal on the Michigan Culinary team.

More than 80 parents have helped to make the Madrigal Dinner a reality. Among them are Elaine Wroe and Melissa O'Beir who created the 20 5-foot banners that hang from the ceiling. The jester logo that is often seen on posters promoting the event was designed by Davis.

Tickets for the evening are \$23 per person and are available now. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. Tables seat eight.

For ticket information or reservations, call 344-4288 or 349-1984.

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Westland Shopping Center will be making a donation to Ann Arbor Hospital's "Bids for Kids" program. "Bids for Kids" raises funds for prevention education programs and special emergency care services for children in our community. In better, as a community the community, the mall wrede truck or treating has been replaced with these exciting programs.

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On tour

Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan, left, got the VIP tour of Novi High School's additions and renovations this week. Principal Art Miller, right, took him and other Novi firefighters on the tour after they responded to a medical call at the high school pool last week. The tour is intended to familiarize the firefighters with the building in case there is an emergency in the building in the future. According to Lenaghan, the tour is the first time fire officials have viewed the inside of the building in at least 16 years.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Students to get health training

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Oakland Community College has approved contracts with 14 firms to train students in health care fields. Most students take class work on the Highland Lakes Campus in Union Lake and earn credit for working in care facilities.

The OCC board approved medical assisting program agreements with Drs. Dorfman, Robins and Jewell, obstetrician-gynecologists in Bloomfield Hills, and Dr. Mark Petrous in Troy.

Mental health and social work students will be able to do internships at 11 hospitals. New to the list is the state's Clinton Valley Center, a psychiatric hospital in Pontiac.

Renewals were approved with Brighton Hospital, Carlyle Center in Warren, Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, Havenwyck Hospital in Auburn Hills, Madison Community Hospital in Madison Heights, North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac and Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Students in the non-invasive cardiology program will be able to work at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, Garden City (Osteopathic) Hospital, Sinai Hospital in Detroit and St. Joseph Mercy of Macomb County.

"In order to provide specialized experience, a contract has to be signed by both the college and the health facility," said OCC Chancellor Patsy Fulton in recommending the contracts.

Board members approved all contracts on 8-0 voice votes.

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Proposal C is 31 pages of very fine type

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

TV ads make Proposal C sound simple. "Lower rates," say the insurance companies supporting it. "No means no," says the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, which opposes it.

In real life, Proposal C is 31 pages of very fine type. Its legal name is Public Act 143 of 1993. It was passed by the Legislature after years of battling. But before it could take effect, the trial lawyers circulated petitions to put it in front of voters Nov. 8.

The thrust of PA 143 is to lower rates 16 percent by controlling costs — capping personal injury benefits, limiting at-fault drivers' right to sue, limiting fees to health care providers.

Trial lawyers call it "Son of D," the 1992 proposal they rejected. True, it aims to reduce premiums by reducing costs, but many of

Proposal C's details are different. Moreover, the 1992 proposal was the work of AAA Michigan, while Proposal C is the work of the Legislature.

Insurers say the law passed with bipartisan support. From this newspaper's circulation area, however, all Republican House members voted yes and Democrats no. In the Senate, all members seeking reelection voted with their parties.

Republican Gov. John Engler signed PA 143 and supports C. Democratic challenger Howard Wolpe opposes it and promises a 20 percent premium reduction without coverage rate-up coalitions of support. But the debate boils down to the auto insurers versus the trial lawyers.

Here are both sides of the major arguments:

- **Benefits** - A program offering unlimited benefits for "catastroph-

ic claims" (mainly closed-head injuries) would be scrapped. Benefits would be capped at \$1 million, though customers could buy up to \$5 million voluntarily.

Insurers: It's impossible to insure benefits that may be infinite. At \$1 million, Michigan's cap still exceeds that of other states.

Trial lawyers: Ages 16-24 have the most expensive claims but will buy only \$1 million insurance. PA 143 changes the definition of what's covered and limits rehabilitation benefits after the injured person acquires any employment skill.

• **Guarantees** - Trial lawyers: Premiums are rolled back to 1992 levels for only six months guaranteed. After that, insurers would be free to raise premiums.

Insurers: Nothing can be "guaranteed" but death and taxes. Since modern insurance was developed in Columbus day, premiums have

been based on loss experience — something no legislature can control. Government couldn't guarantee Columbus would lose only one ship, and it can't guarantee Michigan drivers will continue to behave in the same ways. Finally, if costs are curtailed, competition between insurers will force rates down.

• **Good driver discounts** - Insurers: Good drivers will get discounts. Discounts are required for those who purchase safety equipment and theft-prevention devices.

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3) Place limits on personal injury (medical) benefits:

- 4) Limit fees paid to health care providers.
- 5) Limit right to sue by setting higher standards for the recovery of damages for "pain and suffering" and prevent uninsured drivers and drivers over 50 percent at fault from collecting damages.
- 6) Allow rate reductions for accident-free driving with some insurers.

Should the law be approved?

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Council declines water tap request

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up the local lawn sprinkling ordinance, thereby freeing up more water taps from the Michigan Department of Public Health. "We share the same police protection and the same tax burden. Unfortunately, we don't share the same water," Draugelis said. "We don't judge the threat of contaminating our well water as being a clear and present danger now, but it is extremely unpre-

dictable. We have two landfills who face at least a potential threat of water contamination along with the expense and inconvenience of well water," he wrote in a letter to the city. Council Member Rob Mitzel explained that he did not want to endanger current Novi users of the Detroit water system. Barclay Estates homeowners aren't the only residents relying on wells, he pointed out.

"Four members of the city council are on well water. Many people are. Probably many people would like city water," Mitzel said. "We cannot afford to eliminate any more buffer within the system. The water is on its way." The state health department imposed the water moratorium until construction of a new 72-inch main, which will improve water service to western Oakland.

Children ready for Halloween

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There are also tips for homeowners. Do's: Keep your property well lit. Only give wrapped or packaged candy. Watch for suspicious persons trying to pick up children. Don'ts: Don't try to scare children. You may be more successful than you

want to be. Parents are encouraged to check candy before children eat any of the goodies they've gathered. As an extra precaution, The University of Michigan Family Health Center in Northville, at 650 Griswold, will be open to check treats Halloween evening. For more information, call the center at 344-1777.

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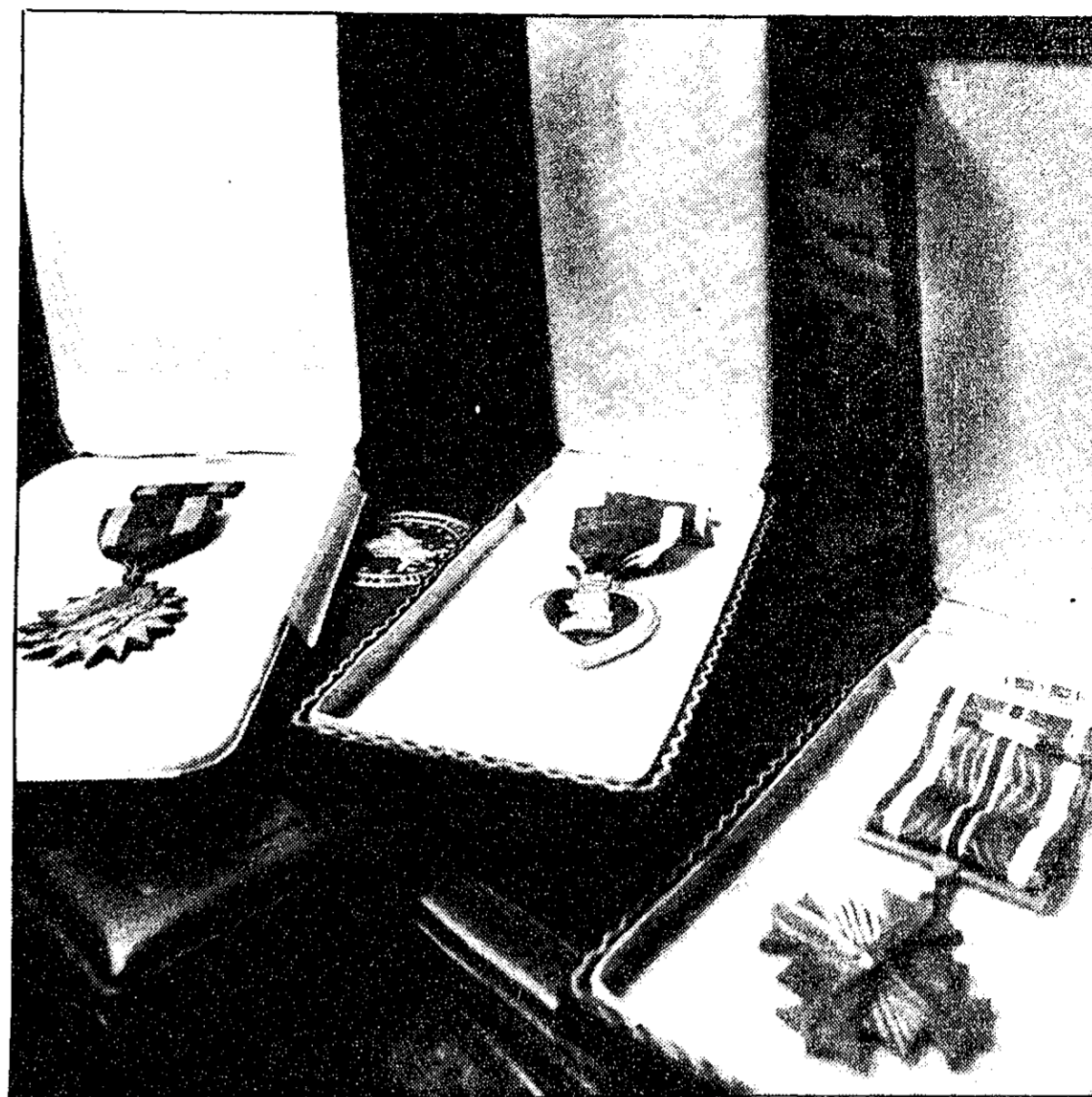
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Pilot shot down in Vietnam brought home for burial

Continued from 1A officials had visited the site since 1972 when the crash claimed the lives of 12 officers. It was June 18, 1972 when the AC 130A gunship was gunned down by enemy fire over South Vietnam near the Laos border. Wilson was the co-pilot.



The captain and his crew of 14 were on a three-week training mission when the missiles were fired. Three of the 15 crew members were blown from the aircraft by the initial explosion. They were rescued soon after. The remaining 12 plummeted to their deaths after the plane reportedly exploded at least three more times before it disintegrated. The bodies of three officers were identified by teeth exhumed from the site. Wilson and the other eight are presumed dead even though they have not been positively identified.

The medals are all Robb Wilson has to remember his father by.

"His remains are there," Cheryl said Monday afternoon in the living room of her Novi home. "I feel very confident about that." Knowing or accepting the fact that Wilson is dead puts to rest any hopes of the family being reunited. But that wasn't always the case.

"I always believed what I was told," said Robb who was only 3 years old when his father died at 28. "Back then I didn't talk about it much because I always thought he'd come home." A year after the crash, Cheryl said her husband was listed as Missing in Action. In 1973, Air Force officials changed his status to killed in Action. "I had hope the first year," she said. "I was young then. I always held out hope." That was then. And now after more than two decades have passed without any word about him, Cheryl has accepted that her husband died in 1972 crash.

Air Force officials have tried to help Cheryl accept what she now believes is the truth. She is grateful they kept looking for him or any evidence of his fate. She said she was surprised when a representative from the Air Force phoned her at work last spring to tell her where they had found his dog tags. "I was surprised that after 21 years I got a call at work," she said. "It brought back a lot of emotion. I was pretty upset. I told Robb about it and he was concerned about it."

"But we were happy that it was closure. I can't say enough about how glad I am that they actually did something," Cheryl said about the Air Force's investigation into the crash. "My husband has not been positively identified," she said. "But after reading the report, I am sure there is no way anyone could have come out alive."

"I was not involved in other memorials," Robb said. "But now I am aware of what he did. It's nice to be involved and know what's going on." Robb keeps a scrapbook of sorts of things written about and given to his father. In it, are the five medals his father was given from the Air Force after his death. The Purple Heart is one of the five. The others were given for his piloting skills and bravery. Robb also keeps the Air Force's graphic account of the explosion in his memorabilia. The report says his father never abandoned his post as co-pilot of the aircraft. Instead, the report states that the commander stayed in position and tried to control the gunship so his crew members could exit the plane.

Captain Robert Wilson in 1972.

for Robb and I," Cheryl said. "I can't live in the past. We have tried to go forward." And forward they have moved. Today, Cheryl, thanks to the advice of her father, turned up missing, today she holds college degrees in business administration and international business. Robb has a bachelor's degree in television and film production. He is currently working with local filmmakers on the production of "The Incorporated," a movie once slated only for home viewing but may make it to the big screen. "There comes a point when I have to put it behind me and look to the future and do what's best

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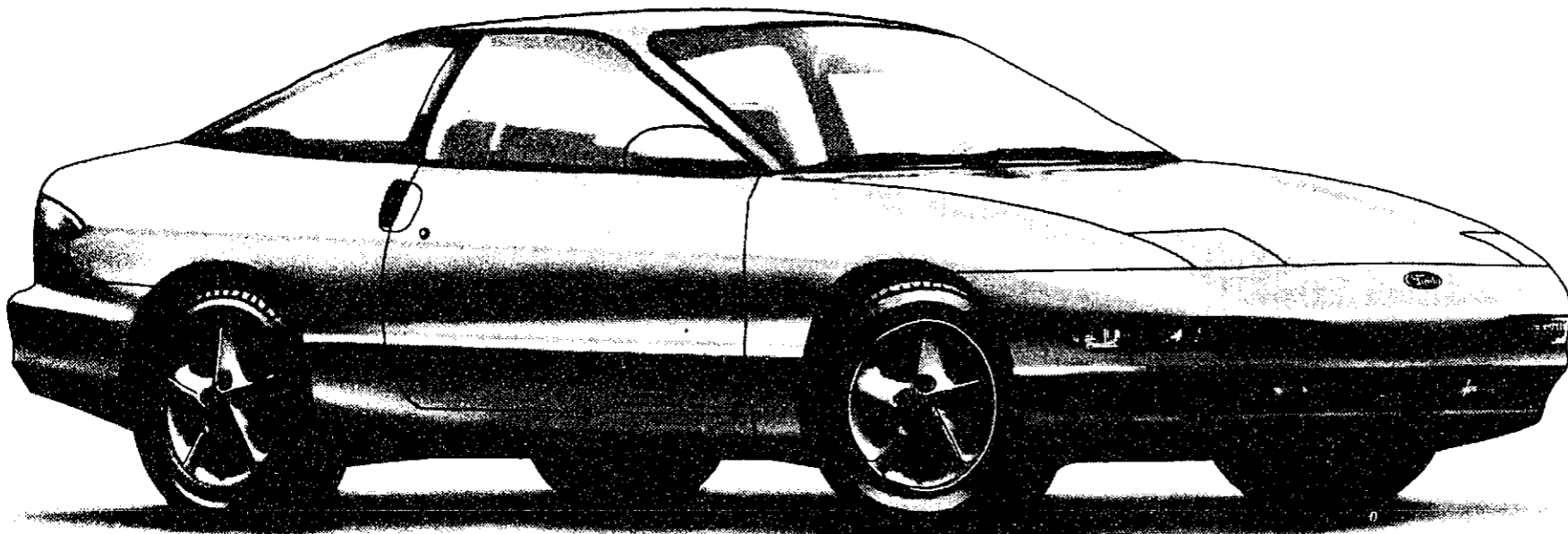
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GHOSTLY GUESTS

Unsolved mysteries, or are they mysteries better left unsolved?

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

House guests, errrrr ghosts.

It was shortly after Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer and his family moved into an old farm house that it all began. "We'd have the feeling someone was watching us," he said.

He would not disclose the location of the home, saying only that it was in the area.

Shaeffer's wife, Loretta, and their son, Matt, also experienced the eerie, spine-tingling sensation that caused them to look over their shoulders to see who was in the room with them. They'd laugh when they'd catch each other doing it, Doug said.

The history of the house had been stashed away in an old drawer. It surfaced when the Shaeffers were putting things away. The document mentioned that two young girls had died in the house during the turn of the century. One died in January and the other a few years later in February.

The house was built around 1860 and had a Michigan stone basement — very dark and damp.

"We never found a family burial plot on the property so we guessed the girls may have been buried in the basement which was common during the turn of the century," he said. "Everyone felt uneasy in the basement."

While unpacking boxes, Matt came across the family's Bible. Already beginning to suspect his family's home had permanent house guests, Matt decided the time was right to try an exorcism. Matt had just started reading the exorcism rites when a stack of boxes fell on him. So much for that strategy.

Then another phenomenon started — doorbell ringing. The house had two doorbells, one upstairs and one downstairs, but they both worked off the same circuit, which meant they rang simultaneously whenever someone was at the door pressing the button. "Sometimes the bell upstairs would ring," Shaeffer said. "Sometimes the downstairs bell would ring."

"There were times when the doorbell would ring, but no one was there," he said. During the winter, they'd look outside for footprints in the snow, but there wouldn't be any, he said.

After the Shaeffers had settled into their home, a friend came to visit. The doorbell rang, and once again, no one was at the door. Shaeffer decided to tell his guests the ghostly tales.

"One of our guests jokingly said, 'I'm just going to take the ghosts with me, and that way you won't be bothered with them any more,'" he said. "The doorbell went crazy," said Shaeffer of the continuous ringing which followed the guest's joke. "Leave our ghosts alone," Shaeffer replied to his guest. "They're friendly and they don't cause us any harm." The doorbell stopped ringing.

It was during the first visit of the Shaeffers' granddaughter, Chrissy, that the friendly ghosts decided to haunt again. "Grandma, Grandma, someone's watching me," Chrissy said as she twirled around in her chair to see who was pre-

sent in the room. "We had not told her anything," said Shaeffer. "She was aware someone was watching her."

When it was time for Chrissy to go to bed the first night, a room was all set up for her.

Although it had not been used since the Shaeffers moved into the house, Grandma and Grandpa made sure it was comfortable for their little 4-year-old guest. "Our room was down the hall," said Shaeffer. "During the middle of the night she came running into our room screaming."

"They're talking to me," Chrissy yelled. "What did they say?" asked Grandma. "Two little girls were telling me to get out of their house," answered Chrissy. The Shaeffers suspected the ghosts were related but never checked it out.

It was just after Christmas, again in the middle of the night, when Loretta had a troubling dream.

"She said her dream was about two little girls crying," explained Shaeffer. "(In the dream) my wife asked the girls why they were crying and they said it was because they hadn't been invited to Christmas."

Loretta decided to invite the girls to spend the following Christmas with the family, so she issued a verbal invitation to them while she was alone in the house one day. The plan apparently worked.

"We had a very nice Christmas with no bad dreams," Shaeffer added.

The Shaeffers moved out of the house after living there only one and a half years. While they were moving a very heavy entertainment center out of the living room, they picked it up to load it onto the truck and found two dozen Hershey kisses in silver and red foil Christmas wrapping underneath the piece of furniture.



During Christmas, a candy jar with a lid was on the coffee table filled with the same candy. Loretta noticed the jar emptying rather quickly and thought at the time the family was going through the candy pretty fast.

home," and that was the end of that. "We knew they weren't mean ghosts," said Shaeffer. "There were no physical attacks." Well, of course, who's going to risk getting arrested for accusing a police officer, let alone the police chief.

Magical thinkers

Karen and Brian MacKenzie now live in a 1919 house in Novi which had changed hands several times before they moved in. They were told a wheelchair bound, foul mouthed, bad tempered man lived in the house at one time and may have died there.

Shortly after moving in, Karen's father was spackling the stairway leading to the upstairs apartment. He left for lunch and when he returned, at the top of the stairs too high for anyone to reach, were scratch marks in the now-dry Spackle. "They were paw-type scratch marks," said Karen. "More like critter marks than human."

Another incident involved Karen, her daughter, Breanna, and Brian. The three were sitting in the front room watching coverage of an election one night when Brian left the room. He passed through a main room which separated the kitchen from the front room.

"We heard someone yell out the 'F' word," said Karen. At that instant, they both looked at each other. Breanna thought it was in response to something a candidate had said on television. Karen thought Brian had hurt himself in the kitchen. When Brian returned to the front room, Karen asked him about it. Brian explained he wasn't in the house and to this day he stands by his story, Karen said.

Another unexplained event happened very early one morning. Karen was up while everyone else was still sleeping.

"I was in the main hall watering the plants at the time when the doorbell rang," explained Karen. When she answered the door, there was no one there. They wouldn't have had time to get away and there's no mistaking the doorbell, said Karen. It's a pretty elaborate chime system. While visiting with the previous owners of the home, Karen mentioned the unexplainable events. As the occupants of the home for 40 years beforehand, they had experienced events also.

"One day I thought she (the previous owner) said something a little strange," said Karen. "We didn't want to tell you those things," Karen said the woman told her.

"We have a Nancy Drew type of basement," said Karen. "We discovered a secret room which had been walled off."

"The previous owners had told us they heard footsteps coming up the basement stairs. On one occasion the footsteps had seemed so real, the previous homeowner called her son to investigate with her. He heard them too," said Karen.

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Volunteer



NANCY TRABIN

NYA advisor Trabin publicizes program

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Your future will soon be in the hands of the younger generation, now still in school. And Nancy Trabin is working to make it a congenial future of adults who respect one another and realize they share a common goal of living peacefully with one another.

What has Nancy Trabin been doing to accomplish this? She has been active in Northville Youth Assistance, which provides a volunteer counselor for a young person who, in ages 7 to 17, has been referred by family, teacher, or police as needing an adult with whom to communicate and socialize on a regular basis.

Trabin has been with the program since its inception in 1987 when, as an active PTA member, she realized there was a need for youth assistance beyond what a teacher could give.

She and other like-minded adults advertised for someone to head such a program. Mary Ellen

King applied and was hired. "She is under our direction," Trabin said. "We set the guidelines, the budget, and do the basic framework. I represent the township—three of us do—and there are three from the city, plus one from the school board."

As a member of the Advisory Council for Northville Youth Assistance, Trabin also talks to community groups to publicize Northville Youth Assistance — groups like churches, PTAs, Newcomers and homeowners association.

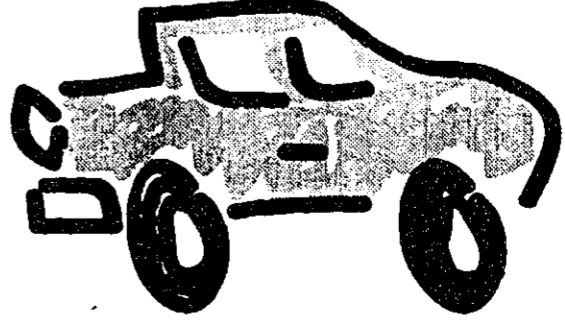
"The community is growing," she said, and "many don't know about us, where to go for help." Also much on the minds of the members of the Advisory Council for Northville Youth Assistance is the Nov. 8 vote on Northville Township Proposal 2.

A "yes" vote will assure continued funding for Northville Youth Assistance. If you want to know more about Northville Youth Assistance, call Mary Ellen King at 344-1618.

It's A Fact

Traffic in the City of Novi

Traffic volume on roadways within the City of Novi ranges from 100,000 vehicles per day on I-96 to less than 100 on some local streets. Over 100,000 vehicles enter and 100,000 vehicles exit the city every day.



Novi Village residents welcome trick or treaters

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer
Amanda King, new activity director at Novi Village by the Lake, has many plans for the Halloween season...

Metropark, Meter's and the Plymouth Cider Mill. In the craft area, residents are already making their Dec. 10 Bazaar...

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY
The local chapter Beta Chi involves both Novi and Walled Lake members...

Novi Highlights

Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Instructional Technology Center at the Novi Community Schools. The speaker will be Camilla Mannino of Halfway Down the Stairs Children's Bookstore in Rochester...

Sarsikova, who is another strong Class A player.

Participants include several up and coming junior players who represent their schools in the annual state team events. The public is invited to watch or participate. There will also be a companion event for male chess players in an adjoining room...

HAUNTED FOREST: Maybury State Park at Eight Mile and Beck will be spooky, spirits, beggars and thieves on Friday and Saturday.

There is also a costume parade and trick or treat prizes. Lunch is at 1:30 and the show starts at 2:15 p.m. Cost is \$9.99 for children and \$10.99 for adults for the lunch and show. Show and tickets are available at local Novi merchants...

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Halloween happenings in and around town

TWELVE OAKS: A Spooktacular Halloween Celebration will be held Sunday Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. featuring the Farmington Community Band Spooktacular. On Monday, Oct. 31 the Halloween celebration begins at 6 p.m. with Bough & Hooigan's Gooey Goblin Revue...

COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE FIRE STATION: The City of Northville Fire Department is again having its community Halloween party at the station at 215 W. Main Street on Monday, Oct. 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. All are invited to stop by the Fire Station for popcorn, cotton candy, apple cake, soft drinks and other treats...

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Preparing for the Silent Auction are from left: Tom Greaves, Dora Greaves, Judi Darling, Tom Darling, and Rev. Chuck Jacobs.

Silent auction tomorrow

The annual Silent Auction at Novi United Methodist Church in Novi will be combined with a spaghetti dinner this year. The auction will include items, services, gift certificates from local retailers, restaurants, barber shops and beauty salons.

The spaghetti dinner will be held at the church on 4187 1/2 W. Ten Mile Road on Friday, Oct. 28 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Silent bids will be taken throughout dinner. Bids will be awarded at 8 p.m. The dinner tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age and can be purchased at the door...

In Service

Marine Sgt. DENNIS J. DAUGHERTY, son of Darlene M. Colton of Walled Lake, recently reported for duty with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron One, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan. The 1986 graduate of Waterford Mont High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1987.

On Campus

JEFFREY NECKER of Novi is one of seventy-five students of Oakland Community College who received scholarships for the Fall 1994 semester. The scholarships vary in amounts from \$200 to \$1,000. BRADLEY JONES was one of 369 students who were named to the Dean's List at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed Spring semester. To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's List, each student must have been enrolled as a full-time student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale. Bradley is the son of Ronald and Fay Jones of Novi.

Magical memories

Continued from 1B
A chain lock on the basement door is evidence that it worried them enough to cause them to secure the door.

One pond at the fish hatchery froze over during the winter and the children would go over there to skate, but no one ever went up to the house. Everyone was too scared to even go into that house, explained Turnbull.

Charles Bishop and I used to go into the old opera house after it closed, said Turnbull. The way the floors would creak, they were sure someone was in there with them.

In upcoming issues of the Living section stories on holiday traditions and recipes will be featured. If you have a family holiday tradition, because of your nationality, or because it's been done for generations; a holiday recipe, including appetizers, main courses, desserts, and drinks you'd like to share, please type or carefully write them down and send to The Northville Record or The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

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Kickers defeat KVC's Howell

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Everybody guns for you when you are the top dog.

Less than a week after claiming the Kensington Valley Conference championship, the Novi High soccer team learned that lesson. A first up Howell squad gave the champs all they could handle before the Wildcats could take control and win 2-1.

"Howell was higher than a kite for this one," said coach Larry Christoff.

The Highlanders style of play frustrated the 'Cats in the Oct. 18 road game, he added.

"Howell played defensively," Christoff said. "They put a lot of bodies in front of the net."

That win concluded Novi's regular season. The Wildcats finished 12-0 in the KVC, 16-2 overall and as the state's 10th ranked Class A school.

The state tournament is next on the agenda. The Wildcats opened in districts Monday (after *The Novi News'* deadline) against Farmington Hills Harrison.

Christoff said his team would start the tournament without the services of star Chris Young. The senior suffered an eye injury last week after taking a ball to the face.

"We've got some guys that can pick up the slack," said Christoff.

Young is second on the squad in scoring with 13 goals. Joe Schimizzi led Novi with 15 and Kevin Ansara had 11 in the regular season.

It was the junior who got the

Wildcats going against Howell. He snapped a rebound from a direct kick and got it past the Highlander goalkeeper to put Novi up 1-0 early in the game.

Even though the Wildcats dominated play, Christoff said, Howell was able to tie before the half ended. The Highlanders scored at about the 20 minute mark of the half.

Novi got the game-winner with just more than 10 minutes to go in the game. Howell was called for a handball in the penalty area, which is grounds for a penalty kick.

Keith Barber took the shot and made it count. Dave Hart held Howell off the scoreboard the rest of the way and picked up the victory in the nets.

Christoff said there was a bit of controversy before the game ended.

Time ran out on the scoreboard, which is supposed to be official. Play continued on for about 30 seconds after that.

Christoff said he had to run out on the field and alert officials for the game to be halted.

NOVI 5, FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 2

The two schools met Oct. 17 and played a see-saw game—at least in the first half.

Christoff said he wanted to give everyone a chance to play in the non-league game.

"We gave everybody an opportunity," he said.

Harrison took an early lead at the 13 minute mark of the first



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Kevin Ansara looks to set up a teammate with a pass in Novi's 4-0 win over Farmington Hills Harrison Monday night. It was the opening game of the state district tournament. The Wildcats advanced to the semi-final Wednesday.

half. Matt Butler tied it up two minutes later.

The teams traded goals again before the end of the half with Barber tying it up for the Wildcats

again. Christoff said the Hawks played a similar style to Howell.

"They were pulling everyone back," he said.

It didn't matter much in the second half. Novi got three goals in a hurry late in the game to pull out the win.

Ansara got the first with 13 minutes left. Dave York and Butler followed with two other goals.

Young was hurt early in the first half of the game.

Leger leads Northville past cagers 43-33 with 22 points

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It was a ball game for a half.

But Northville High proved to be too powerful for the Wildcat basketball team Saturday night and won a 43-33 decision at home. The Mustangs outscored Novi by six points in third quarter and went on for the victory.

Foul problems hurt the 'Cats through out the game. Playing an aggressive man-to-man defense, several key Novi players, Kelly Kearney, Megan Barton and Christine Edwards, got into foul trouble.

Northville took advantage by sinking 15 of 20 shots from the charity stripe in the game. That included five of eight in the fourth quarter.

"They're an excellent free throw shooting team," coach Dennis Cichonski said.

The coach was hoping a solid

defensive effort would keep his squad close to Northville.

"We knew we'd pick up some fouls," Cichonski admitted. "But we didn't want them to get into (offensive) rhythm."

Novi dropped to 5-11 on the season. The Wildcats are on the road tonight against Lakeland.

Saturday's game started out like it would be anything but a loss for Novi.

Balanced scoring pushed the Wildcats to an eight-point advantage late in the first quarter. Novi led 12-6 after one period as Kearney scored five points and Lindsay Drury three.

"I thought we'd have to move the

ball well around the perimeter and make our shots," he said. "We had to be on to keep up with them."

Cichonski said his team executed well in the first quarter.

"We moved the ball well against the zone," he added. "We got good looks at the basket and took advantage of that."

Northville roared back in the second. Samantha Leger led the charge for the Mustangs with a pair of three-pointers.

Fouls started to affect Novi in the second. Kearney had to sit down with her third foul as did Barton.

Nisha Shah and Melissa Strikulis came off the bench to do

a nice job for Novi. But the Mustangs were able to take a 20-18 halftime lead.

The offense fell apart in the third quarter scoring just four points.

"We had open shots but couldn't hit them," said Cichonski.

Six of Northville's 10 points in the period came on free throws.

The Wildcats fought back in the fourth quarter by getting the lead down to four points. Cichonski posted Edwards and the senior responded with seven points in the frame.

Northville held off the come back, though. Leger led the home team with 22 points while fresh-

man Lauren Mettaji added 10.

Edwards finished with 13 and Kearney 11. Drury added six.

SOUTH LYON 44, NOVI 31

This was, quite simply, Novi's worst game of the year. The Wildcats were whipped by a bad basketball team.

"We just didn't seem to have it together," said Cichonski. "We were not ready to play mentally or physically."

Novi trailed by 10 at halftime, made a run in third quarter then collapsed in the fourth. Free throws again made a big difference.

The Lions connected on 20 of 27 from the line. Novi was six of nine.

"We couldn't do anything right in the eyes of the officials," Cichonski said and added, "we were out of sync all night."

South Lyon guard Koren Kastamo gave Novi headaches all night. She scored 16 points, 12 on free throws.

The Wildcats have lost nine of their last 11 games. Cichonski said the frustration of a losing season came to a crux in this game. The effort just wasn't there.

"In the back of my mind I knew it could happen," he said. "But I was hoping it wouldn't."

Edwards led Novi with 16 points.

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